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Top Exhibition Roses of the Southwest

By Robert B. Martin Jr., Editor *Rose Exhibitors' Forum*

Different roses perform differently in different places. Rosarians who have attended rose shows in areas outside of their own district know this. And so it is not enough, in the selection of top exhibition varieties, to look solely at the national data; instead it is also useful to examine results of shows closer to home.

As the editor of *Rose Exhibitors' Forum*, I receive the show results from throughout the country. With these results, I publish an annual 5-year and 10-year national compilation of top exhibition hybrid teas, floribundas and miniature/mini-floras in the *American Rose* magazine. Also, in *Rose Exhibitors' Forum*, I publish all of the reported results and write occasional articles on regional variations in those results.

The top show roses are different in different parts of the country. The reason primarily has to do with differences in climate, but there are other factors as well, including differences in the preferences of judges and exhibitors. So to explore these differences, I have divided the United States into six different regions and sorted the show results over the last five years into each region to determine the top roses in each reporting category. The results of this study for the Southwest are set forth in this article.

The Southwest region in my study consists only of the ARS Pacific Southwest District. This is a large district, and great climate differences

exist within it. There is, for example, a lot of difference between the climates of Albuquerque, Phoenix and San Diego. And, there are also differences in micro-climate between areas much closer geographically. But, in order to provide something meaningful, I have to use the data from the entire district, both because of the data available and the need to retain a large enough statistical sample to make comparisons.

With the hybrid teas, I tallied points for roses awarded royalty using my standard system which awards six points for Queen, five for King, four for Princess and three points for each rose on the Court of Honor. Unlike other point tabulations reported in the *American Rose* and *Rose Exhibitors' Forum*, I did not award points for roses staged in the principal challenge classes of national and district shows, since this would have required an examination of the residence of each exhibitor, and I concluded the results would not be worth the effort and time. I used the same system with respect to miniatures and mini-floras. In all the other categories, I simply tallied the number of trophies recorded. All of the results are set forth in the tables accompanying this article.

Hybrid Teas

Beginning with the hybrid teas, the top exhibition rose in the Southwest is 'Gemini', which enjoys a substantial lead over No. 2 'Moonstone'. 'Gemini' was the top hybrid tea in

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President's Message

by Steve Sheard

April is the month to enjoy the fruit of your labour! Your Rose Bushes should be presenting you with a garden full of colour, begging you to walk among them and "smell the roses". Enjoy.

Our pruning at the MCC Rose Garden pruning this year proved the theory that if we can get good publicity we will get the public to attend. We have had a great response from members wanting to work on the publicity committee and we have some excellent ideas to implement. What we need now is a person to lead the team, you do not need to know about publicity as we have a team who understand this, all we need is someone to lead the group and call meetings when needed as our different functions approach. If you are interested, please give me a call and help keep the momentum going.

Many of you, as I did, planted new rose bushes this year. It is very tempting to cut the first blooms and take them into the house and share with friends. You can do this, but I ask that you consider the health of your bush first. The more leaf you leave on the bush, the better the bush will survive the summer, and as the bush is still young, it will need all the leaf it has. By all means take the flower into the house, but only on a short stem or just float the bloom in a bowl.

Our big event for April is our Rose Garden Tour & Rose Auction on Saturday April 22nd. Please collect copies of our flyer from the April meeting and post it at work. Give it to everyone you know, and make our tour a success. This is a great opportunity to introduce your friends to Rose growing. The more people that come on the Garden Tour the higher the probability of us getting new members.

April is the month for Rose Shows. If you have never been to one then you should at least make it to the PSW Convention Rose Show on Friday April 14th at Scottsdale Plaza Resort. The other two shows are Phoenix on April 1st at Phoenix College and Scottsdale on April 8th at Scottsdale Community College. If you have never exhibited, I encourage you to bring a bloom or two, we will have an experienced exhibitor show you how to enter your bloom – you may well win a ribbon. If you want some tips on selecting a good bloom, give me a call.

We are coming up to election time for the officers of the board. We are always interested in having someone new join us and provide a different perspective. If you are interested in running for the board, please speak to a member of the nominating committee, Evelyn Gannon 480 857 3090, Cathy Pirsch 480 812 8960 or Phyllis Henslin 480 807 3592. We will have confirmation of the nominations and / or elections during our April meeting.

May 5th 6th & 7th is the Home & Garden show. One of our best opportunities to share how to grow roses in the valley. We are covering this as we have done for the last few shows – sharing it with the other Rose Societies in the valley. The success of this event depends on more than a few people to cover the 3 days. You only have to be enthusiastic about Rose Growing to help cover the booth, and it is a great opportunity to meet other persons from other societies. Please sign up at the April meeting or call me at 480 831 2609. Thank you in advance.

MEVRS Rose Show is in need for a chairperson. We have the members ready to do the work and pull it together, we just need someone to help provide direction and call the planning meetings.

**Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora
Royalty
2001-2005**

Rk	Variety	Pts
1	Gemini	292
2	Moonstone	196
3	St Patrick	186
4	Veteran's Honor	179
5	Cajun Moon	169
6	Crystalline	157
7	Signature	134
8	Marilyn Monroe	129
9	Lynn Anderson	108
10	Black Magic	103
11	Natasha Monet	82
12	Crowd Pleaser	79
13	Hot Princess	78
14	Silverado	75
15	Kardinal	69
16	Touch of Class	59
17	Cajun Sunrise	53
18	Louise Estes	47
19	Helen Naudé	42
20	Stainless Steel	41
21	Andrea Stelzer	37
22t	Elizabeth Taylor	33
22t	Raphaela	33
24	Brooks' Red	31
25	Anastasia	30

the nation in 2005 and is also the No. 1 rose in the Northwest region, a region that includes Northern California and the Pacific Northwest. It is now in the top ten of all six regions and is clearly a superior exhibition rose, one of the very best hybrid teas ever introduced. It was also a AARS winner and was the winner of the 2004 American Rose Society Member's Choice Award as the top rated rose in *Roses in Review*. It is therefore both an excellent exhibition rose and an excellent garden rose.

The No. 2 rose, 'Moonstone' continues at the top of the national 5-year rankings, having finished

as the No. 1 exhibition rose in three of the past five years. It is also in the top ten of all six regions, and is ranked No. 1 in the North Central and Northeast regions. Its sister seedling, 'Cajun Moon', often confused with it, ranks No. 5. The Southwest ranking is the highest in the country and suggests that 'Cajun Moon', with its fewer petals than 'Moonstone', does very well here. Both are superb exhibition and garden roses.

In third place is 'St Patrick', the beautiful yellow AARS winning hybrid tea bred by Frank Strickland of San Bernardino, CA. The chlorophyll in the petals of 'St Patrick' makes it a great lover of the heat and sunshine of our district, where it is rated higher than any other area of the country. It is also in the top ten in the South Central and Southeast regions, as well as the Northwest, where the moisture and cooler temperatures bring out the green. Its offspring, the apricot 'Marilyn Monroe', a more recent introduction also does very well in our district, ranked No. 8 and climbing. 'Marilyn Monroe' also does well in the Northwest, where it is ranked No. 7.

The No. 4 hybrid tea is the beautiful deep red, 'Veterans' Honor', which enjoys a top ten ranking in every region as well, and is clearly the best red exhibition rose. The pure white 'Crystalline', once the top exhibition rose in the district, now ranks No. 5. This tends to be more of an exhibi-

tor's rose, because when it is right, it is an extraordinary exhibition rose. But it does require a great deal of disbud- ding to get that one bloom, and the foliage tends to mildew unless it is sprayed carefully. A similar observation attaches to its sport, the lilac 'Natasha Monet', which ranks No. 11.

'Signature', ranked No. 7, continues to be a top exhibition variety and also appears in the top ten of all six regions. It is known for its sensitive foliage and is also more of an exhibitors' rose than a recommended garden rose. 'Lynn Anderson' and its sport, 'Crowd Pleaser' rank No. 9 and 12 respectively. Both are very vigorous and grow extremely tall in our district, often with over-size foliage compared to the bloom. Rounding out the top ten is the deep red florist rose, 'Black Magic'.

All but one of the regions have roses on their list that are unique to it. In the Southwest, 'Crowd Pleaser' (#12), found by Californian Chris Greenwood, 'Silverado' (#14) and 'Anastasia' (#25) are unique and appear on the lists in no other region. 'Kardinal' (#15) and 'Stainless Steel' (#20) are near-unique, appearing in the top 25 only here and the Northwest.

Miniatures

Among the miniature roses, the national No. 1, 'Fairhope' is No. 1 in the Southwest by a wide margin. 'Fairhope' has been the national number one exhibition miniature for ten years, and is number one throughout the south and center of the country. In the nation's upper corners, however, it is second to 'Irresistible', which ranks No. 4 in the Southwest. 'Irresistible' has many more petals than 'Fairhope' and performs better in cooler, coastal climates.

The No. 2 miniature in the Southwest is 'Dancing Flame', where it enjoys its highest national ranking by far, and the only one in the top ten. It does rank No. 13 in the Northwest, which suggests it likes the Pacific Coast – maybe something to do with the setting sun? In third place is the red 'Miss Flippins', which is in the top ten in all six regions, but does show much more strength in the south than in the north.

