

# Rose leaves

The Newsletter of the  
Greater Rochester  
Rose Society  
June 2011

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**Next Meeting:**    **Tuesday June 14. 2011 at 6:00pm**

**Location:**    The home of Paul Rosenfeld,  
385 Pelham Rd. Rochester 14610

**Program:**    **Rose Photography Workshop**

A hands-on workshop for all skill levels, the meeting starts earlier than usual to take advantage of the evening sun. The main attraction will be Paul's' collection of David Austin bushes growing in very large containers lining his driveway. If you don't have a camera, come anyway, the roses are worth it. After the light goes you are invited to bring along a favorite rose or other flower, picture that has some significance to you. This could be a photograph, a painting, or a drawing, for a "show and tell" while eating deserts and snacks.

There will be a rain date if necessary, on June 16th. This will be announced on the GRRS website, and e-mailed to the members

***A map and directions are attached.***

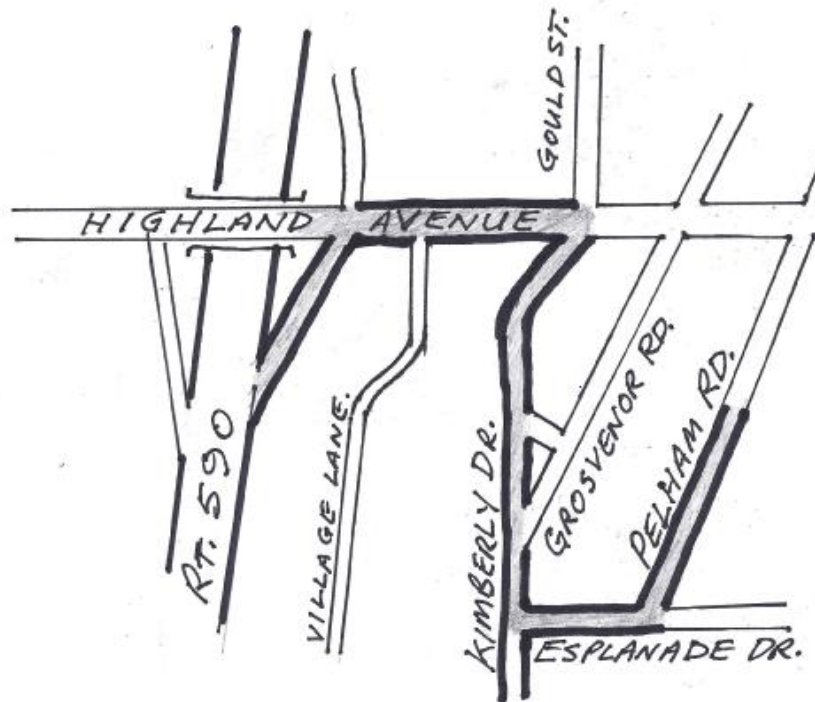
***Co-hostesses for this evening: Gail Kaiser, Patti Drumright, Marion DelGiorno***

***(This meeting has been moved to June 16<sup>th</sup>.)***

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*Paul recommends the following route to his house if you are on Rt. 590 N. This is to avoid one-way traffic on Highland due to road construction.*

*From Rt. 590, exit onto Highland Ave East.  
Go east on Highland Ave.  
Turn right onto Kimberly Dr.  
Turn left onto Esplanade Dr.  
Turn left onto Pelham Rd. to No. 385*



## **Presidents Message:**

### **President's Message June, 2011**

The busiest time of the year is here – time to prune, to plant, or to make adjustments to our rose gardens. Terry has been shovel pruning half of the roses in our garden, making way for perennials or shrubs. We love roses, but it's time to reduce the work load, and go green. I think the only roses we would add are knockout roses which require little care and have lots of blooms.

I'd like to thank Gene Noto for the excellent 'roses 101' presentation at the May meeting, and also to Terry Brooks for sharpening pruners. Also, thanks to Gene, Terry & Dolores for helping out at the pruning workshop at Maplewood. Please extend a welcome to our new member, Jane Knoeck, who recently joined GRRS.

The next meeting will be June 14<sup>th</sup> (rain date June 16<sup>th</sup>) and Paul would like to start at 6:00pm, so please reserve that date on your calendar. It will be wonderful to see Paul's roses again, and it should be a good time for all. I hope to see you then.

Pat.

