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Presidents Page

Dear Rosarians,

I'm very happy to share with you a happy event that took place recently. On 16th October 2016, I was fortunate to be a chief guest of the inauguration ceremony of "THE BELGAUM ROSE SOCIETY" - the first rose society to be inaugurated by the IRF, incidentally first in Karnataka. In one of my earlier messages I stated my desire to establish some rose societies in cities of India. This one is the first such society. I earnestly thank my friend and colleague Dr. Suresh Patil who took the initiative to organize and establish this rose society. Dr. Suresh Patil, the founder President, is a renowned scientist in chemistry for agriculture, floriculture and horticulture studied in Japan, Switzerland and USA. He is assisted in this endeavour by Prof. Rahul Suryavanshi, Naval Patil and Shailesh Patil. I'm proud that this team of office bearers is highly qualified. I wish them well and expect from them quality contribution to the IRF.

This is the time when rosarians in India are busy preparing their rose gardens to participate in rose shows slated in December, January. Weather being very conducive for luxuriant growth, care must be taken to feed them adequately and accurately as per their requirement. If you take care of your roses prizes, medals and trophies will decorate your home.

Hearty Greetings, Warm regards,

Suresh Pingale

EDITORIAL



Dear Members,

Time is running short as 30th November 2016 is very near, those who have not registered for the Convention at Kolkatta, may do so as early bird closes on the above date.

Delegates who want to visit Jakpur Flower Association show which will be held on 7th January - 2017, may kindly call up Pranabir Maity on his cell : 08001 084591 and confirm their participation.

An appeal was made to all rose hobbyist, growers and members that IRF wants sponsors for trophies to be given to the winners at Rose Shows of Convention, since most of the rose societies are burdened with rolling trophies, the same cannot be handed over to out station participants and hence, a certificate is issued, many participants have aired their views, that they get nothing in lieu of the amount of time and money spent on bringing their blooms to the shows, considering their point of view, we at IRF had decided to get sponsors for the trophies, unfortunately the response has been very bad, except for two great growers and lovers, Dr. Vikas Mhaskar of Kalyan and Mr. Manchar Irani from Pune, I hope that the rest of the trophies will get some sponsors. Single color blooms, most fragrant are still open, the sponsorship amount (One time) is Rs.30,000.00, this will be parked as FD and the accumulated interest amount will go for purchasing the trophy, to be awarded at Convention, rose shows.

Some five to six areas which do not have any rose societies or garden club, have shown a lot of interest in joining the Federation, probably by next year we will have them as member societies of IRF. Next month onwards rose shows will be starting, members will be able to witness those beautiful winter blooms in their true color and form, with fragrance being emitted out from the fragrant varieties, making the area filled up with a sweet smell and joy on the face of the visitor. My wishes to the winners.

Regards

Arshad Bhiwandiwalla.

Given below are the photos which were presented in power point by Mr. Viraraghavan and Mrs. Girija Viraraghavan at the World Regional Conference held at Beijing, China. last month I could not put up any photos as the images were not clear, Mrs. Girija was kind enough to provide the photos.

SOME HERITAGE ROSES IN MALAYSIA



Kampung Magenta



Sempurna



White Kampung rose



Damask Rose

Photo Courtesy Mariam Ahmed Gazali Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

SOME HERITAGE ROSES IN MALAYSIA



Gulap Mon Bourbon



Chulalongkorn Hybrid Perpet



Cosmos rose rose multiflora type



Rama IV Miniature



Deng Praset - Bourbon

SOME HERITAGE ROSES IN SINGAPORE



China Rose



Damask



Bourbon



Tea Rose

SOME HERITAGE ROSES IN INDIA



Telangana Pink - China - also found in Thailand



Kakinada Red - Bourbon



Renu Apricot Tea



Madurai Tea



Kerala Tea



Seven Days Rose Tea



Rajakkad China



Pondicherry Bourbon

"China Rose of the Temple of Ten Thousand Camellias", Lijiang
(Called C.T.R. for short) and seedlings



C. T. R.



C.T. R. x Faith Whittlesey x Clementina Carbonieri called No. 1



The next generation No. 1 x Jean Andre



Ganges Nymph



Spot On



Tea / China single pink

Mme. FALCOT (Tea) and seedlings.



Madame Falcot



Baby Love x Mme. Falcot r. gigantea



Mme. falcot x r.gigantea

Mutabilis x Baby Love x Mme. Falcot x r.gigantea

SAFRANO (Tea) and seedlings



Safrano

Our gigantea climber MANIPUR MAGIC



Aussie Sixer (Safrano x Manipur Magic) a tea rose Reve d'or x Aussie Sixer – a new seedling
Photo Courtesy Billy West.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

Mr. V.S. Sabnis

We Mumbaikar's are fortunate enough to get good blooms of quality roses (Not Green House roses) throughout the year inspite of our hot summer with high humidity, mild winter and unpredictable rainy season. When it rains cats and dogs and flooding various places and causing immense damage to nurseries.

