

March Rosey Ramblings 2016

Newsletter of the York Area Rose Society
A non-profit organization affiliated with The American Rose Society
Website – www.yorkarearosesociety.org

Meeting

March 26, 2016
9:30am
Dettinburn's
(directions below)

Topics:
PJ Spring Forward Gathering
2016 Rose Show
2016 Convention Planning
2017 National Convention Planning



Directions to the Dettinburn's
880 Yellow Hill Road, Biglerville, Pa. 17307
717-677-6564

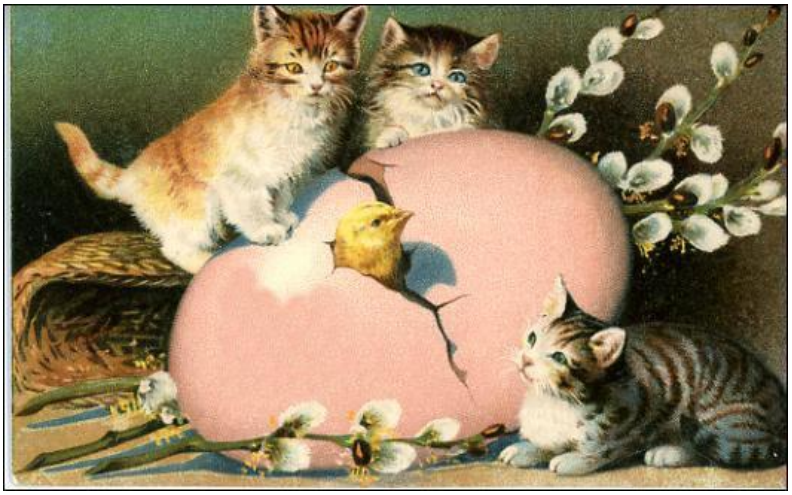
From Gettysburg;
Follow Route 34 North to Biglerville
At the second light, in Biglerville, turn left onto 234 We
Drive 1 mile, then turn right onto Yellow Hill Road
We are the 5th house on right.

From Cashtown;
Take Cashtown Road toward Biglerville for 3.8 miles.
This will become Chambersburg Street in Arendtsville.
At stop sign turn left and then an immediate right.
Drive 1.4 miles to stop sign and turn right.
You are now on 234 East.
Drive .5 miles then turn left onto Yellow Hill Road.
Drive .2 miles
We are the 5th house on right.

From York:
Follow Route 234 West to Biglerville
Go straight through light. Drive 1 mile on 234 West.
Turn right onto Yellow Hill Road.
Go .2 miles. We are the 5th house on right.

Upcoming Rose Events

	Event / Location
June 11, 2016	***York Area Rose Society Annual Rose Show*** Carousel Building, Brookside Park Dover, PA
July 29, 30, 31, 2016	***ARS Miniature Rose Convention and ARS Board Meeting*** Grantville, PA Host: York Area Rose Society
September 9, 10, 11, 2016	***Penn-Jersey Fall Rose Show*** Wyndham Hotel, Gettysburg, PA









The old bank vault is located in the large ballroom, which was once the lobby of the bank before becoming part of the hotel. This is quite an attraction for the many events held here. *Photos by Kathy Kozemchak*

2016 PENN-JERSEY SPRING'S A COMIN' CONVENTION

By Bill Kozemchak, (reprinted with permission from Philadelphia Newsletter)

The Penn-Jersey District met the weekend of February 27-28 at the historic Gettysburg Hotel in the center of downtown Gettysburg. The hotel is in walking distance of many shops and restaurants. It was a beautiful facility and the staff was extremely helpful. We plan on returning next year for this event again, after taking a vote at the business meeting Sunday.

Friday evening rose friends gathered and had dinner at various locations with each other. District Director Nancy Redington took a group down the road to the Gettysburg Wyndham where the district is hosting the fall District Convention and Show. They got to tour the hotel and have dinner there. Later everyone gathered in the hospitality suite to talk roses and catch up.

