



# GREATER TORONTO ROSE & GARDEN SOCIETY

Celebrating 30 years

August—September 2010



Sunday September 19, 2pm  
Toronto Botanical Gardens

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Bonica	Peace	Pink Peace
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Seating is very limited, however, please consider  
inviting a gardening friend for this special event.

Thank You  
To all the Volunteers and  
Exhibitors who helped make  
our Annual Rose and Horti-  
culture Show a success.

Thank You also to  
Dave Money for all your  
hard work and to  
"Shops on Steeles" for the  
excellent venue.

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# Upcoming Events

## Meetings and Events

Unless otherwise mentioned, all our meetings begin at 2pm. They are held at the Toronto Botanical Gardens, usually in one of the studios on the second floor. If the weather is nice, parking can be tight, so plan to arrive early. Although most meetings have a featured speaker, we always talk about growing roses.

September 19 Special International Speaker Speaker from Meilland Roses in France. The topic will be "Fragrance in Roses". This event is free to GT Rose members. Non-Members \$10. Seating will be limited, so we need to know if you intend to come. If you need a ticket, please do not wait until the last minute. The event will be held in the 'Garden Room'.

September 25, 25 American Rose Society New York District Convention. Details on the next page. There are members of GT Rose who attend this event. For further information: Contact Pat Shanley – Tel. 516-759-1435/ email [pshanley@aol.com](mailto:pshanley@aol.com)

Oct 3 We'll be presenting the show awards at this meeting with photographs of the winning roses and lots of discussion. Share the roses you loved or hated this season. This meeting is one of our members' favorite formats.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2010 DISTRICT 5 WORKSHOP, The Environment—What Gardeners Can Do. Details on the next page.

November 21 Annual General Meeting. Member's presentations. Special celebration of GT Rose's 30th Anniversary.



### **An Evening with Freeman Patterson**

**November 6th at 7:30 pm @ The Meeting House** (2700 Bristol Circle, Oakville, ON) Pre-Show Event 6:30 pm

JOIN internationally acclaimed photographer, teacher of visual design and writer Freeman Patterson for the inspirational show: GARDENING WITH WHAT YOU HAVE. Freeman believes that just as "the best place to see and make photographs is wherever you are," the best place to garden is also wherever you are. No place is too unsuitable or too small, and success depends entirely on a person's imagination and common sense. Come and share this photographic celebration of gardening.

visit [www.oakvillehort.org](http://www.oakvillehort.org)

This is an Oakville Horticultural Society fundraising event to support the redesign of the Anderson Bridge Parkette - a model for biodiverse gardening and the use of drought tolerant sustainable plants.

**Ticket information:** Regular seating: \$35.00

Tickets are available from the Oakville Horticultural Society,

Through the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts box office and online at: [www.oakvillecentre.ca/1135.htm](http://www.oakvillecentre.ca/1135.htm)

**55<sup>th</sup> Annual ARS New York District  
Convention/Conference**  
**In Celebration of Manhattan Rose Society's  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Hosted by the Manhattan Rose Society**  
***Roses in New York City!!!***

Friday - Marriott New York LaGuardia Airport  
Hotel, 102-05 Ditmars Boulevard, East Elmhurst,  
NY 11369, 718-565-8900

Saturday - Queens Botanical Garden,  
43-50 Main St., Flushing, NY 11355

718-886-3800 [www.queensbotanical.org](http://www.queensbotanical.org)

Registration fee - \$99- all inclusive (Friday Dinner

Saturday Luncheon & Rose Seminar)

*Registration and prepayment required.*

*Deadline for registration - September 10, 2010*

**Friday, Sept. 24, 2010** - Marriott New York La-  
Guardia Airport Hotel Welcome Dinner  
Guest Speaker - Stephen Scanniello

**Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010 -Queens Botanical Gar-  
den 9:00am- 4:00pm**

**A Celebration of Roses at the Queens Botanical  
Garden - Non-competitive** -Members will be asked  
to bring in roses/rose collections, correctly labeled  
as to the variety. Roses will be on display for the  
public to view. Tickets will be sold to the public, for  
a nominal fee, for the privilege of judging "Best in  
Show". All monies raised will be donated to the Gar-  
den.