**Miniature/Mini-Flora
Royalty
2001-2005**

Rk	Variety	Pts
1	Fairhope	320
2	Dancing Flame	239
3	Miss Flippins	219
4	Irresistible	169
5	Sam Trivitt	165
6	Glowing Amber	153
7	Behold	136
8	Bees Knees	121
9t	Arcanum	111
9t	Butter Cream	111
11	Conundrum	98
12	Kristin	92
13	Marie Jeanette	73
14	Merlot	68
15	Dr John Dickman	62
16t	Incognito	61
16t	Soroptimist Int'l	61
18	June Laver	54
19	Jean Kenneally	52
20	Luis Desamero	52
21	Michel Cholet	51
22	Hot Tamale	49
23	Hilde	48
24	Pierrine	45
25	Breath of Spring	43

Rose Care for April 2006

By Dona Martin, ARS Consulting Rosarian

Irrigation: As temperatures go up, usually over 80 degrees during the day, you should be flooding your roses twice per week. If you flood irrigate, once per week is adequate early in the month. On drip irrigation, water early in the month two to three times per week. By the end of the month or when temperatures are over 80 degrees, you should be drip irrigating three to four times per week, 3-4 gallons of water per irrigation for each plant. Windy conditions will dry out your bushes more than normal, especially young bushes. If you see dropping blooms or foliage, some damage has already been done! If you have good drainage, you cannot over water.

Fertilizing: A simple program is to use a good granular fertilizer, such as Organo Super Rose Food. Use 1 cup per large bush and ½ cup per small bush early in the month and half that rate if roses are grown in pots. At mid-month, consider an application of a good quick release fertilizer like MiracleGro or Magnum Grow, mixing 1 T. fertilizer to 1 gallon of water. Apply 1 gallon of mix to large rose, ½ gallon to small roses and ½ the rate if grown in pots. For a more complete program, consider weekly fertilization early in the month with MiracleGro or Magnum Grow, then mid-month to the end of the month with fish emulsion. Mix 1 T. to 1 gallon water and apply 1 gallon of mix to large roses; ½ gallon to small roses, ½ rate for potted roses. Always water before and after the fertilizer application.

Diseases: Continue to spray a good fungicide, such as Immunox, every 7 to 14 days at the labeled rate, to prevent powdery mildew from taking hold. If heavily mildewed, stronger products that give longer protection, such as Banner Maxx and Compass, are available at Rosemania.com. Be sure to spray the top and bottom side of the leaves and the soil in the bed.

Insects: Aphids and thrips are very active this month. Spray pesticides at the labeled rate as needed. Products like Bayer Rose and Flower Insect Killer with imidacloprid (Merit), Cygon 2E and Avid work great on aphids and thrips. To avoid spraying the beneficials, especially on smaller gardens, you can use a small hand spray bottle 1-2 times per week and just spray the buds. For best protection against aphids, we recommend Merit. For thrips you cannot beat Conserve SC. Toward the end of the month, watch for spider mites on the underside of the lower leaves. To keep spider mites under control, use a hard stream of water from a water wand every 3 to 4 days, spraying the underside of the leaves. Alternatively, begin using a miticide such as Avid, Kelthane or Floramite as soon as mites are noticed. Plants can be stripped of leaves by spider mites in a very few days.

Spray for spider mites when you first start to see evidence of them. Remember that Avid only kills the adults so you will need to repeat after three or four days to kill the newly hatched mites. Floramite will eliminate both the adult mites and the eggs so it is rare to have to repeat more often than 21 days.

We recommend the use of a "sticker-spreader" or surfactant product, such as Indicate 5, with all of the products mentioned above. Indicate 5 will enable the spray to more easily coat the entire upper and lower surfaces of the leaves, as it neutralizes the pH of the water.

Consulting Rosarian Corner

By Steve Sheard, Consulting Rosarian.

Merit – A new Class of Systemic Insecticide

What is it: The active ingredient in Merit is imidacloprid. It is a very effective long lasting, broad spectrum, systemic insecticide that stops and prevents insect damage. It is easy to use, has a low odor, is non toxic to plants and can be used on a wide range of ornamentals both indoors and outdoors.

What does it do: It is a "Caution II" classified product and the label gives directions for use on Ornamental shrubs, Grapes and other Edible fruit. (I use it on my grapes for the skeletal caterpillar). It is very effective against white fly and somewhat effective against thrips. It has no effect on spider mites. It is a systemic insecticide so for best results it needs to be in the plant before the pest arrives.

How to use it: In the ground – It can be applied into the root zone once every 3 months. It will be taken up by the roots and move upward within the plant system providing complete plant protection. The strength depends on which form you are using. The label often has instructions for large areas so you will need to calculate it down to a per bush application rate. (Or you can call Mike Jepsen).

Foliar Spray – This is applied every two to three weeks as a foliar spray, with particular attention to the areas that get insect damage – the buds. Again, the label will have instructions for larger areas that will need to be recalculated for a spray mix. It is an ideal complement to Messenger.

Testimonial: Bob Martin 1998.

"In short, this is the best insecticide I have ever used. I am also pleased to report that it has a very low dosage rate, is relatively safe and is considered to have an attractive environmental profile. It is therefore, a product that I can now highly recommend to rosarians who elect to use insecticides for the control of aphids and thrips."

