

Red River Rose Society Newsletter

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The Red River Rose Society is a local, nonprofit organization affiliated with the ARS and dedicated to the study, enjoyment, enhancement, cultivation, and promotion of the rose.

RRRS Meetings

The Red River Rose Society meets the third Tuesday of each month (except Jul & Aug) in the Denison Public Library meeting room at 7:00 pm.

If you have questions/concerns about your roses you can email rosemedic@cablone.net. Your inquiry will be forwarded to an expert for an answer.

“Ask the Expert” will be held from 6:30 to 7:00pm prior to our monthly meeting. Bring your questions, cuttings to share, or just come to cuss & discuss.

Next RRRS Meeting: Tuesday, September 16th in the Denison Public Library at 7:00. Pam Smith, Landscape Manager for Farmers Branch Exhibition Garden, will be our guest speaker. Pam will present a program entitled “Everything is Coming Up Roses”—an overview of three new gardens established in Farmers Branch: The Ruthan Rogers EarthKind Demonstration Garden, The national EarthKind Trial Rose Garden and Display Garden, and the AARS Test Garden.

Anyone interested in furthering his knowledge and skill in growing these most beautiful of flowers is invited to join them then.

Don't forget, you are also invited to join fellow RRRS members and Pam at Devolli's for dinner prior to the meeting.

Roses for the Librarians

Don't forget to bring roses to display at the meeting and for the librarians. Be sure to label each rose with it's name, classification if you know it and your name of course. We will hold a special drawing for a rose from all the participants in this display.

Calendar of Coming Events

- September 16th, Pam Smith on the Rose Gardens of Farmers Branch
- October 4th, South Central District of the ARS consulting Rosarian Class
- October 11th, Dallas Rose Show at the Farmers Branch Recreation Center
- October 11th, RoseDango (Mckinney & Chamberville)

- October 12, Oklahoma Rose Society Rose Show, Oklahoma City
- October 17-19, South Central District ARS Convention and Rose Show, Fort Smith, Ark.
- November 18th, Red River Rose Society monthly meeting, Jack Walters from Kimbrew-Walters Nursery

The RRRS Executive Board met Sep 5th, with the following information for the membership:

Treasurer's Report: As of 18 Aug: \$323.42 cash on hand and \$1,214.25 in the bank for a total of \$1,537.67. Nancy Grella charged \$583.10 for the ARS calendars. Repayment will be made after all calendars are sold. Profit will be \$216.90.

Current membership: 41

News/Publications (June Boyett/Editor): June has done a wonderful job as editor but as the new year rolls around she would like to be happy to hand over her pen & prose to a new editor if anyone is interested. Additionally, she would like to know if members want to continue to receive a newsletter in the months of June and July when the RRRS does not schedule meetings. If yes, then the editor needs input from members.

November Speaker: Bill Cashin has secured Jack Walters for November.

The ARS 2009 Calendar Purchase: Nancy Grella purchased 80 calendars. The response has been terrific. As of 5 Sep, there are only 10 calendars available for purchase. Carole Mainwaring did a superb job of selling at the Collin County Rose Society' meeting. The GC Master Gardeners also stepped up and ten were sold at their August meeting. If any calendars remain by the Sherman Arts Festival, Nancy will bring them for sale at the event (Richard Green gave the okay).

Renting a Van: This was offered as a way to transport RRRS members to the RoseDango in McKinney in October. Bill Cashin now wants to encourage folks to car pool.

11 Oct 08 McKinney Program: This program is now officially titled *ROSEDANGO* and promises to be fantastic. This is a busy weekend for rose lovers because in addition to *ROSEDANGO*, the Dallas County Rose Society is holding its rose show. Originally, RRRS planned to 'sponsor' the trip to McKinney/Chambersville but due to scheduling conflicts, it was decided to let members decide what to do and proceed on their own. Nancy Grella will make flyers to be handed out at the RRRS meeting on 16 Sep.

Bill Cashin wants to get a group together to tour the Farmers Branch Exhibition Garden. The plan is to gather Monday, 27 October at 8:15 in the Gander Mountain parking lot to caravan down to Farmers Branch. Bill Cashin will make the announcement at the September 16th RRRS meeting. Additionally, Bill Cashin will determine if there is interest in touring the Kimbrew-Walters Nursery at a future date.

