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EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Despite the unseasonably cool and wet weather, it didn't deter us from attending the World Rose Convention in Adelaide, Australia. Despite the weather, we all had a fun time seeing each other after all these years. Congratulations to the Adelaide Organizing Committee for putting on a splendid convention!

The cover photograph features our two WFRS Presidents, Henrienne de Briey and incoming President Diane vom Berg. My photograph for this issue is 'Zephirine Drouhin' an 1868 Bourbon that was blooming at the Cedars during the convention. A winner of many most fragrant awards, it grows like a small climber in my yard.

In this edition, we are featuring the World Rose Convention, speakers, events and awards, followed by information on the Heritage Rose Conference in Brussels, Belgium.

Enjoy!

Steve Jones, Fiddletown, CA, United States



'Zephirine Drouhin' (1868, B)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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December 2022



Photo: Henrienne de Brier

Henrienne de Brier
WFRS President

Dear Rose Friends:

The last four years were for me as WFRS President a great experience and quite challenging but also with many new rose friends and many good memories wherever I was able to travel.

It was an honour for me to take over the Presidency in Copenhagen, 50 years after its founding, and I want to thank all of you I was privileged to work with and all of you for your confidence in me.

Over the last four years a Task Force was created to address the future requirements of the Federation, and of course we will continue to build on the work that has been done.

The "Duty statements" were produced to clarify what is expected for each Office Bearer and to ensure that our organisation is legally compliant to its constitution.

The money raised from our FELCO sponsorship agreement has so far been used to create a new revamped website and will be used in the coming years to run and to maintain the web site via a professional IT company. Part of the funds will also be used for grants to organisers of World and Regional Conventions. Positive contacts between FELCO and some Country Members have already been made and a good relationship worldwide with our main sponsor will enable the WFRS to go further on with them in the upcoming years.

In the future we should also look after regular donations, such as the one we got from Piaget to enable our organisation to undertake further projects for the benefit of the WFRS, our members and for the rose.

The Friends of the Federation is an opportunity for individuals to support the Federation and many new friends joined the group in Adelaide. This was very much appreciated.

My warmest congratulations to our friends from South Australia. They managed to celebrate the rose through the 19th WRC with an extraordinary sense of welcoming in their City of the Rose, Adelaide.

With plenty of good memories from Australia we are already excited to share our passion together again, and look forward to the events up to and including the 20th World Rose Convention in 2025.

I will, as your Immediate Past President, as Convenor of the 15th International Heritage Rose Conference in Brussels in 2023 and as the Chairman of the WFRS Promotions Committee, stay 100% committed to the Rose and to the WFRS in the coming years.



All my best wishes go to our new President, Diane vom Berg and her committees for a successful term.

Many thanks again and all my warm wishes for a Happy New Year in 2023 and beyond.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



2022-2025

December 2022



Photo: Diane vom Berg

Diane vom Berg

It was a pleasure to welcome our international, interstate and local participants to Adelaide, Australia, my home city, to once again come together to enjoy our favourite flower "The Rose" and the friendship it brings to all.

After many years of planning for the major events of the 19th World Rose Convention Celebration 22, the NRSA 50th Year Dinner Celebration and AGM and the inaugural International Rose and Garden Expo incorporating the Spring Rose Show with National and WFRS classes, our volunteers worked tirelessly to ensure a successful outcome for all of these events during the eight days of activities.

My interest in roses escalated after attending a garden show in Veale Gardens, Adelaide about 25 years ago. At the time I grew about 20 roses in my garden, but once I saw the David Austin Roses this slowly grew and it now contains 500 roses.

A friend suggested I join the Rose Society of South Australia and have I have served as a Council Member, Vice President and currently President since 2005.

I was elected Treasurer of the WFRS in 2012 and concluded in Adelaide in October, 2022. During this time, I participated in many WFRS Conventions and now plan to attend the forthcoming 15th International Heritage Rose Conference in Brussels in June 2023.

As President of the WFRS I look forward to working with the Executive and other Standing Committees, attend Conventions and events, participate in International Rose Trials and engage with Member Countries. Our global sponsorship agreement with FELCO will greatly assist the WFRS. The company is a worldwide leader in the production of high precision professional secateurs and pruning tools.



The vom Berg's front yard (above), back yard (middle & right)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



Derek Lawrence

December 2022

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

There's an old famous English poem written by Clement Clarke Moore in 1822 which begins:

*T'was the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
It hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds;
While visions of sugar plums danced in their heads.*

This jolly old bearded man, dressed in a vibrant red hooded gown trimmed with white fur, frantically travels around the globe in his sleigh bearing magical gifts on 24th December. Since your childhood days you would've known him as St Nicholas, Father Christmas or Santa Claus. So how old is he? According to research, Santa Claus is 1,751 years old this year – and he hasn't yet retired! It has been calculated that he travels 75 million miles around the world. This means that his sleigh is moving 650 miles per second, which is 3,000 times the speed of sound. He would make a brilliant WFRS Executive Director!