Where to buy it: There are a number of online mail order sites that sell Merit. It is also available from Chem Tech Supply in Mesa - Jack McClure is a MERVS member, 480-833-7578, or Wilbur-Ellis in Tempe – 480-921-8500.



LeRoy Brady closes in while pondering a judging decision.

Show Time!

The first rose show of the Spring season was Saturday, April 1st, at Phoenix Community College. The earliest show, it was smaller but with quality entries. MEVRS members **Mike Jepsen, Bob & Dona Martin, Cliff Orent and Mike & Luz Wilson** took many of the top honors. Young Jonathan Vorndrer, grandson of Larry & Pat Bell, one his first Junior Novice trophy! Congratulations!



'Hot Princess' takes Queen of Show and Best Horticulture for large roses.

Photos by Dona Martin

PHOENIX ROSE SOCIETY ROSE SHOW APRIL 1, 2006

SECTION A - Challenge Classes

- Class 3 One large rose named Peace: Peace
Robert & Allison Bowns
- Class 5 Most fragrant shrub: The Prince
Mike & Cindy Jepsen
- Class 10 Mini palette: Baby Boomer, Behold, Incognito,
Miss Flippins, Sam Trivitt Bob & Dona Martin
- Class 11 Fl palette: Bridal Pink, Ebb Tide, Fabulous, Hot
Cocoa, Julia Child Robert & Allison Bowns
- Class 12 Shrub/LCI/OGR palette: Altissimo, Fourth of
July, High Society, Knockout, Outta the Blue
Robert & Allison Bowns
- Class 13 HT Cycle of Bloom: Hot Princess
Bob & Dona Martin
- Class 17 Fl box: Pinnacle Bob & Dona Martin
- Class 18 Mini box: Miss Flippins Bob & Dona Martin
- Class 19 Shrub/LCI/OGR box: Cardinal de Richelieu,
Maggie, Prospero Bob & Dona Martin
- Class 20 HT bowl: Marilyn Monroe Robert & Allison Bowns
- Class 21 Fl bowl: City of Carlsbad Bob & Dona Martin
- Class 22 Mini bowl: Sweet Diana Robt & Allison Bowns
- Class 23 Shrub/LCI/OGR bowl: Distant Drums
Bob & Dona Martin
- Class 24 Most fragrant FL: Outrageous! Cliff Orent
- Class 25 Most fragrant mini: Seattle Scentsation
George Schoneberger
- Class 27 HT/Gr frame: Lynn Anderson
Bob & Dona Martin
- Class 28 Fl bouquet frame: Gruss an Aachen, Pink Gruss
an Aachen Bob & Dona Martin
- Class 29 Shrub/LCI/OGR frame: Cardinal de Richelieu,
Green Rose Bob & Dona Martin
- Class 30 Mini bouquet frame: Miss Flippins
Bob & Dona Martin
- Class 32 Junior one stem: Red Scentsation
Jonathan Vorndrer
- Class 33 Judges one stem: Hot Princess Larry Bell

SECTION B - Hybrid Teas & Grandifloras

- Class 34 Queen of Show: Hot Princess*
Bob & Dona Martin
- King of Show: Black Magic Bob & Dona Martin
- Princess of Show: Corina Mike & Cindy Jepsen
- Court of Honor: Big Time Bob & Dona Martin
- Court of Honor: Cajun Sunrise Cliff Orent
- Court of Honor: Double Delight
Maggie Medved & Wendy Thomas
- Court of Honor: Gemini Jack & Judy McClure
- Court of Honor: O'Rilla Cliff Orent
- Class 37 One Fully Opened Bloom: Wild Blue Yonder
Ardell Leivas
- Class 38 Most fragrant: Radiant Perfume
John Buchanan

SECTION C - Floribundas and Polyanthas

- Class 39 One Fl Bloom: Pinnacle Bob & Dona Martin
- Class 40 One Fl Spray: Int'l Herald Tribune/Nancy Medved
- Class 41 One Poly spray: Anda Bob & Dona Martin
- Class 42 Three Fl/Poly stems: Hot Cocoa
Bob & Dona Martin
- Class 43 Fully open Fl bloom: Betty Boop
Robert & Allison Bowns

SECTION D - Shrubs

- Class 44 Shrub bloom: Route 66 Bill & Candy Sheperd
- Class 45 Shrub spr.: Pillow Fight/Dave & Gerry Mahoney

SECTION E - Climbers

- Class 46 One bloom or spray: Purezza Bob/Dona Martin

SECTION F - Old Garden Roses

- Class 47 Dowager Queen: Kazanlik Cliff Orent
- Class 48 Victorian Award: Stanwell Perpetual [1838]
Dave & Gerry Mahoney