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### **Minutes of the May Meeting**

The meeting was held at the Civic Garden Center and was called to order at 7:10 pm. President Pat Brooks welcomed members and guests, and invited everyone to partake of the deserts and beverages provided by Jackie Brazak, Pat Brooks and Dolores Sibs. She then introduced Gene Noto, our speaker for the evening. Gene gave a wonderful presentation and slide show, covering the history of the rose from ancient times to the present day. He concluded his program with a section devoted to the treatments available for harmful insects and diseases. The meeting finished at approx. 9:00pm. There were 15 members and guests present.

Terry Brooks. Secretary.

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### *Editors Note:*

*This edition of "Roseleaves" is being published early because the editor and his wife will be out of the country from May 18<sup>th</sup>. to June 13<sup>th</sup>. Our garden will probably resemble a jungle when we return, but we will be at the meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>. See you then.*

*Terry and Pat.*

*For any other concerns or questions, please contact Gene Noto, this month's editor.*

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**Members:**

On March 30, 2011, the GRRS lost a sustaining and life member of the society, Joe Palis. Joe, and his wife, Val, moved to Webster a few years ago, and found it ever more difficult to attend meetings. Joe's expertise as a consulting rosarian and amiable personality over the years endeared him to everyone. Our hearts and prayers go out to Val and family. To send a sympathy card:

Mrs. Joseph Palis, 1511 Oakmonte Blvd., Webster, N.Y. 14580

And on May 14, 2011, GRRS also lost another long time member, Liz Sampsell. Liz was always available to help, and so loved her roses, as was told to me by one of her daughters. I attended her funeral at St. Lawrence Church that honored her Irish/Scottish heritage with a harpist, and bagpipes. Our sympathy goes out to Liz's family.

This past Spring has also had a few of our current members under the knife. Our ever energetic Dolores Sibs had heart surgery, but that has not slowed her down - too much. Keep getting "weller" Dolores.

Also, our refreshment chairperson, Barb Dera took a sabbatical because of surgery for a shoulder tear. I understand she is doing fairly well at this time, and hope to see her at our June meeting.

Another of our amiable members, Nancy Steinell has also had her share of surgery and radiation this Spring. We have missed her, and her husband, Mike at our meetings, and wish her well, and hope to see her and Mike at our future meetings.

Not to be outdone, our own Joan Baden had knee surgery the middle of April. On a cane at this time, she is doing much better. Hope to see you in June, Joan.

Send a card that you are thinking of them. They will appreciate the concern.

On Saturday, June 18, 2011, I will be present at the garden of Barb McKnight as a Master Gardener, and Master Rosarian, taking part in the annual Greece Performing Arts Society "Notable Garden Tour" for 2011. I will be available for questions 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM, and giving short programs, as needed. There will be music, and refreshments. This is a great opportunity to take part in Barb's wonderful garden, and enjoy the other seven gardens on the tour. For more information, contact myself (Gene Noto) at [enotorosarian@msn.com](mailto:enotorosarian@msn.com), as the chairperson of the event, Charyl Monk is currently in Greece-- the country.

Another reminder for our members that the National Miniature Convention and Rose Show will be in Syracuse, NY June 24-26, 2011. It is one of the most important events of the year for the New York District, as well as the ARS. It will also be the annual district convention and show. So far the only members of GRRS that are registered are Dolores Sibs and myself. It will be a

wonderful event, not just for the camaraderie, but will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Syracuse Rose Society. As we did not have our annual rose show this year, take advantage of the many classes, horticulture and design, and bring your roses to share with all the country. SRS needs our assistance in person, as well as financially. Go to [www.syracuserosesociety.org](http://www.syracuserosesociety.org) for more information and to retrieve a registration form. It will be the opportunity of a lifetime!

Included as part of the convention will be an oriental arrangement workshop. With so many pupils attending, many miniature/miniflora roses will be needed. The Syracuse society has asked for as many blooms as possible. If anyone is not attending the convention (or not using all for the show), please share them. Call me and I will be happy to bring the blooms (sprays and /or one bloom per stem) when I go on Thursday – early.

We usually do not have a meeting in July, but on Sunday, July 10, 2011, I will be giving a program at the Wayside Nursery in Macedon. It will be on the **“care & culture of roses through the Summer, Fall, and into Winter”**, I hope all our members will be in attendance as this will be our July meeting, and hopefully we can demonstrate our society to the public, and perhaps get new members. Put it on your calendar NOW.