**Growing Roses From the Ground Up!!** - Seminar on  
how to grow great roses.

9:00 - 11:00am - Growing Roses from the Ground Up!

11:00 - 12:00pm - Visit the Rose Garden

12:00 - 1:30pm - Boxed luncheon and District Council  
Meeting

2:00 - 4:00pm - Seminar resumes; Candidates for  
Consulting Rosarian designation will take the CR test  
at 4pm. (It is an open book test.)

For those traveling from out of town - The LaGuardia  
Marriott has given us a special group room rate of  
\$139/night. Reservations must be made by calling  
the hotel directly and asking for the "Manhattan  
Rose Society, Inc. room block", 718-565-8900. Res-  
ervation must be made by Friday August 27, 2010 to  
obtain this special rate.

**DISTRICT 5 WORKSHOP**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

**THE ENVIRONMENT - WHAT GARDENERS  
CAN DO**

9:00 TO 3:00- TORONTO BOTANICAL GARDEN  
3 STUDIOS

3 Workshops- You get to do all three

1. Floral Design using environmentally friendly flowers-  
Mary Audia
2. Importance of trees on the Oak Ridges Moraine-  
amazing facts by Mark Peacock
3. Using recycled materials for garden ornaments- Kate  
Seaver & staff of Kate's Garden- a hands on workshop  
where you will take away a cup and saucer bird feeder

Refreshments, coffee, tea provided

Garden Book Swap

Brown bag lunch

Raffle for floral designs and garden items

All for \$30.00 registration

**For Information: Gloria Broks,  
416 493-0141 or [gbroks@rogers.com](mailto:gbroks@rogers.com)**



Mark Disero took this photo of members at the June meeting.



## ROSEY DREAMS

Because this is our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary it would be nice to add more of our history but the documents I was using add very little more that is very different to our present operation. At the fifth executive meeting in May, Ethel Freeman is appointed a director and at the annual meeting in November, Ann Graber and Cec Lamrock were nominated as directors. Rosemary Dobson becomes a director at a later date and Larry Lougheed joined the Board even later. These are the only familiar names I can find of people who are still with us.

There had apparently been a successful rose show on July 6<sup>th</sup> of 1980 but no actual results are recorded. A notice of upcoming meetings began to be sent out about this time and in April of 1981 a letterhead designed by Stuart Else who I believe was a graphic artist began to be used. This is all before computers and information was typed on a typewriter and copied by Mimeograph. The letterhead would have been added to blank paper by a printer who themselves had much more laborious work than is currently the practice and used to copy the letter giving notice of the meeting. As near as I can tell the first actual Newsletter came out in February of 1982 and the editor was Ethel Freeman.

I myself was coerced (I use the word advisedly if perhaps a little facetiously) into membership by Evelyn Fallis at a Rose Show at the Civic Garden Centre in the early eighties. I am sure there are other members from these early times but their names are not recorded and seem to have disappeared into the mists of time. If you are one we want to know. Call or email Christine Moore or Marion Dorosh at 416-282-2243 and tell them when you joined..



## Red Intuition

This unusual HT attracted a lot of attention at our show. It was entered by Elizabeth Schleicher and she kindly sent the following information. Rumour has it that Mary Audia has one too!

*Registration name:* [DELstriro](#)

Discovered by [Guy Delbard](#) (France, 1999) and introduced in France by [Delbard/Georges Delbard SA](#) in 2004.

Florists Rose, Hybrid Tea / Large-Flowered.

Red blend, stripes. 31 to 39 petals. Average diameter 4.75". Medium to large, double (17-25 petals) bloom form. Blooms in flushes throughout the season.