SECTION G - Single Roses

- Class 50 Single HT/Fl/Shrub spray: Charlotte Anne
Bob & Dona Martin
- Class 51 Single HT/Fl/Shrub bloom: Ellen Willmott
Bob & Dona Martin

SECTION H - Miniatures

- Class 52 Mini Queen: Miss Flippins Mike & Luz Wilson
- Mini King: Petite Perfection Mike & Luz Wilson

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'Sam Trivitt', named by Bakersfield hybridizer Jim Sproul after our former district director, also enjoys its highest ranking in the nation, placing No. 5 in the Southwest. Its position in the top 25 is unique to the Southwest, probably based more on a limited national distribution than any other factor. Its offspring 'Michel Cholet' is also near unique, appearing No. 21 here and No. 20 in the South Central region. Also near unique to the Southwest is 'Behold', ranked No. 7 here and as No. 8 in the Northwest. Elsewhere in the country it does not make the top 25.

The outstanding 2005 Member's Choice winner, 'Bee's Knees' is now ranked No. 8 in the Southwest and is rising here, as in the rest of the country. It is also a beautiful and easy-growing garden rose that should be considered for every garden.

The growing influence of the mini-floras, now begins to appear in the Southwest rankings, as more shows have introduced a separate royalty and court for mini-floras. The leading mini-flora is my own 'Butter Cream', ranked No. 9 in the overall rankings, followed by the brightly-colored, 'Conundrum', ranked No. 11. Coming up fast is the deep mauve 'Dr John Dickman' (#15).

In addition to 'Sam Trivitt', 'Marie Jeanette', the ivory, lesser-petaled sport of 'Irresistible' is unique to the Southwest, ranked No. 13. It was found by Ira Fletcher of El Cajon, and its appearance in the Southwest list is also partially explained by its more limited national distribution. Also unique to the Southwest top 25 are 'Merlot' (#14), 'June Laver' (#18) and 'Breath of Spring' (#25).

The competition for the miniature spray shows the competitiveness of this class, here and throughout the nation. It is clear that Southwest judges tend to like the more decorative forms of miniatures in this class, with 'Marriotta' leading the way, followed by 'Gourmet Popcorn' and 'Green Ice'. Roses with exhibition form do follow with 'Irresistible' and 'Jean Kenneally' tied for the fourth position.

Floribundas

The floribunda spray class is lead by 'Lavaglut', which is also No. 1 in the Northwest and appears on the list in all six regions. 'Sexy Remy', also highly ranked in all six regions is No. 2 in the Southwest. It is followed closely by the more recent 'Fabulous!', which is unique to the Southwest. Also unique to the Southwest is 'Our Lady of Guadalupe', perhaps more widely grown because of the regional connection. Near unique is the bright mauve/purple 'International Herald Tribune', which is stun-

ning in the garden but notoriously difficult to get to a show without its petals dropping. The remaining roses on the list are also top exhibition floribundas in other regions as well.

In the one-bloom-per-stem floribunda class, the Southwest judges also show a clear preference for open, decorative or lightly petaled floribundas. Leading the list is 'Fabulous!', which is frankly much more attractive as a spray, followed by the single rose, 'Playboy'. The lightly petaled 'Scentimental' and 'Betty Boop' follow. Occasionally the judges do give a nod to the exhibition form floribunda, with 'French Lace' (#4), 'Sheila's Perfume' (#6) and my own 'Pasadena Star' (#8), bred right here in the Southwest.

In assessing the rankings for the floribunda bloom, I have the sense that the differences that appear between the regions have less to do with climate, than with different judging preferences between the regions. The one-bloom-per-stem class is a class in which, at least theoretically, exhibition form roses compete on an equal footing with those of decorative form. In practice, this does not appear to be the case, except for the Northwest where the trophies are evenly divided. In the Southwest, however, few of the top roses normally show exhibition form. In contrast, regions in both the east and central portions of the country show a preference for roses of exhibition form.

Polyanthas, Climbers and Shrubs

Moving to outer regions of the trophy table, the polyantha spray class is dominated nationally by three roses, 'The Fairy', 'China Doll', and 'Margo Koster'.

In the Southwest, however, 'Lullaby' is the No.1 polyantha, even though it does not appear in any of the other regions. 'Lullaby' is a favorite of mine, and I know I had a lot to do with its success in the Southwest, so this may be a case where the rose is less known in other regions. In second place is 'China Doll', well ahead of

Floribunda Bloom Trophies 2001-2005

RkVariety	No.
1 Fabulous!	14
2 Playboy	8
3 Scentimental	7
4t Betty Boop	6
4t French Lace	6
6t Nicole	5
6t Sheila's Perfume	5
8t Blueberry Hill	4
8t Champagne Cocktail	4
8t Pasadena Star	4

Floribunda Spray Trophies 2001-2005

RkVariety	No.
1 Lavaglut	15
2 Sexy Remy	12
3 Fabulous!	11
4 Playgirl	9
5 Nicole	8
6t Lady of the Dawn	5
6t Showbiz	5
8t Int'l Herald Tribune	4
8t Our Lady of Guadalupe	4

Polyantha Spray Trophies 2001-2005

RkVariety	No.
1 Lullaby	23
2 China Doll	18
3 Verdun	9
4 Margo Koster	5
5t Excellenz von Schubert	4
5t White Pet	4
7t Baby Faurax	3
7t La Marne	3
7t Lady Reading	3
7t Pâquerette	3
7t The Fairy	3

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the third place 'Verdun'. 'Margo Koster' is fourth, while 'The Fairy', number one in four of the other regions, does not make the list.