The origins of Santa Claus can be traced back in the mists of time to a Greek monk named Saint Nicholas. He was born between 260 and 280 AD, in a village named Patara, which now a part of modern-day Turkey. He was a kindly monk, with a generous heart. He became a Saint of sailors, wolves and even pawnbrokers! But, legend has it that he resurrected the lives of three departed children that he became known as the Patron Saint of Children.

In the United Kingdom, the Victorians regarded Father Christmas with adult feasting and merry-making with no particular connection with children. By the 1880's this heart-warming tradition focused happiness and contentment of the younger generation, where it has remained.

In my mind, Santa actually exists within the realms of the imagination and inner joy of everyone's hearts. Rest assured that I'll be hanging up my stocking this year. I have written a wish list that includes a pair of FELCO secateurs, holster and gloves.

The concluding part of the poem sums up the true magic of Christmas. It reads:

*He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work;
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his fingers aside of his nose;
And laying a nod, up the chimney he rose;
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down side of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight –
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"*



Right: Santa at Derek & Mark's house

ROSE NEWS

Welcome to the new WFRS Friends for Life!

Congratulations to our six new Friends for Life: Markus Brunsing (Germany), Marga Verwer (Netherlands), Yuki Mukanagi (Japan), Deborah Curtis (Australia), Gillian Taylor (United Kingdom), and Martin Stott (United Kingdom).

Editor: Prior to the Adelaide Convention, we were all saddened by the passing of Dean Stringer, a WFRS Bronze Medal Winner from 2009.

A TRIBUTE TO ALLAN DEAN STRINGER OAM, ARA, SMA by Melanie Trimper, Rose Society of South Australia

Dean was born on 18 July, 1928 at Port Broughton, South Australia and was the youngest of 3 children. He passed away peacefully on 4 October, 2022 aged 94 years. He was a loving husband to Ivy who passed away in 2009, and was a great father to Philip, Suzanne and Jennifer.

Dean's involvement with both the Rose Society of South Australia and The National Rose Society of Australia was simply outstanding. He joined the Rose Society 40 years ago, in 1982. He was a Council Member in 1984, Vice-President 1987 to 1990 and in 1990 elected President. He travelled all over Australia as a delegate and was Vice-President in 1992 and National President in 1993. Distance did not deter him, that old competitive streak saw him enter the Australian Rose Championships, including Perth, Tasmania, Sydney and Melbourne.

Then, with an eye on the future, he took on accreditation of Judges. While at it, he joined a panel to revise the National Judging rules. He soon became a highly respected Judge and travelled to all States to judge the championships.

Dean was also instrumental in Adelaide's Rose Festivals! He was promptly appointed Co-ordinator. These were enjoyable events held in the 1990s - albeit an enormous amount of work.

Then, you guessed it, he had another brilliant idea – in 1994 he heard discussions about a Trial Ground for roses in Australia and decided it should be in Adelaide and worked hard to make it a reality. We all stood back in awe as we watched Dean negotiate with the National Rose Society of Australia, the relevant State government bodies, and Director of the Botanic Gardens. He also gained positive support from the Rose Introducers of Australia, Nursery and Garden Industry and subsequently the Australian Rose Breeders' Assoc.

Dean then made it happen, he either instigated the job or did it himself, including Judging Rules, entry conditions, formed the governing Management Council, he helped write the Constitution and recruited enthusiastic volunteers. He assisted in every aspect of planning and maintenance. Dean held the position of Secretary for 13 years and his personal commitment was the key ingredient in its success. In 2019, Dean received the inaugural Life Membership Award of the National Rose Trial Garden, as his family watched on. An award so richly deserved.



Speaking of awards, Dean has received every award a talented and passionate Rosarian could wish to achieve in Australia. Dean received the T. A. Stewart Memorial Award in 1993, Australian Rose Award in 1994, and in 1997 an OAM "for service to floriculture through promoting knowledge and appreciation of rose cultivation and to community health as a member of the Board of Modbury Hospital". He received a National Rose Society of Australia Service Award and Life Membership of the Rose Society of SA in 2008, and the prestigious WFRS World Rose Award in 2009. All a fitting tribute for his leadership, dedication and exemplary service.

These very special awards and achievements and Dean's wonderful family are testament to a life well lived.



The 15th International Heritage Rose Conference

INVITATION

5-9 June 2023
Brussels - Belgium

WFRS

The **World Federation of Rose Societies** is a federation of the national rose societies representing **rose lovers around the world**.

Our goal is to expand contact among them and increase the flow of knowledge about the rose and act as a clearing house rose research.



5 DAYS OF CONFERENCES, EXCLUSIVE VISITS TO ROSE PRODUCERS AND ROSE GARDENS, SOCIAL EVENTS, PRE & POST TOURS

PRE-TOUR June 2-5
15th INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE ROSE CONFERENCE June 5-9
POST-TOUR June 10-15

Dear Rose Friends,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the 15th International Heritage Rose Conference in my country. The **Belgian Royal National Rose Society** is more than honoured to host this event under the auspices of the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS). The attachment that Belgium has for the Rose goes back to the time of Emperor Charlemagne (the father of Europe) as around the 800's he encouraged the cultivation of the rose in our country and of course at that time only some species were available.

