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Dates to Remember

Tuesday, September 19th will be our monthly meeting occurring at Central Christian Church, 1202 5th AVE Huntington. The program is relevant for everyone as it is on DEER CONTROL. The program will be by Gary and Monica. Hospitality will be provided by Cheryl and Mike Johnson. Our meeting starts at **7:30 PM** and we will have our refreshments and ROMEO's pizza available prior to the meeting. Come hungry and bring a friend.

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President's Message

Monica A. Valentovic

September has brought some unsettling weather to our country. Our area has had a lot of rain in some areas as a remnant of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma but we have been very fortunate.

September is usually one of the drier months in our area. However, we have had our 1" of rain or more per week so far during this month.

I want to thank Archie and Linda Snedegar for hosting our society picnic. They were gracious hosts and provided ham, green beans, fried chicken, cutlery, plates, ice tea and lemonade. They also provided a wonderful setting for an enjoyable evening that was quite comfortable. It poured on our way to their house but by 6:30 it had stopped raining and was a pleasant evening. Thank you again Archie and Linda.

This month's program will be on Deer Control. This is something relevant for all of us. Perhaps we can give you some new ideas to try in your garden. Hospitality will be provided by Cheryl and Mike Johnson and it will be excellent.

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Society Picnic Was Great

On behalf of everyone who attended, I want to thank Archie and Linda Snedegar for hosting the picnic. It was once again a beautiful garden that was a mixture of roses, perennials, annuals, colorful pots, a fish pond, fountains and rose growers. Thank you again Archie and Linda, it was fantastic. Below are some photos I took of our evening.



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Roses in Review (RIR) 2017

It is time for rose growers to submit their opinions and evaluations of roses to the American Rose Society. Anyone who grows roses is encouraged to submit a review of the different rose varieties on the 2017 RIR list. This year is the 91st year that roses have been evaluated through Roses in Review.

You do not need be a member of the ARS to participate in RIR. We want to remind Consulting Rosarians that submission of a RIR report is a required duty for Consulting Rosarians. If you don't have any of the varieties, then submit that you do not grow any of the varieties. All reviews must be submitted electronically. Begin by going to the American Rose Society website, www.rose.org, click on RIR and register as a new user at http://www.stsrv.com/rir/rir_regis.asp.

Registration is free but must be done each year. The electronic submission will provide immediate reports to our

District coordinator. This year's coordinator for RIR is Pam Powers. As of the evening of September 13th, there have 8 individuals who have submitted RIR reports for a total of 67 reports. Last year at this time, the Colonial District had 104 reports from 22 individuals within the District.

Once you register as a user use the pull down menus to select a category (HT, Miniature, Miniflora, etc.) and then a variety (e.g. Brenna Bosch or Silver Cream). The next step is to submit your garden and exhibition rating for the selected variety. The scale ranges from (0 - 10), with 10 being the best. You will also be asked to evaluate winter hardiness, height, disease susceptibility, and fragrance. Finally, you also have the opportunity to write a short statement about what you particularly like or dislike about each rose. The deadline for RIR reports is **September 26, 2017.**



Falling in Love

This was a bloom from our yard. Falling in Love is a hybrid tea with

consistent form and a very nice fragrance. It does have some impressive thorns or prickles.

The American Rose Society National Rose Show September 8-10, 2017

Monica Valentovic

The National Rose Show took place this past weekend at the Wyndham Hotel in Gettysburg, PA. Attendees from our society included John and Diana Fleek, Steve Grass, Donna Smoot and yours truly. I arrived Friday evening just as it was getting dark. The preparation area opened at 10 PM. People were choosing their tables and getting supplies for the next morning. You had to fill your own test tubes and miniature vials with water. This was not an issue since you had over 12 hours to prepare your roses.

I arrived around 5:45 AM and the place was already a buzz of activity. A contingent of 15 or more people came from Wisconsin by bus with their roses. This was a great idea as they did not have to drive and had room to store the roses in the bus.

John and Diana Fleek and Steve Grass shared a table and were busy putting in their roses. Satish Prabhu, John and Donna Hefner and John Matia were in the prep room. This was quite amazing since they have not been to a national rose show in quite some time.

John Smith was preparing his roses which were amazing. He eventually won Queen with Randy Scott which he hybridized. Below are some images from the prep area early Saturday morning.



John Smith's roses



John and Diana Fleek



John Hefner in the prep area

There were approximately 250 people registered for the meeting and rose show. They were from California to New York. If you have never attended a national, you should consider it as you see many roses grown under different conditions.



This is the show displaying horticulture, arrangements and photography entries.



The show prior to judging.

The quality of the roses was excellent. Above is a picture of last minute checks of the show. Steve Singer from Wisconsin Roses is in the Red shirt.



The banquet

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