The climber class has for several years been a two-horse race between 'Altissimo' and 'Fourth of July'. 'Fourth of July', the more recent introduction, has now pushed to the front in five of the six regions, including the Southwest. These two roses dominate the climber class, but of note the new climber 'The Impressionist' has now moved into third place in the Southwest. This is its only appearance among the regional lists.

The list of classic shrubs does not tell us much as the winners in the class are pretty evenly distributed. 'Dortmund' leads the list but appears to do better in colder portions of the Southeast. Of the remaining eight roses, seven are classified as hybrid musks and only one is a hybrid rugosa, which indicates that the hybrid musks do best in the Southeast than the other roses qualified for this class.

The modern shrub class is totally dominated in the Southwest by the "big red machine", 'The Squire', popu-

Modern Shrub Trophies 2001-2005

Rk	Variety
1	The Squire
2t	Belle Story
2t	Prospero
4t	Flower Girl
4t	Sally Holmes
4t	Symphony
7t	Evelyn
7t	Fair Bianca
7t	Falstaff
7t	Perdita
11t	Flutterbye
11t	Graham Thomas
11t	L D Braithwaite
11t	Sharon's Delight

12 modern shrubs are tightly grouped. They also include the great white single climber 'Sally Holmes', which appears on the list in all six regions, the colorful single, 'Flutterbye', the floriferous 'Flower Girl' and the single

Climber Trophies 2001-2005

Rk	Variety	No.
1	Fourth of July	39
2	Altissimo	30
3	The Impressionist	9
4	Rosarium Uetersen	7
5t	Berries 'n' Cream	5
5t	Newport Fairy	5
5t	Polka	5

Classic Shrub Trophies 2001-2005

Rk	Variety	No.
1	Dortmund	5
2t	Bouquet Parfait	4
2t	Prosperity	4
4t	Ballerina	3
4t	Belinda	3
4t	Cornelia	3
4t	Darlow's Enigma	3
4t	Linda Campbell	3
4t	Penelope	3

larized by Lynn Snetsinger Merchant of California. Interestingly, 'The Squire' is also in the top ten in the Southeast, but does not appear in the list of top modern shrubs in any other region. Including 'The Squire', ten of the thirteen roses on the list were hybridized by David Austin, showing the popularity of his roses in the Southwest. Notably, the Austin rose 'Graham Thomas', the top modern shrub in three of the regions, ranks only 11th in the Southwest, the lowest ranking of any region. Following 'The Squire' the remaining

miniature shrub, 'Sharon's Delight', named after Sharon Van Enoo of California.

Old Garden Roses

Completing the analysis with the old garden roses, we can see that in the Dowager/Genesis class, 'Baronne Prevost' is the No. 1 rose, followed closely by 'Marchesa Boccella' and the 'Green Rose'. All are highly rated in the other regions as well. The ten remaining roses are tightly grouped, including five that are species roses, reflecting the influence of the Genesis award. Of note, 'Sombreuil', which grows very well in the Southwest, has not won much of late, even though it is No. 1 in two of the other regions.

In the Victorian class, it is all about 'Rose de Rescht', the No. 1 winner in five of the six regions, and overwhelmingly in the Southwest. A distant second is the highly fragrant, deep red 'Francis Dubreuil'. 'Paul Neyron', which is second to 'Rose de Rescht' in every other region but the South Central, where it No. 1, is third in the Southeast. As a historical note, I have removed 'Irene Watts' from the Victorian class rankings since it has been subsequently ruled that the rose known and shown as 'Irene Watts' is an imposter, and is really 'Pink Gruss an Aachen', a floribunda ineligible for the class. But for this technicality, the rose formerly known as "Irene Watts" would have been No. 2 in the Southwest.

Conclusion

For those who show roses, I hope these lists will be of value in demonstrating what shows well in the Southwest. It should also be kept in mind that roses do well at rose shows because they make beautiful, symmetrical blooms and sprays. So, for those who love to cut beautiful blooms, or enjoy them in their garden, most of the roses on these lists make good garden roses as well. And, the fact that they appear often on the show tables in the Southwest usually demonstrates that they grow well locally. So try out some beautiful exhibition roses for your garden.

