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Presidents Page

Dear Members,

Hope you all enjoyed the festivities of Diwali and New Year with your families, festivals in our country provide us an opportunity to meet our family members and friends, with get together, laughter, gaiety and enjoying the delicacies, once again wishing you all the best.

Well how are your preparations now going on in your gardens, many of you must have pruned the roses and eagerly waiting for the first flush and those pruning in the end of the month will be making their itinerary for participating in the Convention show, I expect one and all to participate in large numbers with their flowers from all parts of our Country and make the Show and Convention a grand success. We will be having some important guests from WFRS at the Show and Convention in Pune, let us once again show our techniques and unity to the visitors.

Recent trend in rose growers is soil less culture which has been noticed, there are two schools of thought, one for it and the other against it, let us see how long it goes on, reminds me of the Organic and Inorganic culture war over some two decades back, when it was hotly debated, one has to agree that we require the support of both organic as well as inorganic in rose growing, one cannot rely totally on inorganic or organic, reason organic releases very slowly the required nutrients, with inorganic it is fast, but not without the support of organic. Organic manures are therefore absolutely necessary along with Inorganic, without which chemical fertilizers would be mere salts, a waste of time, money and energy. Comments solicited.

Ahmed Alam Khan.

EDITORIAL.



Hello members, time is running out for registration for the Convention at Pune, to be hosted by Maharashtra Rose Society, there were a lot of inquiries from various members about non receipt of Brochure, well I would like to inform you all that the brochures were sent well in advance, it maybe the postal department on which lies the onus of timely delivery, for the convenience of members the brochure was put up in the monthly bulletin along with the form.

Well I am preparing data on roses, so far I have collected some 2,000 photos of different varieties, along with foliage photos of some 600 varieties, I presume that in our Country some 4,500 to 5,000 varieties under circulation, World over some 34,000 varieties are there, but not possible to collect so much data, I request rose lovers, growers to help me in this endeavour, by mailing me good photos of roses and foliage too, once complete we will upload it on our website for the members. I shall be visiting Hyderabad soon, as our President has a vast collection of 1200 varieties in his gardens, a lot of information will be procured from there, which will help me in a long way to accomplish this task.

There were no comments or further discussions on the variety which I had posted, I had received some photos from one member but unfortunately it was a pure pink and the gentleman was nurturing it as Carreza, anyways that is one of the reason I have taken the above task, so atleast the grower knows where he is standing and what he is growing in his garden with so much love and care, one more thing please identify and let me know rose growers of your area and provide me photos of the person and garden, as also information, rose grower since when, number of varieties grown, whether competed or not, all the relevant data, which will enable me to put up as "Meet your rose grower"

Regards

Arshad Bhiwandiwalla.



17th WORLD ROSE CONVENTION

ABSTRACTS OF LECTURES

Saturday, 30th May - 09.30-10.00

A rose garden in Haute Provence

Jean-Yves Meignen

Abbey Valsaintes is perched on the Haute-Provence lavender oppidum at an altitude of 600m. In 1996, Jean-Yves Meignen undertook the transformation of dry stone terraces of the abbey into a garden of roses and plants with some 500 varieties of rose over the years. He learned about the harshness of the climate where summers are dry and winters harsh. Cultivation methods are appropriate and environmentally friendly. Wild companion plants or those well suited to the climate are also included in the garden. Nursery roses began in 1998 with a multiplication by cuttings of old and contemporary varieties.



Jean-Yves Meignen

Gardener of the Valsaintes Abbey





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The Heritage Rose District of New York City

Stephen Scanniello

The Heritage Rose District of New York City was inaugurated in Harlem (a neighborhood at the northern end of Manhattan) on October 24, 2009 as a partnership between the Heritage Rose Foundation and the office of Scott Stringer, Borough President of Manhattan. Since 2009, more than 1500 heritage roses have been planted in Harlem's community gardens, parks, universities, churchyards, historic sites, and cultural institutions. Today antique roses flourish in over thirty-two locations including: Trinity Church Cemetery and Mausoleum (a historic garden-style cemetery created in 1842), the Church of the Intercession, the Morris-Jumel Mansion, and on the grounds of Alexander Hamilton's historic home The Grange.



All of the roses planted pre-date 1920 and have been donated by nurseries, universities, botanic gardens, and private collectors.

The project is especially created for the children of Harlem. Every year the Heritage Rose Foundation sponsors workshops for the children on pruning, planting, and propagation of roses from cuttings. Stephen Scanniello is responsible for making this wonderful project happen. At the Lyon conference Mr. Scanniello will describe how this project began, share with us stories of the original gardens of Harlem, and share with us the accomplishments of the youngest generation of rose gardeners in Harlem.

Stephen Scanniello

President of the Heritage Rose Foundation

Curator for the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden at the New York Botanical Garden



The Following are the newly elected Office bearers of

'The Hyderabad Rose Society'

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NEW INTRODUCTION FROM MR. SUBRATO GHOSH



Dr. D. C. NANDY – 2015 (Princess Diana of Wales # Madras)

Mr. & Mrs. S. Ghosh, Durgapur



JADU SAMRAT P.C. SORCAR – 2015 (Headliner # Unknown)

Mr. & Mrs. S. Ghosh, Durgapur



PARAMA – 2015 (Royal Highness # Princess De Monaco)

Mr. & Mrs. S. Ghosh, Durgapur

Roses of Mughal Garden

Admiral Rodney and the Black Baccara along with 159 other varieties of roses that together occupy pride of place in the magnificent Mughal Garden of Rashtrapati Bhavan here have been captured and reproduced in a new coffee table book, "Roses of Mughal Garden".

