

2006 NCD Convention

Though the convention and rose show has passed, memories of the fun we had will remain with us for a long, long time. We hope our guests and fellow ARS members from Minnesota, Illinois and Michigan and the state of Wisconsin enjoyed the Convention and Rose Show as much as we did.

Steve Singer and Andy Plasz gave an interesting and fun talk on the various methods used for refrigerating and transporting roses to the rose shows. Many of us jotted down their ideas and there was a great deal of interest in the way one can convert a simple chest-type freezer to the perfect rose refrigerator. This information will be great when bringing our roses to St. Paul next June for the ARS National Convention.

We were wowed by the All-American Trial Gardens tended by Juris Krisans, Boerner's horticulturist and by the exciting AARS roses currently being tested. This was a terrific educational experience for all of us. Thanks, Juris!

Paul Bystrak, Development Scientist for Eden Biosciences, manufacturer of Messenger, showed us how the product produces healthy beautiful roses. Messenger is not a fertilizer but stimulates a plants growth and can be used on all plants throughout the garden.

We enjoyed a beautiful display of roses, arrangements, and photographs and a successful fun silent auction and live auction with our auctioneer, Alan Karch, and assistance from Betty Gurschke, Donna Navarro and Carmen Periquet.

The Evening Banquet featured our keynote speaker, Wendy White, rose hybridizer and development coordinator for Nor'East Miniature Roses. Her slide presentation was interesting and showed the evolution of miniature roses.

Boerner Botanical Gardens provided us with a beautiful banquet facility and Bartolotta's terrific dinner. Following the dinner and Wendy's talk, we were entertained with a not so *silent*, silent auction. We had beautiful prizes: oil paintings, a hand made afghan, homemade wines, tree roses and a multitude of hybrid teas and miniature roses. Additional items for growing next year's roses were contributed by many rose vendors.

The weekend concluded with the Summer Garden Tour and we thank wish to thank the Milwaukee and Waukesha rose societies' members who opened their gardens for this event.

On the following page is a collage from photos taken at August 26th.

1. Gold Certificate awarded to Margaret Anderson of Duluth, Bastille Days, roses: *Candy, Sun Blaze, and Salute*.
2. Silver Certificate award to Donna Navarro of Greenfield, Wisconsin, ARS Duchess Arrangement Award, Indian Summer, roses: *Spellbound*.
3. Miniature Queen went to Gary Griffin for *Hilde*.
4. One Rose in an Open Bowl, John & Judy Schroeder for *Suffolk*.
5. Artist Palette was awarded to Andy Plasz, roses: (top left clockwise) *Daybreaker, Radox Bouquet, John Davis, Ivory Fashion, and Stretch Johnson*.
6. Harvey Johnson and his wife, Shirley Workman.
7. Queen of the Show was *Moonstone* exhibited by Bob Woodworth.
8. *Maurik*, entered by Steve Singer was King of the Show.
9. John & Judy Schroeder won the J. Horace J. McFarland Trophy for a collection of HT's including *Louise Estes, Maurik, Classic Touch, Andrea Stelzer, and Affirm*.

Photos #7,8, & 9 are courtesy of Steve Singer. All other pics were taken by Jan Staedler



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