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Dowager/Genesis Trophies 2001-2005

Rk	Variety	No.
1	Baronne Prévost	13
2	Marchesa Boccella	11
3	Green Rose	10
4	Rosa banksiae lutea	6
5	Rosa moschata	5
6t	Comte de Chambord	4
6t	Rosa rugosa rubra	4
8t	Archduke Charles	3
8t	Blush Noisette	3
8t	Reine des Violettes	3
8t	R. acicularis nipponensis	3
8t	Rosa rugosa alba	3
8t	Sombreuil	3

Victorian Award Trophies 2001-2005

Rk	Variety	No.
1	Rose de Rescht	38
2	Francis Dubreuil	8
3	Paul Neyron	7
4	Mermaid	5
5t	Roger Lambelin	4
5t	Zéphirine Drouhin	4
7t	Joasine Hanet	3
7t	Mme Isaac Periere	3
7t	Mme Pierre Oger	3
7t	Tom Wood	3



ARS Pacific Southwest District Convention 2006
Sponsored by the Rose Society of Glendale AZ

“Desert Blooms” - April 13th thru April 16th

It's NOT too late to register and join the fun! This well-funded and planned convention, sponsored by the Rose Society of Glendale, will be held in the heart of the “Old West,” Scottsdale, Arizona. The place to hang your hat and tie up your horse is the **Scottsdale Plaza Resort**. Lush grounds are set against a backdrop of red rock mountains, fabulous facilities and endless amenities.

Always the highlight of any convention, the **District Rose Show** will be held on Friday and will be open to the public from 1:00-8:00 pm and again Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

A fantastic garden tour is scheduled for Saturday morning of five Paradise Valley/Scottsdale estates. This will be followed by classes on arrangements, photography and hybridizing. Don't miss the Saturday night Awards Banquet, with mingling rosarians before and after. **Go to the Rose Society of Glendale website for Convention Registration form at: www.roseglenaz.com.**

The District Business Meeting will be held on Sunday morning at 9:00 am.

Hotel reservations are to be made directly at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort, at 1-800-832-2025. Be sure to mention the code word “roses” or name of the event to get the discounted room rate of \$109 per night, plus tax and resort fee.

MEVRS Annual Rose Garden Tour & BBQ

April 22, 2006 – Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

Tour Only Tickets - \$10 per person, sold at MCC or in advance, unlimited

Tour & BBQ Tickets - \$20 per person, advance reservations requested

9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Garden Tour - starts at Mesa Community College Rose Garden

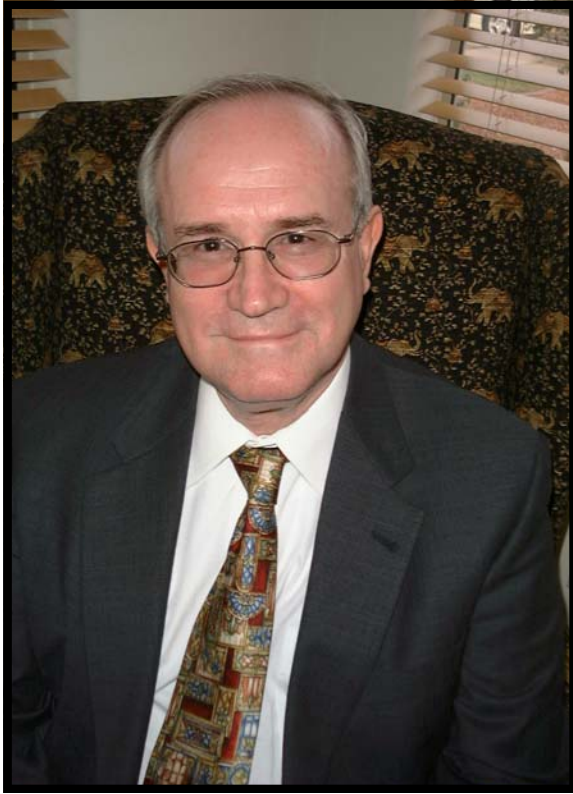
5:00 p.m. BBQ Dinner - following tour, at the Bob and Dona Martin garden in Gilbert

This year's tour of eight MEVRS member rose gardens, all in the beauty of their peak spring bloom, is going to be the biggest and best ever!! Tour begins at the MCC Rose Garden, where guides will be available as needed. There you will also pick up the tickets and Tour Guidebook, with descriptions and maps of the eight private gardens on the tour.

The private gardens may be toured at your own pace throughout the day, from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. Ranging from Ahwahtukee to East Mesa, the gardens will be those of Larry and Pat Bell, Sue and Steve Sheard, Pet and Richard Smith, Bruce and Evelyn Gannon, Teresa and Chris McGaughey, Bob and Dona Martin and Donna and Dave Dibble. All the gardens have been updated since previous tours and offer lots of ideas for using roses in any type of landscape, in yards of any size.