Nancy Grella recommended that the RRRS 'name' its publication. Already taken are *Rosarian Reminder* in Tulsa; *Petals & Thorns* in Collin County; *Rose Petals* in Dallas County; and, *The Rosette* in Houston. Bill Cashin will challenge the RRRS members to come up with a name for our newsletter.

RRRS elections are scheduled for November so it is time to put together a Nominating Committee. Jerry Haynes has agreed to chair the nominating committee.

Just a reminder: Submissions for the ARS Roses in Review program are due NLT 26 September. According to Bill Cashin, Carole Mainwaring has volunteered to update the RRRS notebook by expanding the list of roses not included in the first edition.

At the June National Convention, the ARS decided to offer a four-month trial membership to individuals who join a local society between Jul – Dec 2008. Nancy Grella will submit the info to the ARS on new RRRS members.

Bill Cashin has scheduled Dr John Allen (Jan 2009) and Mark Steljes (Feb 2009) as guest speakers to kick off RRRS' third year.

In June 2008, the RRRS members cast their votes for activities being considered by the Society. The following are the results:

Holding a Spring 2009 Garden Tour: Yes – 19 No – 2

Three people said they would open their gardens; one said maybe; the rest said no.

Holding a meeting at someone's house: Yes – 21

It was recommended that we do it in June to avoid 'renting' the library room for that month.

Five folks said they would host; two more said they need another year before they could host; and fourteen people said no to hosting.

Selling 2009 ARS Calendars: Yes – 14 No – 7

Chartering a bus in October: Yes – 10 No – 11

The cost of \$15.00/person was a major factor in voting down the RRRS chartering a bus.

Recommendations included car pooling or exploring another (cheaper) transportation mode.

September Consulting Rosarian's Report

Carole Mainwaring

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Throw wreaths of fadeless flowers to the victors

In the race and in the strife!

Kostas Palama, extract from the Olympic anthem

Did you notice the bouquets of red roses in the arms of the 2008 Beijing Olympic medal winners this August? About 3,000 flowers were presented during the Olympics and 4,000 are expected to be awarded during the Paralympics. Beginning in 2005 the city of Beijing held annual flower design competitions and two seminars related to Olympic flower arrangements to help decide the designs to be used in presentations. The rose and peony were the top choices for flowers.

Roses and competition mix well—so well that roses are the stars in their own shows. This October there will be several rose shows just begging for **you** to take part. The Dallas Rose Show is Oct. 11 at the Farmers Branch Senior Center, the Oklahoma City Rose Show is Oct. 12, Sunday, in OKC and the South Central District Rose Show is Oct. 18 in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. Shy about competing? Don't know what to do? Well, below are a few basic guidelines that will help you enter the novice, youth or regular horticulture, arrangement, or photography classes. Ask any experienced rose competitor, and they will tell you that they learned the most about showing by just showing up, making mistakes, and getting help from other competitors. So, take a chance on being bitten by the rose show bug!

Ready, Set, Show!