USDA zone 7b and warmer. Disease susceptibility: very disease resistant. Spring Pruning: Remove old canes and dead or diseased wood and cut back canes that cross. In warmer climates, cut back the remaining canes by about one-third. In colder areas, you'll probably find you'll have to prune a little more than that. Re-

quires spring freeze protection ... double flowers which are clear red striped with darker red... The plant is well suited for cut flower production... good disease resistance... Parentage: Sport of 'Delego'... Stem length: approximately 40 to 100 cm, and an average length of approximately 70 cm... Flower: medium to large, approximately 10 to 12 cm, and approximately 11 cm on average (Normally, florist roses can only be purchased as cut flowers, not bushes.) Red Intuition has grown well for me. The blooms are large, full of petals, and last a long time in a vase. I have seen no instances of Red Intuition reverting back to the solid red Belle Rouge. There is another sport— Pink Intuition. **The Intuition roses** have been specially selected by many celebrities for very elite events such as the Valentines Day movie premiere, The Hurt Locker private party for Kathryn Bigelow, among others. Their large head size, and unusual, yet beautiful color, has made these roses the varieties to talk about.

American Rose Society Magazine—we get the latest issues so if you would like to borrow one, please talk to Marion Dorosh at a meeting.

**GREATER TORONTO ROSE AND GARDEN SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL ROSE SHOW**  
**COURT OF HONOUR WINNERS FOR 2010**

<b>Audrey Meiklejohn Award</b>	won by Anne & Paul Graber Mini English Box from Class 105 <i>Roses used:</i> Laura Ford (MY), Pink Petticoat (PB), Peaches n' Cream (PB), Sweet Melody (AB), Seattle Scentsation (PB), Glowing Amber (RB)
<b>Queen of the Show</b>	won by Ruth Somerville with <i>Folklore (OB)</i> from Class 12
<b>Prince of the Show</b>	won by Dave Money with <i>Sunset Celebration (AB)</i> from Class 4
<b>Princess of the Show</b>	won by Philip Webster with <i>Awareness (DP)</i> from Class 7
<b>Mini Queen of the Show</b>	won by Ruth Somerville with <i>Heaven Scent (LP)</i> from Class 88
<b>Mini Prince of the Show</b>	won by Elizabeth Schleicher with <i>Brittany's Glowing Star (OB)</i> from Class 90
<b>Mini Princess of the Show</b>	won by Anne & Paul Graber with <i>Tennessee (OP)</i> from Class 92
<b>Best Mini Spray</b>	won by Christine Moore with <i>Sweet Chariot (M)</i> from Class 101
<b>Best Floribunda</b>	won by Janet McKinlay with <i>Sexy Remy (MP)</i> from Class 26
<b>Best Grandiflora</b>	no winner
<b>Best Climbing Rose</b>	won by Richard Chambers with <i>New Dawn (LP)</i> from Class 48A
<b>Best Old Garden Rose</b>	won by Shari-Lyn Safir with <i>Louise Odier (DP)</i> from Class 53
<b>Best Modern Shrub Rose</b>	won by Pat Florio with <i>Geoff Hamilton (MP)</i> from Class 67 (Best Austin Spray)
<b>Judge's Choice from Design</b>	no winner
<b>Best Design</b>	no winner
<b>Best Novice</b>	no winner
<b>Best Hort Exhibit</b>	won by Ruth Somerville with <i>Delphinium</i> (lovely, very tall, blue, no cultivar name) from Class 122

**“Thank You” Elizabeth Schleicher for sending the results.  
Come to our October meeting to see photos of these roses!**

## PEONIES

For those of you who were not at our June meeting you may have missed one of the best non-rose presentations we have had. JUDI DENNY talked about peonies and brought about 25 peony samples from her 300 or so peonies in her east-of-Toronto garden. They were varied - singles, doubles, semis - and many colours including reds and yellows. They were breathtaking. All were ones that stand up in rain and hot weather and last a long time. Some of these were: DO TELL, HILLIARY, JULIA ROSE, KRINKLED WHITE, LOVELY LOUISE, DIANA PARKS, BARTZELLA, to name a few. Check out photos of those and other peonies at one of the peony mail order nurseries such as: [www.blossomhillnursery.com](http://www.blossomhillnursery.com) or [www.parkland-perennials.com](http://www.parkland-perennials.com)

In addition to talking about her samples, Judi gave good advice about buying and planting peonies. She recommended buying bare-root from mail order nurseries but also gave instructions on handling peonies bought in a container. Go to the following website for more information: [peony.ca](http://peony.ca)

I was so inspired by Judi that when I came home I looked around my garden and made a decision to remove some so-so plants to make room for a few of the outstanding peonies Judi recommended.