Participants who have purchased the **Tour & BBQ tickets** will end up or head to the garden of Bob & Dona Martin in Gilbert. At about 5 p.m. the dinner will be served. A full catered dinner and dessert is being provided by **Joe's Real BBQ**, one of the top-rated BBQ restaurants in Arizona.

Bring your friends, neighbors and family! We'll all learn lots and have a great time!



"Why I Run"

**By Robert B. Martin Jr.,
Pacific Southwest District Director
Nominee For ARS Vice President**

Recently I had occasion to speak on roses at the Tenarky Mid-Winter Workshop in Kentucky. Sam and Nancy Jones of Nashville picked me up at the Nashville airport along with Gaye Hammond of Houston, another of the speakers. On the ride north to Bowling Green, Gaye turned to me and said, "I understand you're running for Vice-President of the American Rose Society – why do you want to do that?" My reply: "It's an opportunity to be of service." Sam, driving the car, said, "That's nice," and I quickly replied with a smile – "Well, that's the best I've been able to come up with."

Although said in jest, that is the truth. I've been growing roses now for 34 years and learned a long time ago something very special about roses. The rose is generous and always gives back in multiples in return for whatever we put into it.

And so it has been with rose societies, both at the local level and later at the national level. The more I have put into rose societies, the more I have received in return, in knowledge, joy and, most of all,

in the friendship of the wonderful people I have met whose bond is a shared interest in the rose, America's floral emblem.

The rose is the most beautiful flower in God's creation, a gift that has been generously given to us. But it is not in the "getting" that we receive, but in the giving. By giving to roses, we receive from them. As it says in the scriptures of my faith, "And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow human beings ye are only in the service of your God."

Those of my generation recall well President John F. Kennedy's famous remarks at his 1961 inaugural, "And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country." Less known, but similar remarks were made by Warren G. Harding at the Republican National Convention in 1916. There, the Ohio Senator said: "We must have a citizenship less concerned about what the government can do for it, and more anxious about what it can do for the nation."

Let us apply similar thoughts to the American Rose Society. Ask not what the American Rose Society can do for you – ask what you can do for the American Rose Society. What we need is a membership less concerned about what the Society can do for it and more anxious about what it can do for roses.

As Sherlock Holmes said to Dr. Watson: "Our highest assurance of the existence of Providence seems to me to rest in the flowers. All other things, our powers, our desires, our food, are all really necessary for our existence in the first place. But this rose is an extra. Its smell and its colour are an embellishment of life, not a condition of it. It is only goodness which brings extras, and so I say again, that we have much to hope for in the flowers." The American Rose Society is our hope for the rose and I would like to continue my service to the rose by becoming its next Vice-President.

You can learn more about my candidacy and qualifications at my website: **www.RoseShow.com**.

Please visit and write me to share your thoughts on how we can be of service to the rose.

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Mini Princess: Scentsational George Schoneberger
Court of Honor: Jilly Jewel Dave & Gerry Mahoney
Court of Honor: Memphis Queen Mike & Cindy Jepsen
Court of Honor: Sam Trivitt Mike & Cindy Jepsen
Court of Honor: Tangerine Twist Mike & Cindy Jepsen
Court of Honor: Vista Mike & Cindy Jepsen
Class 53 One Spray: Figurine** Bill & Candy Sheperd
Class 54 Fully open bloom: Behold/Mike & Cindy Jepsen
Class 55 Three Blooms: Jean Kenneally/Mary McLemore
Class 56 Three Sprays: Mr Bluebird Nelson Mitchell
Class 60 Micro-mini bloom: Red Minimo/John Buchanan
Class 64 Mini Cycle of Bloom: Libby/ Geo. Schoneberger

SECTION I - Mini-Floras

Class 65 MiniFI Queen: Luscious Lucy
Jack & Judy McClure
MiniFI King: Jerry Lynn Mike & Luz Wilson

***Best Horticulture - Large Roses**

****Best Horticulture - Miniature**

More winning entries: New floribunda 'Pinnacle' (top), dazzling cherry edge on medium pink. From bottom left: Climbing rose 'Purezza,' Mini Palette, Floribunda bowl, with dark orange and white 'City of Carlsbad.'



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July 21 - 23, 2006

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Yes! I would also like to join the national organization with which we are affiliated, the American Rose Society, for which I will receive the monthly *American Rose* magazine, the December *American Rose Annual*, the "Handbook For Selecting Roses" and more! I am including in my check an additional amount of \$37.00 for a one year membership.

****Please note! By joining the ARS through the local society, \$5.00 of the cost will come directly back to us. Thank you for your support!**

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April 13th - Monthly meeting—Mike Jepsen On Late Spring & Summer Garden Care. Election of Officers and Board of Directors for 2006-2007

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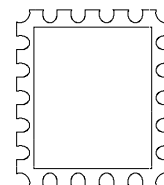
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