Saturday morning people gathered before the programs started to check out the photo contest entries and raffle items and socialize. Nancy Redington welcomed the attendees and introduced the first speaker Fred Lorenzen who gave a very informative program on growing miniature roses indoors. Years ago this was very popular in our district and there was always a contest for the best potted miniature rose. When we started attending the convention in the late 90s, I think only Frank Benardella and Bruce Monroe were still entering. The last contest I remember seeing an entry was Bruce's Green Ice. This is a nice way to enjoy roses during the cold winter months when everything is so drab outside.

Don Myers followed with a great program on chemical safety. Consulting Rosarians are required to get a credit for this every 4 years and those attending qualified for it with this program. Don posed many questions for the audience to come up with solutions and it was very interesting to hear differing opinions on each subject. After a short break to vote on the Photo Contest entries and buy some raffle tickets, the group split into two to choose which program they wanted. Nancy Redington took one group to show how to do rose arrangements while Bill Kozemchak and Ed MacFarland held a hands on session on how to clean, tune up and sharpen pruning tools. Many rosarians learn some very good tips and their roses will enjoy a nice sharp pair of pruners this spring for clean cuts and less crushing of stems. Lunch on your own followed these programs.

After lunch Monica Pape from Fertrell, gave another interesting program about soil and its effect on growing roses and other plants. This was followed by Richard Anthony and Brenna Bosch's talk on new roses. Most rosarians are very interested on the latest varieties for their gardens, so this was very popular. Their company, For Love of Roses also donated a group of roses for a silent auction, a very generous gesture. The winners of the Photo Contest were announced next with Bill Kozemchak taking the Best Overall with Rosa rubrifolia hips, and Tom Mayhew winning 2nd & 3rd Overall with a Catherine Button arrangement and Dainty Bess. Tom also took 9 of the 13 class entered, while Bill won the other 3. This year, 5 photographers entered 77 5x7 color prints. Father Gervase Degenhardt then held mass for those wishing to attend.

After a social hour and dinner Donna and JR Smith had people pull the winning tickets for the raffle, which thanks to their efforts and many donations, was very successful again. Andrew and Julie Hearne provided the evening entertainment with a celebrity and rosarian look-alike group participation program. It was probably the most entertaining and funny after dinner programs we have ever had. The group then headed to the hospitality room for some more social time.

The PJ District business meeting was held Sunday morning and we discussed the fall district to be held at the Gettysburg Wyndham and also putting in a bid for the 2017 Fall Nationals at the same facility. Both events would be the first weekend in September. It was also agreed that we would meet again next February at the Gettysburg Hotel as almost everybody really enjoyed the hotel and the surrounding area. After adjourning a group visited the Wyndham to tour it and they supplied a nice buffet lunch for those who stopped by.

Friends



Joe Yelnek, Tom Mayhew, Sue Yelnek



Mary Slade, Ann Gibson, Terry Palise, Don Myers, Judy Goss, Kathy K.



JR and Richard Anthony of ForloveofRoses



Don Myers and District Director Nancy Redington



Sue Yelnek, Ann Gbison, Don and Laura Wade, Terry Palise, Judy Gpss. Ed McFarland, Bruce Monroe



Curtis Aumiller, unknown, Joe Gibson









Some of the many wonderful items on the raffle table. Donna Smith is the raffle extraordinaire. Along with some help from JR and Abby.







Bill Kozemchak's Class 13 and Overall winner in the 2016 Penn-Jersey Spring's A Coming Photo Contest- *Rosa rubrifolia hips*