Marion Dorosh

## Raccoon Cure?

Seeing birds in my garden is something I enjoy. There are usually plenty of sparrows, some cardinals and a few regular chickadees. For the last four years, in early August, a pair of red-breasted nuthatches join the crowd and take seeds from the feeder for about a month. They are quite brave and I can be near the feeder and they will appear. Consequently when I saw an ad for a new bird supply store - **The Urban Nature Store** - I had to visit. The store is located just south of Eglinton, in the plaza on Brentwood, near Tim Hortons. Why information about a bird store in a garden newsletter?

They carry some interesting garden related items, such as the new bird and plant cameras - weather-proof cameras that take photos of plants or birds in your garden and you don't even need to be there. (If you have one of these cameras I would love to hear from you.) Just inside the front door is a rack of handy gardening odds and ends - plant labels, twist ties and plant clips. However, what really caught my attention was on the next shelf. If you were at any Edward's Lectures this spring, someone nearly always asked the guest speaker for tips on getting rid of raccoons. Raccoons are such a nuisance that recently in the North Toronto Post newspaper, they asked some prominent Torontonians for suggestions for the Toronto Zoo. Someone suggested rounding up all the city raccoons and creating 'Raccoon World' at the zoo. For people living outside the city, deer can be a real problem in the garden, devouring everything in their path.

Look no further for help. Coyote urine to the rescue! The sales lady assured me the scent is not noticeable to humans but deer and raccoons think a Coyote is nearby and take off. Voles, mice, rats and rabbits ruining your garden? For those critters there is fox urine. Just sprinkle it around and your problem should be gone. Now I really think I've seen everything. I wonder if it would work on blackspot?

Christine Moore

The Greater Toronto Rose & Garden Society Welcomes Donations.

Membership fees cover only a portion of our operating expenses. If you would like to make a donation, please contact our treasurer, Marion. 416-482-2243

Thank you to each and everyone of you who has brought something for our raffles.

We couldn't manage without you.

## WINE AND ROSES 2010

Thanks to the 19 souls who braved the ferocious heat on July 4 to visit 2 members' gardens in the Bathurst-Wilson area of Toronto. Thanks especially to Maria Audia, her husband Andy and to Iris Hazen for agreeing to display their beautiful gardens. Both Mary and Iris have a strong sense of design and are collectors of unusual plants.

We had the reception of wine, cheeses and crackers in Iris' back deck which would have given us ample shade had the huge umbrella not collapsed prior to the arrival of the first guest! Thanks also to Helen Koyama and Suzanne Dorosiewicz for their time and generosity in helping me. It eased my mind that I could completely rely on such able persons.

Marion Dorosh



Above: Andy McCraw and Mary Audia, hosts at the first garden.

Below left: Iris Hazen, host of the second garden. Below right: Poppy that attracted much attention.

Thank you Janet McKinlay for the photos.



Please bring your own mugs to meetings. We would like to reduce our use of plastic cups for the sake of the environment. Thank you for your co-operation.



Canadian Rose Society Website:  
[www.canadianrosesociety.org](http://www.canadianrosesociety.org)

Ontario Horticulture Society Website:  
[www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org)

American Rose Society Website:  
[www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org)

## GT Rose Membership

\$20 / year for single membership  
\$25 for a family.

Send your check payable to  
'Greater Toronto Rose and Garden Society'  
To Cec Lamrock  
1670 Coates Road West  
Port Perry, ON L9L 1B3

Please include your e-mail as we would like to do more contact through e-mail.

Memberships make a great gift for a teacher, hairdresser, or for that friend who has everything. We have quite a few members who do not come to meetings, but who enjoy the newsletter and special events.

The Ontario Horticulture Association produces a quarterly newsletter called

"The Trillium".

The current edition is available at the OHA site:

[www.gardenontario.org](http://www.gardenontario.org) Enjoy!

## 2010 EXECUTIVE

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