Belgium has a long rose history. Parmentier, Crépin, van Houtte and Lens are famous names that have in the past made Belgium's renown throughout the world. P.J. Redouté, born in Belgium was certainly the "Raphael" of the rose painters. He was a favourite of Marie-Antoinette and he tutored Empress Josephine. Famous for his water paintings of old rose cultivars he gave a good picture of early rose breeding.

For all rose lovers, our organizing committee is preparing a beautiful event with speakers dedicated to the old rose family and their conservation along with exciting visits and a Belgian cultural experience. During the Pre and Post tours, participants will have the opportunity to see more historical places and gardens. I strongly encourage you to visit us in **June 2023 for friendship around the roses**.

"It is the time you have wasted for your rose that makes your rose so important." (Saint-Exupéry)

With all my rosey regards,

Henrienne de Briey
WFRS Immediate Past President



We have the pleasure to give you some early insight of the 2023 June event.

Each day will have beautiful surprises and short stops on the way to castles and rose gardens.

Amongst the **most important rose gardens**: Hex, Le Roeulx, Meise, Coloma and Vrijbroekpark.

The dedicated website will give you all the needed information on the optional pre-tour in the North of Belgium, the main programme in Brussels and the optional post-tour in Luxemburg, Germany and Switzerland.



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MAIN PROGRAMME

Monday June 5 till Friday June 9, Brussels and region

Main hotel – Motel One

Near the park of Brussels, the Royal Palace and the meeting venues

Monday, June 5

06:30pm-09:30pm: Opening ceremony of the 15th Rose Heritage Conference and **Meet & Greet** Palais des Academies, Brussels.

Tuesday, June 6

Morning: Lectures at Cercle Gaulois, Brussels • lunch at Cercle Gaulois.

Afternoon: **WIDOOIE** private estate • **HEX** castle and his magnificent rose gardens • free evening in Brussels • (for those concerned) WFRS Friends dinner.

Wednesday, June 7

Morning: Lectures at Cercle Gaulois, Brussels • light lunch at Motel One.

Afternoon: **MEISE** botanical garden and François Crépin herbarium • visit and dinner at **VRIJBOEK** Park in Mechelen.

Thursday, June 8

Morning: Lectures at Cercle Gaulois, Brussels • lunch at Cercle Gaulois.

Afternoon: **Le ROEULX** rose garden and rose trials • free evening in Brussels.

Friday, June 9

Morning: Lectures at Cercle Gaulois, Brussels • lunch and visit at **COLOMA** rose garden.

Late Afternoon: optional visit of Brussels historical center.

08:00pm 15th Rose Heritage Conference

CLOSING DINNER at Cercle Gaulois, Brussels.

MORNING LECTURES, Cercle Gaulois, Brussels.

Tuesday, June 6

Welcome by the WFRS President and the President of the S.R.N les Amis de la Rose.

“François Crépin and the Heritage Roses in Meise botanical garden”, Ivan Hoste, Belgium.

“Hybrid Musk Roses from Lambert Pemberton to Lens”, Rudy and Anne Velle for Lens roses, Belgium.

“The conservation of Heritage Roses: problems and solutions”, Charles Quest Ritson, United Kingdom.

“A great taxonomist and the world's largest rose - a magical interaction”, Viru and Girija Vivararaghavan, India

Moderator: Behcet Ciragan, President Gesellschaft Schweizerischer Rosenfreunde, Switzerland.

Wednesday, June 7

“Historical Roses in the Europa Rosarium Sangenhausen”, Hella Brummer and Eilike Vemmer, Germany.

“Roses in Bhutan”, Prakash Sushil, India.

“On the origin of the cultivated roses: DNA authentication of the bourbon rose founding pedigree”

Pascal Heitzer, France.

FELCO, presentation

Moderator: Helga Brichet.

Thursday, June 8

“Rosedal Juana de Ibarbouro, Montevideo's historic rose gardens”, Inés Diaz de Licandro, Uruguay.

“The unique beauty of old chinese roses”,

Zhengzi Jian, China.

“A time capsule of roses-Building a future for heritage roses”, Greg Lowery, USA.

Panel Discussion, moderated by Helga Brichet.

Moderator: Brigid Quest Ritson, UK.

Friday, June 9

“André Dupont Rose Herbarium, the story of a discovery”

Vincent Derkenne, France.

“Thirty years with roses in Sakura and the aim of our rose garden.” Katsuhiko Mebara, Japan.

“Rose social legacy”, Lukasz Rojewski, Poland.

“In Search of the Lost Heritage of the Rose in Korea”,

Wook-Kyun Kim, South Korea.

Moderator: Rosario Algorta de Carrau, Uruguay.



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(OPTIONAL) PRE-TOUR
in the North of the country



BRUGES, KORTRIJK & GHENT
3 DAYS

Friday, June 2

Arrivals in **Brussels** • From 03:00pm check in possible at Hotel Motel One • free evening.