1. There are several resources for future reading that will help you prepare your roses and yourself for showing. One is the book Showing Good Roses by Robert B. Martin, Jr. His website is <http://www.roseshow.com/about.htm>. His book gives a lot of information on purchasing good roses, making your own roses by budding and rooting cuttings, planting, water and soil, fertilizing, pest and disease control, pruning, and showing. The other resource is the American Rose Society website at: http://www.ars.org/About_Roses/exhibiting_roses.html. There are several books that can be purchased from the ARS store: Guidelines and Rules for Judging Roses, Guidelines for Judging Rose Arrangements, and the 2008 Official List of Approved Exhibition Names. You do need to know the official name of your rose for the entry card. This name can also be found in the 2009 Handbook for Selecting Roses which is sent free to members of ARS.
2. The most important document to read prior to a show is the show schedule. The classes will be detailed in the schedule and all rules will be explained. The show schedule can be obtained from the show chairman prior to the day of the show or at the show itself.
3. When you search for blooms in the garden, look for and cut your best blooms. The first time I went to my garden to find a perfect bloom, I came up empty handed. When I went to the show, I realized that the winners were the best blooms there, not the best blooms in the history of the rose world. I had passed up many equally good roses in my garden looking for perfection. Now I cut the best rose on the bush and let the judges sort it out on the day of the show.
4. Without proper refrigeration, it will be best to cut roses as close to the day of the show as possible. Evening is the best time to cut a rose if the day has not been too hot and dry because the rose will be full of water and nutrients and the stomata will be closing for the night. However, some exhibitors strongly believe that morning is best because the rose is the most turgid, so try both and decide for yourself! I water my roses as often as possible the week of the show, cut the roses with stems as long as 22-26 inches for hybrid teas and at a 45 degree angle, and cut so that the bloom is $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ open. I tag the roses as soon as I cut them to avoid mistakes later when I enter them. Two pink roses look indistinguishable when you are busy trying to enter roses at the show itself. I recut the stems under water and place the stem immediately in hot tap water with a floral conditioner like Chrystal Professional 1. It has a bactericide but no nutrients which might cause the bloom to continue to open. Use a preservative with nutrients only if you want the bloom to open fully as quickly as possible for the show. (I tried Viagra in the rose water once to see if it would help keep roses turgid for a longer time as suggested by a research study done in Israel. Alas, I saw no improvement!) I then place the rose in a cool dark room for about an hour to harden off. The water should not be too hot during this hour or the rose might blow (open fully) before the show. I then place the rose in clean, cool water with a floral conditioner and keep it in a cool box or bucket until I arrive at the show. You can place the roses in a non frost-free refrigerator or use a frost-free refrigerator if you cover the blooms with baggies and secure the baggie at the neck. Florist refrigerators tell me that someone is a serious competitor! Never store roses in a refrigerator with fruits or vegetable because the ethylene gas given off will cause the roses to wilt rapidly and die. Next, I clean the

foliage with water and a soft cloth and trim the edges of damaged leaves with deckle-edged scissors that I buy at Michaels or Hobby Lobby. If the rose has side buds, these have to be cut off for hybrid teas, grandifloras, miniatures, and minifloras. Try not to leave any tips that could blacken. Using a little lemon juice on the cut helps keep the cut fresh. I pack my roses in buckets to keep them cool and dark until they arrive at the show. I use frozen water bottles or ice packs to keep the buckets chilled. Each rose is individually wrapped in plastic wrap I get from the florist shop or plastic rose tubes so that the thorns do not damage the blooms or leaves of other roses. Four inch PVC pipe cut 17-24 inches works well, too. My old garden roses are cut the day before a show and are not chilled very much because most do not keep well in refrigeration. Some hybrid teas, especially reds, do not refrigerate well, either, since they have a tendency to blue. I have seen roses cut the morning of a show, stuck in a bucket of water, and groomed at the show win the top prizes, so KISS (keep it simple, sister!) is my motto.

5. At the show, you will take out the roses to let them warm up. For hybrid teas, grandifloras, miniatures, and mini-floras you will want a bloom with a high-pointed center with the petals unfurling in a symmetrical spiral form and perfect bulls-eye center. From the top, the outer petals of the bloom should display a circular outline. From the side, you can see a triangular view for many varieties. The bloom should be 1/2 to 3/4ths open. The stem should be straight and foliage clean. Do not apply oil, ink, or anything foreign to the leaves or your entry will be disqualified. Don't remove damaged leaves—just try to trim the damage with your deckle edge scissors. You may have to remove unsightly guard petals. These are the outer petals that may be streaked or malformed. Do this at the show and not at home to keep the bloom from opening too soon. The bloom and stem should be in proportion. Stem on stem is allowed only for old garden and species roses. One of the fun parts of a show is seeing blooms with Q-tips stuck in between petals to help them open correctly!

6. A checklist of tools would include at minimum: show schedule, paper towels, pitcher for water, green styrofoam or like material to use to wedge the stem in the vase, Q-tips, tweezers, Exacto knife, small artist-type brush, deckle edge scissors, and cuticle scissors.

7. Fill out the entry tag correctly and check it twice. With old garden roses, you usually have to add the year of introduction and type of rose on the tag. This information can be found in the Official List or Handbook mentioned above. These books will be available at the show.

