

“Fiesta of Roses”

2018 American Rose Society

National Convention

Hosted by the San Diego Rose Society

October 26-29, 2018



Those of you who joined us here in San Diego for the 2014 American Rose Society Fall Convention remember what a great experience it was! This year’s convention promises to be even better, with wonderful convention highlights, speakers and a beautiful rose show. The San Diego Rose Society, which is Southern California’s oldest and largest rose society, is once again committing to bring you the best and most elaborate rose convention in its history. Our society also hosted the ARS national conventions in 1984, 1994, and 2004.

The convention will be held at the **Crowne Plaza San Diego—Mission Valley hotel** a venue with a tropical theme which has waterfalls and swaying palms. It which is very close to so many of the wonderful features of our diverse city such as Balboa Park, home to the San Diego Zoo and the world-famous Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden, which has over 1700 roses. Also close by are Old Town, the Mission San Diego de Alcala established in 1769, and our beautiful beaches. Hop on a trolley tour of the city to Balboa Park, Hotel del Coronado, and many other sites in our city.



The weekend also coincides with a annual celebration of *Dia de los Muertos*, an annual celebration which honors one of Mexico’s most important holidays. San Diego shares much of its history and culture with Mexican heritage. It is at this time that the spirits of loved ones who have passed return to earth to celebrate in gatherings of family and friends. It is a time of gathering of friends, of remembrance and celebration, not unlike our ‘Fiesta of Roses’ convention.

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Please review the convention schedule and register now on the convention website:
www.fiestaofroses.org.

Special Celebration!



It is with pride that we announce that our own Bob Martin, currently the vice president of the American Rose Society, will be installed as president of the ARS at this convention. As many of you know, Bob is a vibrant member of the rose community, serving in so many roles at local, district and national levels over many years. We are proud of Bob in his accomplishment to secure this new role and hope that you all will be able to come to the Awards and Installation Banquet on Sunday, October 28, 2018. Congratulations, Bob!

Rose Show

San Diego's climate is optimal for growing roses with year-round mild temperatures. (Although we could use a little more rain!) Our roses should be in full bloom at the end of October, perfect for our convention rose show. The show schedule includes 17 national challenge classes, 17 Pacific Southwest District challenge classes as well as all of the traditional horticultural classes. Come and see the perfect blooms, arrangements, and photographs entered in the very competitive show.



Save the Roses!

We are partnering this year at this convention with the Cal Coastal Rose Society which has dedicated itself to the preservation of rare and unusual roses. Some of these roses are difficult to obtain through vendors or are threatened with extinction, some proving to be the only rose left of certain varieties. On the convention's schedule will be the **18th annual California Coastal Rose Society's Rare and Unusual Rose Plant Auction** which will include a selection of historic roses. There will be a silent auction and a live auction. The auction will be preceded by a panel discussion of the roses offered. Part of the ARS mission statement is "The American Rose Society exists to promote the culture, **preservation** and appreciation of the Rose..." so we hope you are able to foster the preservation of these roses which are threatened.

Photography Seminar

On Friday, the convention opens with a photography seminar. Attendees will learn many of the facets of rose photography from the experts.

Speakers

We are so privileged to have many quality speakers presenting at this convention. Come and enjoy listening to some of the top experts in rose horticulture and preservation.

Jim Sproul will be traveling from Bakersfield, CA., to speak at the Rose Hybridizers Association Meeting. Jim has been hybridizing roses for 25 years and has produced some of the most beautiful and unique roses including 'Heather Sproul', 'Honey Dijon', 'Jolene Adams', 'Eyeconic Lemonade', and 'Family Holiday' and many, many more.

Tom Carruth's topic will be 'Preservation at the Huntington'. Tom is currently the curator at the Huntington Gardens in San Marino, CA. and is also a well-known, award-winning hybridizer. Come and hear this dynamic, animated speaker!



Connie Hiler from Fredericksburg VA will be presenting on the topic of 'Historical Rose Preservation'.

Gregg Lowry, founder of Vintage Gardens, will present on the topic of 'Auction Roses Preservation'.

Ping Lim's topic is 'Auction Rose Preservation'. Ping is from Altman Plants and is a well-known and award-winning hybridizer.

John Corkern of Shreveport, LA will speak on 'Building Your Local Society'.

Garden Tours

On Friday, a tour of the renown garden of one of our members, **Steve Berry**, will occur along with a tour of the famous **Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden in Balboa Park**. For those of you able to extend your weekend, Monday's events will allow you to tour several other members' gardens. Convention chairperson, **Ruth Tiffany** has a beautiful garden with over 700 roses and fanciful wind chimes and bubbling fountains. Rose show chairperson, **Linda Clark** also has a very large rose collection with approximately 700 roses of all varieties. Linda is a premier rose exhibitor who has won many local, district and national awards. **Sue Streeper's** garden is beautifully designed with roses as well as perennials. Sue is one of our longest serving members of the San Diego Rose Society and is a renowned expert on rose horticulture. Finally in the afternoon there will be a presidential reception at the garden of **Bob and Dona Martin** featuring more than 520 roses of all types. Walking through their garden is walking through a piece of paradise with beautiful paths, water elements and arbors. We hope that you all are able to take advantage of the generosity of these folks who have opened their gardens for our enjoyment!

REGISTER NOW!

Come celebrate the convention events with us and enjoy 'America's Finest City', San Diego! The San Diego Rose Society has negotiated reasonable hotel room rates at the Crowne Plaza San Diego—Mission Valley hotel for this convention which is always a challenge in a major city. A double hotel room will be only \$139.

So we hope to see you there for a festive 'Fiesta of Roses'!

ROSES IN REVIEW

By Kathy Monge, District RIR Chair

Greetings from your 2018 Roses In Review Coordinator for the Pacific Southwest District!

I am here to ask **all** of our local members to put their wisdom in about the new roses in commerce and how they do in our complex climate of the Pacific Southwest District. ***This should be completed by all ARS members, any other rose society member or rose grower.***

The first way to do this is on-line. The set-up is different this year. The first step is to go to the Roses In Review page on the ARS web site using this link: <http://www.rose.org/rir>. To make the rating easier, start with 7.5, then go up or down by 0.5. For example, for disease problems subtract 0.5 or great repeat, add 0.5.

For those who have no computer, there is a paper evaluation form to complete in your July/August *American Rose* magazine and mail it to me. I will enter it in for any member or gardener!

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You can also email me the evaluation form at roses92707@gmail.com.

The deadline is September 26, 2018. Thank you for your input!