Saturday, June 3

08:00am Departure by bus from Brussels • Visit of LENS rose producers • private rose garden in OUDENBURG • lunch in LISSEWEGE • Castle garden OOSTKERKE • ADORNES domain in Bruges • dinner in a private owned castle in LOPPEM • stay in Ghent.

Sunday, June 4

Starting from Ghent, • BEAUCARNE HOUSE • visit and lunch at the Interna onal rose garden in KORTRIJK • visit with an art historian of the Mys Lamb by van Eyck “flowers and plants in art” • dinner at Hotel FALLIGAN • boat tour on the canals • stay in Ghent.

Monday, June 8 (end 05:00pm)

Starting from Ghent, the beau ful landscapes of the river Lys • OOIDONK castle • LATHEM-St-MARTIN and lunch • back in Brussels at 04:00pm for “Meet & Greet”.

“WFRS Garden Awards” for Belgium:

HEX, VRIJBROEKPARK, KORTLIJK



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(OPTIONAL) POST-TOUR



LUXEMBOURG, GERMANY
& SWITZERLAND 6 DAYS

Saturday, June 10 • Luxembourg & Germany

08:00am Departure by bus from Brussels • private garden in ERLONFOUET • ANSEMBOURG castle • Munsbach castle rose garden • free evening • stay in Freiburg-im-Breisgau.

Sunday, June 11 • Germany & Switzerland

Departure from Freiburg-im-Breisgau • visit ETTENBÜHL rose garden • visit the largest Swiss collection of historic roses in KARTAUSE ITTINGEN • visit and dinner in MAINAU, the flower island on the Bodensee • stay in Konstanz.

Monday, June 12 • Switzerland

Departure from Konstanz • visit FELCO premises and lunch with the management team • visit and wine tasting at Château d’AUVERNIER • typical Swiss dinner • stay in Neuchâtel.

Tuesday, June 13 • Switzerland

Departure from Neuchâtel • ESTAVAYER LE LAC rose garden • Pic-Nic in a private rose garden hosted by William Guinness in EPALINGES • Alain and Gisèle Tschanz historical and English roses in ACLENS • visit the arboretum and its wild roses in AUBONNE • free evening • Stay in Neuchâtel.

Wednesday, June 14 • Switzerland

Departure from Neuchâtel • visit the Camille BLOCH Chocolate factory • visit and lunch at the BELLELAY monastery and cheese maker • Swiss Clock Museum in la Chaux-de-Fonds • free evening • stay in Neuchâtel.

Thursday, June 15 • Switzerland,
End Post-tour in Geneva

Departure from Neuchâtel • visit PIAGET Manufacture with the Patrimonium Gallery and Piaget rose jewelry collection • rose garden in PARC DE LA GRANGE • the historical rose garden at the BOTANICAL garden of Genève • end post-tour late afternoon.

June 15, end afternoon:
flights or trains from Genève.

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19th WFRS WORLD ROSE CONVENTION - ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA

It was a dark and dreary night, but that didn't stop over 260 attendees from 26 different countries traveling to the World Federation (WFRS) World Rose Convention (WRC) in Adelaide, South Australia, Australia. Attendance was light mostly due to covid and everchanging restrictions (Australia had dropped all of their covid restrictions a month before the convention). The weather was unseasonably cool and wet for this time of the year. Normally in the upper 20sC, temperatures bordered in the mid 10sC. Rain fell off and on, but never heavy for long. It hasn't rained this heavily here in October for 40 years. However, I am glad I brought my raincoat along.



Left: Adelaide Convention Centre, Right: Gavin Woods welcoming attendees at the Meet & Greet, Adelaide Town Hall

The venue was the Adelaide Convention Centre, a sprawling three building complex overlooking the Torrens River. The host hotel was the InterContinental Hotel next door. The hotel, staff, restaurants, etc. were wonderful. The convention centre was top notch with plenty of meeting rooms and halls, and the electronics were perfect for presentations.

The convention started off with a Welcome Reception at the Adelaide Town Hall, a short walk from the host hotel. There Gavin, Woods, President of the National Rose Society of Australia (NRSA), welcomed all attendees. It was great seeing old friends again and meeting new ones. Appetizers and wines were served, including the Convention Wine from Patrick of Coonawarra, an area of Australia well known for their unique soils and cabernets.



At the Meet & Greet, Left (from left): Susie Jones, Lisa and Chris Poppe, Kirsty Trimper, Mireille Stiel, Right: Everyone having a good time

The next morning was the Opening Ceremony, once again opened by President Gavin Woods and WFRS President Henrienne de Briey. The Australian National Anthem was sung by Linda Williams, daughter of current WFRS Treasurer and in-coming WFRS

President Diane vom Berg. During the presentations, the new Rose Hall of Fame winners were announced; 'Flower Carpet Pink' (Shrub, 1988, NOAtraum) by Noack, and the Old Garden Rose Hall of Fame winner was 'Comte de Chambord' (HP, 1858). It was a shame that the breeder of Flower Carpet just had passed away recently, but were represented by his family. Gavin also announced the winner for naming the Convention Rose as "Australian Beauty". The winner of the contest was Intan Kallus, an Australian from New South Wales.