8. The show schedule will describe many different kinds of classes that you can enter. Some of these are: open bloom, most fragrant, sprays, shrub classes, climbers, bouquets, rose in a picture frame, English box, and rose in a bowl. Some classes provide opportunities to show blooms without stems and foliage or blooms that are more decorative rather than having an exhibition form. Many shows will also provide classes for traditional arrangements, arrangements in the oriental manner, and modern arrangements. Some shows are adding photography with color 8x10 prints of a rose bloom, a rose garden, or an abstract rose. There truly is something for everyone at a rose show!

9. You've done your part. It is now time to let the judges do theirs. Celebrate your successes, learn from your mistakes, and be proud of your roses and your efforts! Be sure to enjoy the fellowship of other rosarians throughout the day.

September Rose Care Checklist

- _____ 1. Water slowly to a depth of two feet letting the soil dry out a bit but not become too dry before the next watering.
- _____ 2. Spray regularly in early morning after the dew has dried or late evening when the temperatures fall. Be careful not to spray when the wind is above ten miles an hour.
- _____ 3. Fertilize with your favorite organic and/or chemical fertilizers to help encourage a terrific fall bloom.
- _____ 4. Maintain mulch depth on beds and rake up fallen leaves and blooms.
- _____ 5. Complete your 2008 Roses in Review evaluation by Sept. 26. You can do this online at: <http://ars.org>
- _____ 6. Take photographs for entries in the Dallas Rose Show Oct. 11 and ARS Photography Contest Nov. 30, 2008.
- _____ 7. Order roses for fall planting.
- _____ 8. Disbud roses for bigger blooms.



Jim Herbison wins his first Queen with Veterans' Honor and first King with Color Magic at the Dallas Spring Rose Show
Picture by Kathy Harris printed in the May Dallas Rose Society newsletter edited by Carolyn Hayward.



"What's in a name?

*That which we call a rose
by any other name would smell as sweet."*

-William Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet

To begin a discussion of fragrance there are a few basics that should be addressed. Whether or not you smell a particular fragrance in a rose depends in some measure on your own personal olfactory system and how sensitive it is.

The Eco-culture in which you grow your roses is also responsible in a large degree to the amount of fragrance produced by the roses. There are also some additional factors regarding fragrance that should be taken into account.

The amount of sunshine, duration and intensity is an important factor. Temperature, humidity and wind conditions also affect the development of scent. Another aspect to fragrance is that it is affected by disease. Mildew will cause a loss of scent in roses.

Whether a rose produces a fragrance is due in large part to its genetic ability to produce fragrance. Fragrance is produced by certain glands on petals or leaves. Chemically speaking, we identify certain fragrances produced by aromatic alcohol, aldehyde, fatty acids, phenol, carbonic acid, essential oils and resins.

Since the gene for fragrance is recessive, unless both parents have the gene, you may find the offspring to be only slightly fragrant or have no fragrance at all. A cross of two fragrant varieties could be expected to produce a preponderance of fragrant seedlings; possibly all of them would be unless the two parents were chosen with widely different types of fragrance.

The ingredients of perfume are found in the chloroplasts. They are surrounded with glucose which causes them to create the scentless glucosides which are stored or carried in the petals. The scent becomes noticeable if the glucoside is hydrolyzed by an enzyme. The production of a floral scent is a very complex chemical reaction that is influenced by various external influences.

The chemistry of rose fragrance is a complicated mixture of essential oils. Most important is Rhodinol which has the fragrance of 'old roses'. Another familiar scent is geranium that is produced by Geraniol. Nerol brings the fragrance of magnolias. In orange and yellow roses, Eugenol imparts a spicy fragrance often found in oil of cloves.

Quite possibly the most important factor next to sunshine, soil, and water pH is the

amount of moisture available to the plant. When the soil is moist, the roses smell their sweetest because the scent ingredient in the chloroplast increases proportionately and is conveyed to the petals in larger quantities.

As early as the 13 th century, rosarians have been intrigued by the possibility of breeding fragrance into their roses. As a rule, darker colored roses are more likely to be highly scented than those of lighter shade. The exception is when a flower has more petals; the more petals available - the stronger the scent is likely to be. Heavy petals with a velvety sheen are also more fragrant. The scent comes from tiny cells on the underside of the petals you can see with the aid of a microscope.