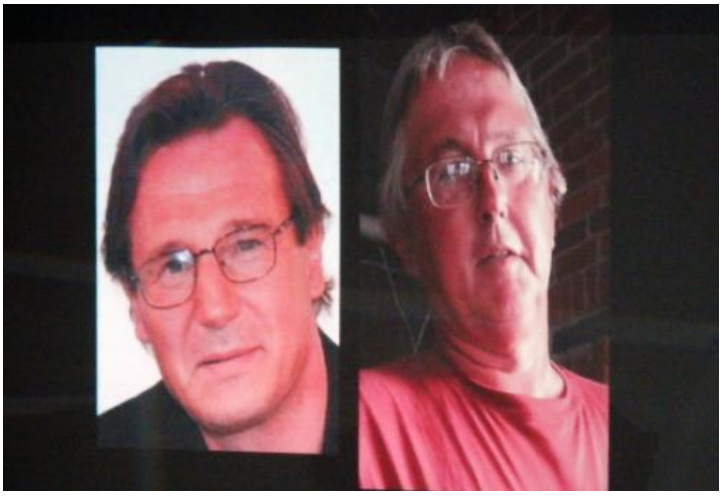
Penn-Jersey Celebrity and Rosarian Look Alikes
by Andrew & Julie Hearne



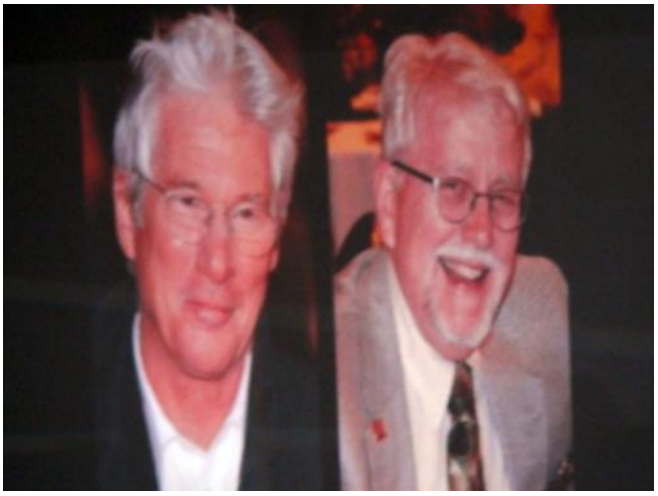
Andrew and Julie, Celebrity on left, Ken Borrmann on right



Rapper PSY on left, Andrew Hearne on right



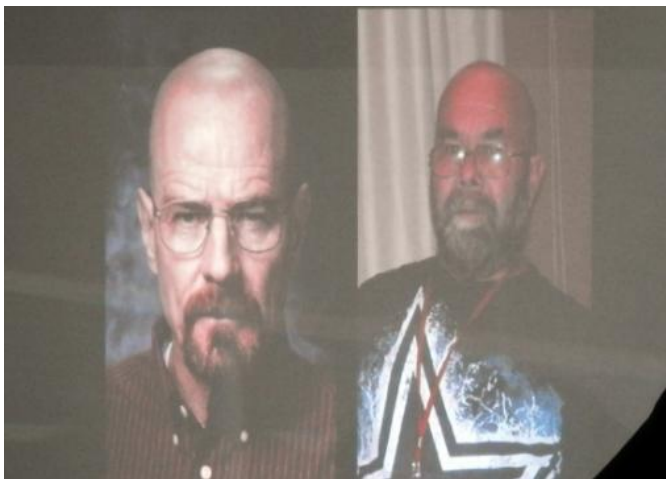
Celebrity on left, Bill K on right



Richard Gere on left, Don Myers on right



Celebrity on left, Nancy Redington on right



Celebrity on left, JR on right



Celebrity on left, Jim Redington of right



Richard Drefuss on left, Tom Mayhew on right

March Into the Rose Garden:
What To Do When the Forsythia Bloom

By Mary McKnight (reprinted with permission)