My active interest in rose growing boosted when I first visited a Grand rose show at C. J. Hall, Mumbai, This show was remarkable because of its size as thousands of different Rose blooms were kept inside and outside the C. J. Hall. All these were brought by Industries, Competitors and others. All the participants were busy in making these blooms look attractive and presentable. Keeping an eye on King of the show and Queen of the show. Internal arrangement were so systematic and according to the classes given in the schedule.

The society had classified the participants on the basis of ability of the participant, Divisions were made area wise, age wise, to individuals and corporate and nurseries so as it should be appropriate to compete.

Blooms were classified on the basis of colour, variety, fragrance, size etc.

Only one rose, that is the Gladiator that had established its unique separate place and class. This was done taking into consideration its jumbo size, peculiar dark red colour, long stem for cut flower. This is the only rose judged separately and it has got a separate prominent place.

At the first show, after judging was over the best bloom award was given to Mr. Felix Fernandez for his beautiful bloom of 'Maria Callas' and Queen of the show given to Mr. L. B. Rao for his 'Showgirl'.

All other prizes in different schedule like 1st, 2nd and 3rd were given proper tags which were tied with the name of the variety, which was compulsory at that time (unlike our present shows). Nameless participating blooms were strictly disqualified.

In this exhibition Vijay Pokarna from Pune had brought a large variety of roses in a very huge quantity. I remember some good blooms of Papa Meilland, Avon, Norita, Swathmore, First prize, Peter Frankenfield, Lady – X, Blue Moon, Superstar, Montezuma, Landora and many miniature like Baby Masquerade, Starina, Chipper etc.

Another unique incident was from our great rosarian friend Mr. S. H. Kelkar, he made arrangements to make the surroundings of C. J. Hall with fragrance of roses, it lingered in the air, that one could even feel of it at C. S. T. (formerly V. T.), the success of this show was because of the efforts of the members of Society, likeminded people like late

Mr. M. S. Pai, Mr. L. B. Rao of Mulund, some major participants were Aarey Milk Colony, Sandoz, Mahendra & Mahendra, Ciba Geigy, L & T, Morarjee Gokuldas, Finlay Mills and individuals like Mr. Jonas Feriera, Mr. Ramrao Jagtap from Pune, Mr. B. M. Joshi of Nasik, More brothers from Vangani, Late Dr. (Mrs.) Mangala Mhatre, Dr. Ramesh Hansoti, Mr. Ramdas Prabhugaonkar, unique arrangement was a riot of colors on a bullock cart, where three hundred roses were put in earthen pots for display, Dr. Pai and many others, the most important factor was that these participants were active throughout and some are still active with us.

The venues for basement of Nehru Planetarium hall, Dadar Bhagini Samaj, Vanita Samaj, Scout Pavilion, Savarkar Sadan, Podar School, Parle, Mahatma Gandhi Seva Mandal. All these shows were organized in Western Mumbai. Now I feel that the above mentioned avenue like Nehru Planetarium shows were fantastic, perhaps because of centre location, car parking facilities and tremendous efforts of the members of the MRS. Also other factors like fully air - conditioned exhibition hall, so that blooms remain fresh till last dates. Likewise another avenue i.e. Bhagini Samaj hall was a grand successes organized by the ladies, so a special touch of aesthetic looks in arrangements were provided. Our 14th rose show coincided with the first all Indian Rose Convention which was on 19th and 20th January, 1978. In this show Mrs. Mangala Mhatre was awarded king of the show (Papa Meilland) and Queen of the show, Avon awarded to Dr. B. M. Joshi.

Because of successful rose shows the society was compelled to make changes in the exhibition schedule for e.g. Class of flower arrangement was suitably amended. Also new class of three stage development was introduced.

By going through the past activities of rose society our membership had also increased. We had only 65 in 1970 – 71 and rose up to 600 in 1975. So also numbers of participants increased approximately 5,000 visitors visited the rose show in 1976.

Some of the nice varieties, I still remember exhibited in various show like blooms of Dearest, Pusta, Europeana, White Master Piece, Careless Love, Gen. Vaidya, Blue Ocean, Manas, Charishma, Nartaki, Jadis, Akebono, American Heritage, Mr. Lincoln, J. F. Kennedy, Malva - 96 , Calcutta -300 and Abhisarika .

After visiting the shows many of the visitors used to ask questions about the growing of roses and their maintenance, flowering capacity, suitability conditions and whether suitable to be grown in balcony, but inspite of my experience in rose culture and rose growing and working with rose experts, I have no answer to these questions asked by the visitors. Why there is no bloom of BLACK ROSE on display in your exhibition for which I still have no answer.

Dear Breeders kindly note that a meeting of all breeders has been organized at Kolkata during the Convention, the meeting will be held on 5th January - 2017, at the Agri Horticultural Society Limited, at 4.30 pm.

17th & 18th December - 2017, Rose Show of
Pune Rose Society,
at Tilak Smarak Mandir,
Pune.

Hyderabad Rose Society
Rose show on 24th & 25th December - 2017,
At Rose Garden, Liberty Park,
Hyderabad.

Followed by a visit to Green Valley Rose Garden and Dinner.

All are cordially Invited.

Earlier dates 17th & 18th December - 2017, stand as cancelled due to
Pune Rose Society Show