Not surprisingly there is a definite connection between color and scent. Red and pink roses tend to give off the typical rose scent while the scent from yellow and white roses often is identified as orris, nasturtium, violet or lemon. Orange shades are frequently associated with the odor of fruit. On overcast days, scent is reduced and when the weather is both cold and overcast, it is usually hard to detect any fragrance at all.

2008 South Central District Convention Plans Announced

Friends and Rosarians,

Our 2008 South Central District Convention is coming to Fort Smith, Arkansas on October 17-19, and we want all y'all to join us. Why? Because this special event brings beautiful roses and the beautiful people who grow them together to share the fun, excitement and education surrounding our favorite flower!

The Convention will be held at the newly redecorated Holiday Inn City Center, and the room rates are as modest and down-to-earth as your hosts for this wonderful occasion! Mayor Ray Baker is pumped and ready to welcome you at the Friday night social, and we will be celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Fort Smith Rose Society's—70 Years in Roses--in style!!

On Saturday morning, exhibitors will display their growing and grooming abilities with a display of the most gorgeous roses to be found anywhere in the world. Saturday afternoon features two of the most talented and gifted rosarians on this continent, Bob House and Bob Martin, who will be speaking on topics dear to the heart of all rosarians. Saturday evening promises to be filled with good food and delightful presentations, not the least of which will be banquet presenter, Martin's spoof on (well, you'll just have to wait and see!) There will be Vendor, Live and Silent Auction action and Door Prizes too.

So don't be shy and don't procrastinate; sign-up soon for an enjoyable weekend with the camaraderie, good news, and garden tours that roses bring. Besides, we can't wait to see you in Rose-Hog Country!

SCD Consulting Rosarian School

Hosted by Houston Rose Society

October 4, 2008

**South Main Baptist Church of Pasadena
4300 E Sam Houston Parkway S (Beltway 8)
Pasadena, Texas 77508**

Saturday, October 4

8:00 – 8:30 Registration – SMBC
8:30 – 8:35 Welcome Donald Burger, Houston Rose Society President
8:35 – 8:50 Consulting Rosarian Mission – Ed Bradley, SCD CR Chair
8:50 – 9:45 Soils and Water – Baxter Williams, SCD District Director
9:45 – 10:00 BREAK
10:00 – 10:55 Fertilizers and Amendments – Tommy Hebert, SCD Prizes & Awards
10:55 – 11:45 Diseases and Cures – Mike Becker, SCD Secretary
11:45 – 12:45 LUNCH
12:45 - 1:35 Chemicals Safety – Donald Burger, HRS President
1:35 – 2:30 Insects and Cures – Mary Fulgham, HRS CR Chair
2:30 – 2:45 BREAK
2:45 – 3:40 New Varieties – Robin Hough, SCD Arrgmts Chair
3:40 – 3:55 BREAK
3:55 – 4:55 CR Exam for Consulting Rosarian Candidates

Consulting Rosarians will receive renewed accreditation for the next four years.

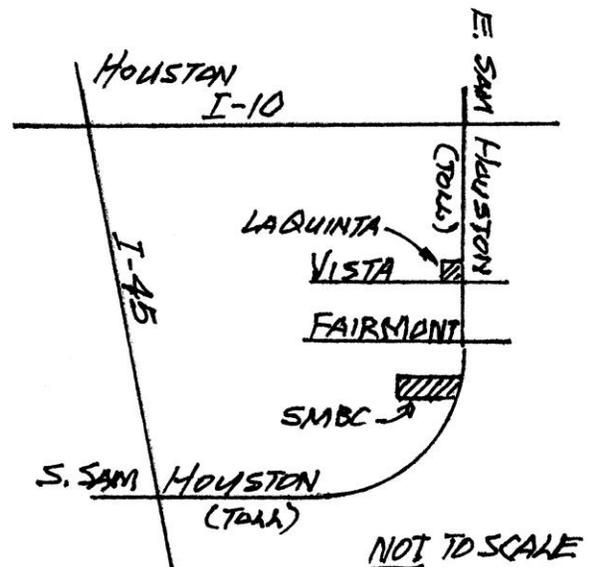
REGISTRATION

Please type, or print:

Name(s): _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____
Local Society: _____ District: _____

	Number	Price	Total
Registration (postmarked BY September 10, 2008)	_____	<u>\$40.00</u>	_____
Registration (postmarked AFTER September 10 th)	_____	<u>\$50.00</u>	_____

Please check if you are auditing the School _____
Please check if you plan to take CR Examination _____



Make checks payable to **Houston Rose Society**, and mail to: Baxter Williams, 2502 Leprechaun Lane, Houston, TX 77017.