1. Sharpen tools. If you don't have a sharpener, buy a sharpening stone (inexpensive). Strike the cutting blade at a 45 degree angle in one direction. Apply naval jelly to remove rust, followed by a metal lubricant.
2. Clean up beds. Removal of lawn debris in rose beds often prevents the three things that can hurt your bushes: insects, mites, and diseases. If you have had these problems, remove all of the old mulch from around the roses and discard in your regular trash. It may harbor over-wintering diseases and bugs.
3. Do a soil ph test…or, better yet, send out a soil sample to determine what is needed to correct your soil. In our area the soil is often acid; most fertilizers push the ph in that direction. You may need to add a fast-acting lime to "sweeten" the soil. Roses flourish in a well-drained, loamy soil with a ph of 6.3 to 6.9. I add compost to further enrich my beds.
4. Spray roses and surrounding soil…with all-season horticultural oil, which will smother insect eggs. I also spray with a lime-sulfur mix to kill fungal spores. Tip: The Bayer company makes a liquid systemic three-in-one formula that provides food along with an insecticide and a fungicide. You simply mix it with water and pour it on the soil around roses.
5. Prune...any dead, diseased, or damaged canes as well as any spindly growth. This will help you to shape your roses as you wish; a "V" formation allows for good air flow. Cut canes back to "clean" wood---white pith--- removing 1/3 to 1/2 of cane height. Prune at a 45 degree angle, ¼" above an outward-facing bud. Rose exhibitors cut low-ish for larger flowers with stronger stems. If you want more but-smaller flowers, cut higher. If you have shrub roses, such as those from the Knockout or Carefree series, you're in luck. My friend happily uses her hedgers in the spring to cut those tough shrubbers back by about 1/3.
6. Apply fertilizer…best done when soil is wet. I scratch in *Rosetone* 6" to 8" away from the base of the plant, about 1/2 cup for smaller roses and one full cup for larger ones. Then water well. Avoid over-head watering. If you must, operate your system early in the morning. This will give the rose time to dry well before nightfall. Don't feed newly-planted roses until after they have bloomed.
7. Add a dash of salt...Epsom. The magnesium sulfate purportedly promotes basal breaks (new canes that emerge from the bud union). Martha Stewart swears by it! But once a year is enough: for the salt and for the Martha.
8. Apply a fresh layer of mulch. My favorite: Right Dress licorice mulch or a triple-shredded bark from a reputable nursery. Weed seeds and other nasties may lay wait in the cheap stuff. Speaking of a reputable nursery, but not of cheap stuff.....
9. Buy new roses! Catalogs have the most selections. See *philadelphiarosesociety.org* for a great listing of sellers as well as good roses for our area.

YARS
Minutes of October 24, 2015

The York Area Rose Soceity met on Saturday, October 24, 205, at the home of Joan Singer.
In absence of President Judy Yingling, the meeting was opened by Vice President Pat Lawrence.

Bev Flinchbaugh presented the treasurer's report. It will be filed for audit. Members were reminded to pay their dues before December 31, 2015. Bev requested to step down as treasurer.

Old business

Mininational:
Nancy Redington reported that Pat Lawrence, Joan Singer and herself prepared a budget in order to set a cost for the Mininations. Cost will be $135 before June 15th, $150 until July 22nd. No registrations after July 22nd. Members who work at the show ill receive a discount ($85, cost of food)

All meals will include a 25% tax and gratuity. The board lunch will be a buffet, Friday night will be a welcome reception and cash bar. Saturday will be a served plated dinner (beef, chicken, or pork). Nancy will continue to negotiate the prices and try to get them lowered.

The total cost of the awards will be $630: hort, $360, design,$190. Rosemannia will not give a discount.

Friday's workshop will cost $45 which will include containers, lunch, design materials

Goddie bags will include, emery board, tissues, pen clipboard, notepad, sewing kit, lanyard for nametag

For Love of Roses, Richard Anthony will donate a rose to name, 8 roses for raffle, and a card giving each attendee the "Wanderlust" rose, hybridized by JR.

ARS Convnetion goers will get in free to Hershey Gardens.

New Business

The new slate of officers, to serve 1 year were unopposed. The following new officers were installed by Donna Smith:
President – Pat Lawrence
Vice President – Georgieann Dettinburn
Secretary – Terri Johns
Treasurer – Nancy Redington
Directors: Joan Singer, JR Smith, Donna Smith

It was suggested that a copy of the YARS by-laws be placed on our websit. Terri will be asked to do this.

Meeting schedule for 2016:

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Membership Dues: $8.00 Single $14.00 Family
Annual Dues payable by October 31, 2015
Membership Chairperson: Nancy Redington



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