Left: Painting of 'Flower Carpet Pink' by Jill Eckermann, Right: Mass planting of 'Flower Carpet Pink' (Photos courtesy of Kirsty & Melanie Trimper)

After morning tea, we heard the first of two talks. The first was Gavin Woods speaking on Celebrating the Rose in Australia, then a very entertaining talk by Professor Chris Daniels on Australia's Unique Flora and Fauna. Chris is also the curator of the Cleland Wildlife Park where we were bussed to after lunch. The Wildlife Park is near Mt Lofty in the Adelaide Hills and is a refuge for injured animals including many koalas who survived the devastating fire on Kangaroo Island. It is a hands-on park where they give you a bag of food and you can feed the animals. There were quite a variety of wildlife including birds, mammals, reptiles, and dingos. When we returned, the Rose and Garden Expo was open which centered around the National Rose Show. The Australian Rose Championship was won by Gavin Woods for a collection of 'Grand Amore'. That evening was the first Executive Committee Meeting which tied up loose ends from the previous four years.



Left: 'Australian Beauty' (photo courtesy Wagner's Rose Nursery), Right: Old Rose Hall of Fame winner 'Comte de Chambord'



Left: Grand Champion 'Grande Amore' won by Gavin Woods, Middle: Champion Trophy, Right: WFRS Treasurer Diane vom Berg (l) & The Governor-General of Australia, His Excellency the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) (r) (last photo courtesy of Tim Grainer)

The next morning, there were WFRS Committee Meetings including the Convention Liaison and Awards. At the former, Nanyang, China was approved for the 2028 WRC with conditions. Another application was submitted for India but it was entered after the deadline. At the Awards Committee, the Garden of Excellence and Literary Awards were voted on. There were 12 and 13 nominees for each respectively. The results will be announced at the Gala Dinner. There is a max of 10 awards for each, but only if they are worthy. Two books were dropped as they were WFRS publications and being a charity, it is improper to give an award to ourselves. The Garden nominations were from 10 different countries.



Rose Expo: Left: Staff at FELCO display (co-owners Nabil Francis & Christelle Francis-Flisch (front middle and in back of him), Right: Patrick of Coonawarra wines including Convention Wine on left

The Rose and Garden Expo was officially opened the Deputy Premier of South Australia, Dr. Susan Close MP. Also present for Expo were the Governor-General of Australia David Hurley and his wife Linda. The Expo was a lovely display of arrangements, the rose show, lectures, and vendors, including our newest sponsor, FELCO. At the booth for Patrick of Coonawarra, we had a chance to taste many of their other excellent wines.

That evening was the National Rose Society of Australia (NRSA) Awards Dinner. Gavin Woods and Sue Stallwood won the Australia Rose Award, the highest honour for the NRSA, along with Matthias Meiland of the House of Meiland and Thomas Proll of Kordes for their work with roses in Australia. Kelvin Trimper was awarded the NRSA Service Award for his many years of service to the NRSA.

The next day were tours to the Clare Valley and to Kangaroo Island. Due to inclement bad weather, the latter trip was canceled. But that didn't stop us from enjoying the local Adelaide Hills wineries and a fabulous lunch at Sidewood Winery.

Monday was a full day with lectures and the International Rose Trials. Trevor Nottle started off with the History of Gardening in Australia, Sue Zwar on a tribute to David Ruston, then Jim Cane and Tate Hancox split a talk on Alister Clark roses and other

Australian rose breeders. The Swedish Rose Society gave us a presentation on the Regional Rose Convention in Kalmar, Sweden scheduled for 2024. They have a nice selection of pre and post tours planned. More in future issues of the World Rose News (WRN).



Left: Judging at Adelaide Rose Trials, from left: Les Johnson, Martina LaBelle, Jack Page, Susie Jones, Right: South Australia Governor Frances Adamson (r) and Michael Harvey, Director, Adelaide Botanic Garden (l) with Queen Adelaide statue by artist Scott Eames

Afterwards we braved the rain and wind to judge the Adelaide International Rose Trials. Luckily, the rain held off until the last team of judges finished, then the skies opened up. The dedication of the Queen Adelaide statue had to take place inside. South Australia Governor Frances Adamson dedicated the statue which stands on a small knoll overlooking the rose garden. The Governor did brave the weather to get some photos taken. Afterwards the attendees went off to see Carrick Hill, a mansion and gardens nearby. They have a nice collection of Alister Clark roses. At the awards ceremony, 'White Knock Out' won the overall Adelaide Test Garden Gold Medal. The funny thing is the rose that was the judges' favourite earlier in the day didn't even medal in the last two years of trials.

The next day was more lectures, garden tours and the WFRS Friends Dinner. Doug Grant and Hayden Foulds discussed New Zealand Gardens and rose breeders, followed by an entertaining talk by Matthias Meilland on Shrub Roses, ARS President Diane Sommers on Rose Societies in the Changing World, and Allan Campbell on painters Sir Hans and Nora Heysen. Before lunch, Henrienne de Briey gave an update on the Belgium Heritage Rose Conference in June 2023. They will have a limit on the number of attendees for the conference (250), pre tour (50) and post tour (25). The website and registration should be open with this edition of WRN.