Lastly-----It has been traditional over many years that the various societies in the district take part in attending the “Rose Booth” at the State Fair in Syracuse to talk roses with the public, and perhaps get new members. The Greater Rochester Rose Society will attend the booth on September 2, 2011. the times will be determined by those attending from GRRS, usually in shifts from 10 AM to 4 PM. I will attend, and am looking for volunteers to join me. Please contact me to volunteer this great time at the Fair. We will have free entrance and parking, and a great time talking roses, and eating all that good fairway food.

Please volunteer, we need YOU.

Gene

## Rose Ramblings

By Dolores Sibb

Roses have a reputation for requiring lots of time and attention. Disease is the most costly, painstaking and hazardous part of maintenance for roses. This can, however, be bypassed with just a little bit of research before purchasing your rose plant. So, when choosing a rose make sure it is a variety that has a proven track record of resisting the three most common diseases found in roses: black spot, rust and powdery mildew. The various chemicals used to combat these diseases are expensive and potentially harmful to the environment. Disease resistant roses solve all of the above. Not only do you save money, but a lot of time as well.

More and more gardeners do not want to do spraying and other necessary tasks to grow healthy roses in their gardens. They want easy ‘care free’ roses. The Penn Jersey District of the American Rose Society has over the years developed a grouping of roses, grown by the members that are free, or relatively free of care. This does not mean

neglect, but these roses require little or no spraying to perform nicely in their region's gardens. They still need appropriate fertilization and watering. For those of us who do not want the hassle of spraying or are primarily concerned about our 'green environment'..... may want to try to grow some of the following carefree roses recommended by the Penn Jersey District. (Their climate is somewhat similar to ours.) Many single row roses are fairly disease resistant. [Knock Out](#), an AARS winning rose, is among the most disease resistant roses on the market today. At Maplewood Rose Garden, they are some of the healthiest rose bushes growing there. (They do not have a spray program because it is a public garden.)



### **Care Free Roses - Criteria for selection**

**Garden Friendly:** Establishes readily in the garden.

**Vigorous:** Grows with usual fertilization and care, not special treatment.

**Abundant bloom:** Bloom quality and number are acceptable, not stingy.

**No spraying required:** May benefit from spraying, but clearly immune or tolerant to blackspot.

**Winter Hardy:** During most winters in the Penn Jersey District.

**Available:** May be purchased locally or through a national mail order company,

**Other beneficial criteria:** These are not required, but desirable: fragrance, self-trimming, and mildew resistant. Exhibition potential is not a factor; (meaning good form that would win ribbons at a show is not required).

The list below is just a partial listing of the care free roses qualifying in the Penn-Jersey District. I have several of the bushes mentioned....and they do seem 'fairly' disease resistant. I do not personally have a spray program in my garden.

**Hybrid Tea:**

*Fredric Mistral*  
*Traviata*  
*Abbgaye de Cluny*  
*Rina Hugo*  
*The McCartney Rose*

**Grandiflora:**

*Sutton's place*

**Mini/mini-flora:**

*None*

**Old Garden Roses:**

*Almost all of these have good disease tolerance but may require spraying under severe conditions*

**Shrub (large):**

*Blanc Double de Coubert*  
*Hansa*  
*Robusta*  
*Rosa roxburghii*  
*Sally Holmes*  
*Scarlet Meidiland*

**Shrub (medium):**

*Knock Out (entire family)*  
*Carefree (entire family)*  
*Home Run*

*Linda Campbell*  
*Tumbling Waters*  
*William Baffin*  
*Most, if not all, hybrid Rugosas*

**Shrub (small):**

*Red Flower Carpet*  
*White Flower Carpet*  
*Baby Blanket*  
*Electric Blanket*  
*Bonica*  
*Augusta*  
*Baby Love*

**Climber:**

*Dortmund*  
*New Dawn*  
*Autumn Sunset*  
*Westerland (and sport Autumn Sunset)*  
*Compassion*

**Polyanthas:**

*LaMarne*  
*The gift*  
*Rosa glauca*

*Special thanks to Fr. Gervase Degenhard (Pittsburgh Rose Society and the Penn Jersey publication, The Rose Vine) for much of the information that is listed above. The data was compiled from reports submitted by the members and has not been established by any scientific methods. No research trials have been conducted to verify the findings. A rose may be quite resistant to disease in one garden and susceptible in another.*