Hotel accommodations at La Quinta Inn & Suites, 3490 E. Sam Houston Pkwy S at Vista Rd, Pasadena, TX 77505, 281-991-7771, **Reference "Roses"**. Rates - King size bed @ &79 – Two Queen size beds (+ sofa that makes into queen) @ \$84 – Suite (+ sofa that makes into queen) @ \$98. Complimentary Continental breakfast included. **Note cut-off date: Sept 10th**.

Note: The South Main Church location is two long blocks south on the same side of the freeway.

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT CONVENTION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Holiday Inn City Center -700 Rogers Avenue

Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901

October 17 – 19, 2008

Friday, October 17

2:00 pm Rose Show Set up – Little Rock Room

3:00 pm Silent Auction Open – Belle Starr Room

3:00 pm Vendor: Kimbrew-Walter Roses Open

4:00 pm Show Grooming Area Opens – Dallas Room

4:00-8:00 pm Registration – Ballroom Foyer

6:00-7:00 pm Mayor Ray Baker's Welcome Reception & Anniversary Celebration & Cash Bar – Atrium

7:30-8:30 pm South Central District Membership Meeting— Belle Starr Room

Saturday, October 18 – Grooming/Rose Show – Dallas/Little Rock Rooms

All Morning Grooming Area Open – Dallas Room

7:00-10:00 am Rose Show Entries Accepted – Little Rock Room

8:00-10:00 am Registration – Ballroom Foyer

9:00 am-4:00 pm Vendor: Kimbrew-Walter Roses Open

9:00 am-4:30 pm Silent Auction – Bids end at 4:30 pm

9:30 am Judges Instructions Coffee – Razorback Room

10:30 am-1:00pm Judging of Show

1:00 pm Judges' Luncheon – Razorback Room

1:00 pm-4:00 pm Rose Show Open to Public

3:00-4:00 pm Bob Martin Seminar: "Horizon Roses" Report-Belle Starr Room

4:00-5:00 pm Bob House Seminar: "Getting the Queen!" - Belle Starr Room

5:00 pm Rose Show Trophies Awarded – Little Rock Room

9:00 pm Rose Show Dismantled – Little Rock Room

Saturday Banquet Events – Dallas Room (Dress: Casual/Rose Apparel)

6:30 – 7:00 pm Fellowship/Cash Bar

7:00 pm Banquet and Presentations

Susan Barry – Convention Chair: Welcome/Introductions

Hon. C. Ray Baker, Mayor of Fort Smith: Remarks and Presentations

Baxter Williams, SCD Director : Presentations and Awards

Bob Martin – Banquet Speaker

Sunday, October 19 Garden Tours (See packets for gardens/directions)

2008 South Central District Convention continued.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AND REGISTRATION

HOTEL: Holiday Inn City Center, 700 Rogers Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72901

Group Booking Code: FTR. Group Name: Fort Smith Rose Society. Rate: \$79.00 per night plus tax.

Choice of King with Sleeper Sofa or Two Queens.

For **Reservations:** 1-800-465-4329 or 1-479-783-1000 or www.holiday-inn.com/ftsmithar

Check-in: 4:00 pm. Check-out: 12:00 pm. **Reservation Deadline:** September 27, 2008.

***REGISTRATION: SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT CONVENTION**

October 17-19, 2008

____ Registration (one person) \$25 (\$30 after 9/27)

____ Registration (couple) \$45 (\$50 after 9/27)

____ Welcome Reception (Free)

____ Awards Banquet \$30 per person

____ Exhibiting (Hotel Refrigeration Available) Total _____

Name (s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Rose Society _____

Make Checks payable to: Fort Smith Rose Society and mail to: Mrs. Laura Vertrees, Treasurer, 2504 Ramsgate Way, Fort Smith, AR 72908. Phone: 479-783-5647 or lauramv@cox.net.

*Convention Schedules will be mailed out upon receipt of Registrations.