Left: Rose garden at Magnolia, Right: Rose garden at Auchendarroch

The afternoon featured private tours to Kelvin and Melanie Trimper's garden, Jayne Kader, and Diane vom Berg gardens, then Urrbrae Garden. The rain was not kind, it even hailed at the Trimpers, but not for long. That evening, 60 members of the WFRS Friends of the Federation met at a local restaurant for an enjoyable evening.

Wednesday was a day of tours in the Adelaide Hills. Bus A went to The Cedars, Auchendarroch House (gardens and lunch), Mandalay House and The Magnolias. The tour of Beechwood was canceled due to unsafe conditions from the rain. Tour B went to Jurlique Farms (a producer of natural perfumes and lotions), Grunthal for cheese tastings and lunch, and Urrbrae House. With all the recent rain and cool weather, there were few roses open and the grounds were wet, but we had an enjoyable day.



Left: Dedication of the Auchendarroch House Rose Garden with three generations of the Wallis family, Right: the official plaque

The Cedars was the home and studios of well-known painters Sir Hans and his daughter Nora Heysen. The garden was his interpretation of Monet's, a place where he could paint and gather material for his still lifes. They both painted many floral still



Left: Rugosa roses growing among other plants at Mandalay, Right: Nora Heysen Studio at Cedars with 'Zéphirine Drouhin' in bloom at upper right

lives, mostly with roses. 'Souv de la Malmaison' was their favourite subject. The 60 hectares property contains around 300 roses. Only 'Zéphirine Drouhin' was in bloom during our visit.

The Magnolias was a private property built by Peter and Rebecca Kennedy over a 10-year period surrounding a pond. Mandalay started with over 200 ha and the gardens were developed over the last 25 years. A venue for weddings and large parties has been added. Roses were interplanted among other plants such as lavender. We saw many rugosas and hybrids, plus 'Gertrude Jekyll' and 'Mme Alfred Carrière' growing on the tennis court fence. We had lunch and toured the gardens at Auchendarroch. A once regal mansion, it has been restored to its former glory plus a wedding venue and a restaurant were added. After lunch, President Henriette de Briey dedicated a plaque to officially open the gardens there. Three generations of the Wallis family were present during the dedication.

That night was the Member Country Council Meeting. Only about 20 of 39 countries were represented. Most of the subjects were a recap of the previous four years, minutes, budget, and since all candidates for officers were unopposed, no elections were held but accepted. The Council did reject the Convention Liaison recommendation for the bid of the 2028 WRC for China. It was sent back to

the committee. The Task Force Reports were approved making several changes to the Articles and responsibilities of the Officers. An ad hoc committee was discussed to create a WFRS sustainability and use of chemicals policy statement. The incoming President will handle the request. One change due to covid was to change the Officer limits from Triennial to Consecutive WRC (no less than every three years). We still have monies in the Piaget Fund for rose worthy projects or research; more to follow in WRN. The list of new officers and committee chairman contact information can be found in this issue of WRN. Also approved was dropping any member who has not paid their dues for three years.



The next day was also our last day of the convention. Speakers included Rose Kentish speaking on using Roses in Beverages, Thomas Proll of Kordes on New Rose Styles, Steve Jones on Celebrating Roses Around the World, and a Breeders' Panel chaired by Kelvin Trimper. The Japan Rose Society presented a program for us to go to Fukuyama City (Hiroshima) for the WRC in 2025. The afternoon featured tours around the Adelaide Public Parks, the nicest weather day so far.

Still-life's from Nora and Sir Hans Heysen using 'Souv de la Malmaison'



The Gala Dinner Event was the final event of the convention. Here, the outgoing President Henrianne de Briey turned over the reins to the new President, Diane vom Berg of Australia, who served as WFRS Treasurer for 10-years. The Award winners were also announced.



Left: WFRS Executive Director and MC Derek Lawrence making fun of the weather, Right: Rosario Algorta de Carrau (m) receiving the WFRS Silver Medal from President Henrianne de Briey and Derek Lawrence

Henrianne de Briey was awarded the WFRS Gold Medal, Rosario Algorta de Carrau the Silver Medal, Gavin Woods and Kelvin Trimper the Silver Commentative Medal, and Breda Bavdaž Čopi, Slovenia, Fran Rawling, QSM, New Zealand, and Pierre Orard, France the WFRS Rose Award (Bronze).

Helga Bichet was awarded WFRS President Emeritus status, an honour well deserved.

The Garden Awards of Excellence winners were: Adelaide Botanical Gardens, Adelaide, Australia; Shanghai Chenshan Botanic Gardens, Shanghai, China; East Germany Rose Garden, Forst, Germany; Rosengarten Zweibruken, Germany; Everland Rose Garden,

South Korea; Arborteam Voloji Potok, Slovenia; Rose Garden at Chateau de Munsback, Luxembourg; and Rosenland Rosarium, Sweden.