The book, brought out by Rashtrapati Bhavan and compiled by Officer on Special Duty (Horticulture) Brahma Singh, begins with a poem, "My Garden Smiles", by Dr. Kalam. It then proceeds to give the reader a glimpse and a brief account of the different varieties of roses, considered the "queen of flowers".

The compendium serves a twin purpose. It not only satiates the appetite of rose lovers but is also aimed at helping scientists interested in developing new varieties of roses. Since Rashtrapati Bhavan conserves rose germ - plasms, scientists can benefit from the gene bank to further their research, say officials.

The book, which documents exotic varieties of roses, their scientific and popular names and the year of their release, has an added bonanza for those who long to have their very own rose garden. In a separate section, it offers tips about ways to cultivate roses and look after them.

A meticulous compilation, the drafting of the book was spread over a year. If photographing the individual roses in a particular stage of bloom was arduous, the research involved in getting the names and the year of their release was no less a Herculean task.

The enviable "Fragrant Rosary" that was Dr. Kalam's gift to Rashtrapati Bhavan is adorned by celebrated varieties like Mother Teresa, a long pointed soft pink bud that opens to large exquisitely formed flowers of pinkish white colour developed by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in 1994, and Taj Mahal, a deep pink bloom.

In the category of tall, vigorous hybrid tea roses are Bewitched, a 1967 pleasing pink flower, Christian Dior, a crimson flushed scarlet, Eiffel Tower and a lavender mauve long classic bud called Lagerfeld.

In the Floribunda category, grown for perfect blooms, there is Queen Elizabeth in pink and scarlet, Annabell, a salmon red fragrant flower, Michele Mielland, an exquisite pale pink

bloom with hints of salmon, a pastel pink and golden yellow Pusa Pitambar, which has a shade of pink.

In the section on Climber and Rambler Roses, readers can feast on Banksian, a vigorous climbing plant, Iceberg that flowers through the year, and Polka, an apricot orange blend with glossy foliage.

The Ployantha roses, a category that is hardy and resistant to biotic and abiotic stresses, offers a look at Anjani and Damask rose while Miniature rose category that has petite roses includes Don Don a double dark red flower and Over the Rainbow, which is a blend of red, pink and gold colour petals.

Dr. Kalam, who has contributed several verses for the book, describes the picturesque rose garden in the President's Estate thus: "... Variety of rose, One lovely family of roses, Presiding the dynamic scene, With Pleasant fragrant breeze, My Garden Smiles....."

CARE OF ROSES, YOUR EXPERTS ADVICE TIPS FOR DECEMBER

Ganesh Shirke from Pune :- remove the die back affected stems and infected leaves, open up the plant by removing dead shoots too, new shoots should be given space to grow, attack from thrips and mites is imminent during this time of the year, spray religiously with pesticides available in your area, since the weather is cold the attack of mildew is looming, start spraying score or amister these are fungicides, ratio 0.5 ml per litre on a weekly basis, keeping a gap of three days between pesticide spray and fungicide spray, increase the feeding of the plant by sterrameal and vermicompost, along with DAP doses, spray micro nutrients weekly. Since the requirements of the plant increases during this season, do not over water the plants, as it will damage the root system, when the top soil is totally dry provide water according to the requirement of the plant.

Ashish More from Mumbai :- December is quite cool and favorable for rose growing, plants are now with healthy foliage and free flowering with intense colour. Give a dose of N:P:K 15:15:15 grade i.e. Suphala which is in granular form, you can give micro nutrients spray which is readily available of various combination in EDTA form, regularly cut unwanted fully opened blooms also which are getting dried, to stop further process of seed formation this will adversely help in sprouting of new shoots, pruning for January rose exhibitions are mainly carried all over, give another dose of N:P:K at the interval of 20 days now plants will be at their peak growth stage hence little but regular feeding is key to quality blooms, depending on quantity of foliage and vigor of the plant, sufficient

regular feeding is required, take preventive sprays for thrips and mites at the interval of 10 days. Your plants will definitely provide you classic blooms which you always expect. Happy rose growing!

Dr. N. V. Shastri from Nagpur : - In Nagpur and Vidarbha , December – January are the best months for roses. They are at their peak between mid December and mid January. The first flush after the October pruning starts receding by the end of the first week of December but the new growth has already started appearing. We recommend manuring with a few handfuls of FYM and a fistful of Sterameal. (Neem seed cake may also be used). Fertilization with a NPK product (30 to 50 gm per mature plant) is also advised, especially to the potential exhibitors. Such people can also resort to foliar feeding (Urea : KH_2PO_4 :: 1:1). Those who are up to it may also do liquid feeding. These treatments once in a week should be OK. There are two rose shows in Nagpur in December, a pretty busy month for the show bench addict. Although the weather is generally healthy , do not think even for a moment that you can eschew spraying. Not at all, that has to be religiously followed . After all you are dealing with modern garden roses Sir! Also a spray of micronutrients once in two months would do no harm to your roses, and do not forget to do dead heading regularly.