The WFRS Literary Awards went to: History of the Rose in Denmark by Thim; Historical Roses in Europa Sangerhausen by Brumme & Vemmer; The Handbook of Species Roses by Mikanagi; Luxembourg: Land of Roses by Howcraft & Majerus; Rose Atlas by Cairns & Desamero; and Rosa: The Story of the Rose by Kukielski & Phillips.

The evening and convention concluded with the passing of the WFRS Flag from Australia to Japan.

Overall, we still had a wonderful time with friends, lectures, gardens, wine and good food despite the weather.



Left: Helga Brichet with President Emeritus honour, Middle: Gavin Woods and Kelvin Trimper with the Silver Commentative Medal, Right: Diane vom Berg awarding Henrianne de Brie the Gold Medal



The official turning over the WFRS flag to the Japan Rose Society for the 2025 World Rose Convention

MORE PHOTOS FROM THE WFRS GALA DINNER



PRE & POST CONVENTION TOURS

Here are photos from the pre, post and post post tours. Photos by Sanda Simic of Canada. The pre tour visited sights around the Sydney area, while the post tour was a drive from Adelaide to Coonawarra finishing up in Melbourne. The post post tour visited the gardens in Tasmania. Photos of Tasmania courtesy of Les Johnson.



Left: Australia Botanical Garden, Sydney, Right: Convention delegates at Carrington Hotel



Left: Australia Botanical Garden, Sydney, Middle: Blue Mountains, Right: Balnaves Rose Garden



Left: Rose garden at Balnaves Winery, Right: Everglades



Left: Flemington Race Course, Right: Mornington Rose Garden



Left: Morwell Rose Garden, Right: Treloar Nursery, Bolwara, VIC



Left: Treloar Nursery, Right: Victoria Rose Garden, Melbourne



Left: John & Sue Zwar garden, Coonawarra, Right: Port Arthur, Tasmania



Above: Woolmer's Estate, Tasmania



Above: Royal Tasmanian Botanical Garden, Hobart, Tasmania, with 'Edelweiss' upper right, 'Penelope' lower left



Above: University Rose Garden, Hobart, Tasmania

CONVENTION POST TOURS

By Diane vom Berg, Australia

The Post Tour covered the trek from Adelaide to Mt Gambier, Lorne, and Melbourne with 52 participants from 4th – 8th November. While the Post Post Tour went from Melbourne to Tasmania with 25 participants from 9th – 13 November.

The tour group departed Adelaide to travel to Mt Gambier early Friday morning. Lunch was served at Sue and John Zwar's beautiful garden in the Coonawarra, followed by a stroll around the rose garden at Balnaves before heading to our accommodation for the next two nights at the Barn. Mt Gambier is surrounded by magnificent gardens. Saturday's tours were to Glencoe, a private garden, the historic Woolshed, and Blue Lake. We then visited Betty & John McKee's garden for afternoon tea and ate dinner at the Country Hotel in Port McDonnell.

A visit to Treloar Roses in Portland Victoria, the largest Rose Nursery in Australia, was our first stop on our way to our overnight stay in Lorne, taking in the stunning coast of the Great Ocean Road.

The tour then headed to Melbourne, while visiting the Victoria State Rose Garden and Flemington Racecourse for a guided tour of the rose plantings, members area, track and horse stalls. Both are outstanding attractions in Victoria.

On our final day, before many of our international delegates began their journey home while others travelled to Tasmania to continue touring, we visited two gardens which were given a WFRS Garden of Excellence Award; Mornington Botanical Rose Garden and Morwell Centenary Rose Garden. The hospitality we were bestowed on the tour was exceptional.

Tasmania

We arrived in Launceston and headed to Woolmer's Estate to wonder the gardens, grounds and enjoyed a delicious lunch before heading to Hobart for the next five nights staying at the Wrest Point Hotel & Casino with spectacular harbour and mountain views from the rooms.

Bruny Island was our first destination, visiting small food producers, a rainforest walk, private gardens and sweeping coastal views. The following day we visited MONA, University Gardens and The Royal Tasmanian Botanical Garden. Afterwards, a stroll through the famous Salamanca Markets, then onto Richmond to view the Old Hobart Town Model Bridge and Richmond Bridge. Our lunch was at Coal River Farm overlooking the rolling countryside of the island. On our final day, the tours went to the Historic Site of Pt Arthur and Unzoo to feed kangaroos and observe a Tasmanian Devil.

On both tours, we enjoyed wonderful company, great food and wine, many beautiful roses and attractions during our tours.



Left: Richmond Bridge (built 1823 by prisoner labour), Right: Two Tree Point, Bruny Island, Tasmania (photos courtesy of Les Johnson)

WFRS PIAGET FUNDS REPORT

By Henrienne de Briey

WFRS Immediate Past President

Chairman of the Promotion Committee

Introduction

In 2012, Piaget SA made a donation of £20,000 to the WFRS to further advance the genus Rosa.

A full report was presented to Piaget SA and to Yves Piaget, President, in June 2022.

The WFRS named Yves Piaget Patron of the WFRS at the 2015 World Convention in Lyon in recognition of his support to the rose and the WFRS.

Reminder of the Objective of the Piaget Fund & WFRS

The objective of the WFRS through the Piaget Fund and in agreement with Piaget SA is to support projects for non-commercial purposes relating specifically to the conservation and/or research on the Rose.

Award Procedure and Criteria

The allocation of a sum is made via a regular call for applications from the member countries of the WFRS.

The applications are submitted to be evaluated by the WFRS Promotion Committee; if acceptable they are presented to the WFRS Executive Committee of the WFRS for approval consideration.

Beneficiary projects must meet a certain number of criteria and among these:

- Meeting the wishes expressed by Yves Piaget (research and conservation of the genus Rosa)
- The impact for the WFRS
- Each project must present a detailed financial plan with a realistic budget as well as the various funding bodies
- The project must include a financial contribution from the National Society of Roses of the country submitting the file in order to best guarantee the purpose and follow-up of the project
- A realistic implementation schedule
- A presentation of the expected results.

No amount may be allocated to projects that do not serve the objectives of Piaget SA and the WFRS.

Are automatically excluded: projects presented for personal purposes, translations of books, any research project that presents a financial risk or alteration of the genus Rosa.

Projects

To date, only two Projects have received the allocation of a sum from the Piaget Fund because they were in line with the aforementioned criteria.

All the other applications submitted were refused because they either did not comply with the budget or were out of scope of the Fund.

Selected applications having obtained support from the Piaget Fund

1) "Europa Rosarium" Sangerhausen (Germany)

The Europa Rosarium is a living museum that presents the evolution from the wild rose to the modern rose.

Created in 1903, it is a unique collection of Roses in Europe that has been enriched over time and is accessed through a database that lists and manages the components of the collection.

But the database had become obsolete and very difficult to maintain because the programming software was no longer supported by the computer designer and the risk of losing the data was real. It was therefore necessary to start converting the data to a new modern and secure database.

A fundraising appeal was launched and the conversion project began in 2016 with the support of the German Rose Society Foundation.

“Europa-Rosarium Sangerhausen” for 50,000 euros and the Piaget Fund of the WFRS for £5,000.

To date in 2022, there are 8730 varieties and species of roses which are managed through the new database, presenting for each of them and after checking their botanical characteristics, photos, propagation procedures for their conservation, etc.

In parallel, a database accessible on the Internet has been set up with the support of European Union funds: www.europa-rosarium.de/datenbank/.

The database provides an invaluable service for friends of the rose around the world because it makes it possible to find reliable information, with all of the plants being meticulously checked beforehand.

2) The Crépin Collection, Botanical Garden of Meise (Belgium)

François Crépin (1830 -1903) founder of the Botanical Society of Belgium in 1862 was a self-made man on the genus *Rosa*. During his life, he collected 43,000 specimens from all over the world, which to date represents the largest herbarium of roses that exists in the world.

Although the collection is well preserved, it nevertheless presents two major problems:

- On one hand, the specimens in the herbarium were treated with Mercury, which was a common practice in the 19th century to protect them from insects, but which today poses a serious problem in terms of health protection regulations because it is extremely toxic
- On the other hand, the 43,000 specimens are very fragile, which makes handling the herbarium extremely delicate.

Because of these two problems, it became imperative to digitize the specimens in order to make them visible and accessible to researchers and the general public.

The botanical garden was looking for funding to provide modern technical solutions for digitization and DNA research from a few samples from the herbarium.

Funding

The Piaget Fund through the WFRS allocated in 2017 the sum of £7,500.

The National Royal Belgian Society of Friends of the Rose 2,500 euros.

These two financings enabled the Botanical Garden to convince the government authorities to allocate them an additional 20,000 euros.

The results

- The 43,000 specimens were digitized in high resolution and transmitted to a local server of the botanical garden with a copy to the archives institute
- The label data written manually by François Crépin, and is often hard to read, was also transcribed by rose growers and amateurs on a crowd-sourcing platform
- Of the 43,000 digitized specimens there are currently more than 8,000 images with their associated labels which are accessible to users on www.botanicalcollections.be. The rest will be made available over time. Images may be downloaded free of charge for non-commercial purposes provided the botanical garden is credited
- The first DNA research carried out on a first sample of specimen brought conclusive and exploitable results which is exceptional and very promising in view of the scientific interest of this herbarium.

In September 2019, Yves Piaget was invited at the Botanical Garden of Meise to visit the cellars not accessible to the public.

During the 15th International Heritage Rose Conference to be held in Brussels from June 5 to 10, 2023, participants will be able to discover the work undertaken and the associated results, largely thanks to the Piaget Fund.

Conclusion

The two projects that benefited from the Piaget Fund met the objectives and criteria defined as above. The WFRS must ensure that the available balance of £7,500 is allocated to such successful projects.

If any organization wishes to request funding for any projects and meet the criteria as outlined in this document, please contact our Executive Officer, Derek Lawrence, for details.



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