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Australian Rose Championships 2010

Paul Hains, Queensland, Australia



From left to right: Laurel Sommerfield, Col Campbell, Sheenagh Harris, Tony Stallwood

The weekend of the 2nd-3rd of October saw the Australian Rose Championships held in Brisbane, Queensland in conjunction with the Queensland Rose Society Spring Show. It was a well organised and attended event with almost 600 entries from across the state and some from those who travelled from other states also.

The show was officially opened by our own legend of gardening, Col Campbell and Sheenagh Harris, the President of the World Federation of Rose Societies.

As always, there were some spectacular entries and I have included more photos in this bulletin.

Angela Sully took out the top prize of best exhibition rose of the show with a lovely Marilyn Monroe with Ted Hayes' Kardinal a close second.

John Dale continued his win-

ning ways winning the Australian Rose Championship. Len Johnstone also made a return to exhibiting at QRS with a win in the mini flora championship. Anyone who knows Len well will know that mini floras are his passion, so it was great to see the passion rewarded.

The outstanding effort of the day had to be Laurel Somerfield. Laurel drove the 2 hours from Yandina with her car jammed full of roses. Not just hybrid teas, but heritage roses, climbers and floribundas too. Her first time exhibiting at a major QRS show, Laurel did well in the novice category taking out three classes and winning the Novice Championship ribbon. The big news was when she won the Australian Cluster Flower (Floribunda) Championship. She came to the show a novice, and left Australian Champion! This is a challenge for everyone out

there who thought exhibiting was only for experienced show experts.

Grace Warren dominated the vases again proving to be the best vase exhibitor in the state, although Ted and Angela always give her a close challenge.

Robert Warren took out a number of Championships including the Australian Bunch Championship and Wal Steward made a triumphant return to exhibiting by becoming the Australian Miniature Champion. Wal's minis are so perfect he makes it so hard to beat.

The general public rolled in over the weekend and were so complimentary of the the variety and quality of the roses on display. The Heritage Roses in Australia group also put on a tremendous display that has me wanting to put heritage roses at the bottom of my garden along the neighbour's fence.



Tony receiving the ARA from Sheenagh Harris

Tony Stallwood, ARA

Paul Hains, Brisbane, Qld

What a great pleasure it is to announce that the QRS and 2010 NRSA President Tony Stallwood has received the prestigious **Australian Rose Award** for the outstanding service he has given to promoting rose growing in Australia. The full citation will appear in the next Australian Rose with a better photo too.

I have known Tony since we joined the Queensland Rose Society and have been overwhelmed by the amount of

work he puts in to running the Society and helping people with roses. Tony attends regular garden club meetings to talk about rose growing, speaks on radio, answers phone enquiries, and helps organise meetings and event for rose growing. He coordinates exhibits for the general public. Tony also stores all of the Rose Society Show equipment at his house. Tony first became President of the QRS from 1997-1999 and has held this position continuously

since 2000. In this time he has been the National President twice, including 2010. It is his tireless devotion to helping anyone who will listen with growing roses that makes Tony a standout candidate for this award. Tony does all this while maintaining a farm and around 500 roses of his own. He also successfully exhibits ducks and is a strong competitor with his rose vases when time allows him to exhibit.

*The National
Rose Society
Awards provide
an opportunity
for those who
give their time
freely to
promoting rose
growing to be
recognised for
their tireless
efforts*

Peter Burton, SMA

Paul Hains, Brisbane, Qld

Following on from Tony's award was the T.A.Stewart Memorial Award. This award is presented to the person deemed by the contributor societies to have given outstanding service to the rose in Australian or New Zealand. The recipient in 2010 was Peter Burton from South Australia. A past President of both the SA Rose Society and the National Society, Peter is a great contributor to rose

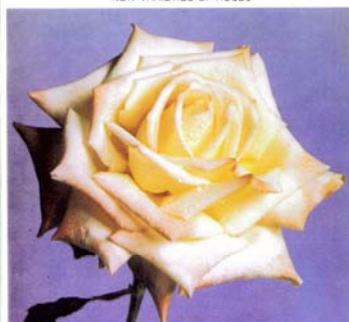
growing in Australia. If only he lived in a better state... c'mon Peter and Brenda, Queensland has beautiful weather (except the weekend you were just here) and new challenges in rose growing. They don't just grow like weeds up here, you have to work at it.



Right: Tony Stallwood and Peter Burton

THE AMATEUR ROSE BREEDER'S GUIDE

COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO BREED
NEW VARIETIES OF ROSES



by R.J. Bell

Rose Breeding Instruction Book for Sale

Post Cheque/Money order for \$10 to P Hains, 24 Banksia Place, Mt Gravatt East Q 4122

Ron Bell was an outstanding breeder of Australian Roses, best known for breeding exhibition roses like **April Hamer**. In his time he wrote an excellent book detailing the instructions on how to breed roses. I bought this book 2 years ago and have used it as a regular source of information in my breeding program. People ask me how I learned so much so quickly on rose breeding. The answer: read Ron Bell's book!

I have some available for sale for \$10 including postage within Australia. Overseas readers can email me for postage pricing for your country. Headings in the book are:

- The structure of the rose flower
- Aims in breeding and choice of parents
- Pollinating practice and seed production
- Maintenance and assess-

ment of seedlings

- Propagation by budding
- Some genetics of rose breeding
- Definitions

If you are interested in receiving a copy, send me a note with a cheque or money order to the address above and I will post it to you straight away.

Pollenate Now! It is the season to be breeding...

Paul Hains (I wrote all of this issue for once...)

As I write this I am acutely aware that I should be having sex in my garden right now! Rose sex I mean! I could feel some of you flipping to the next page looking for photos, but I am talking about pollinating flowers to create the most unique new roses you will ever see.

When you create a rose from seed, you are the first one to ever see it. For the ones that aren't unique or nice, you may be the only one as they pass to the bin to allow for you to spend your time on the good ones.

One of your best instruction guides is Ron Bell's book on the previous page.

There are many articles and guides on my website at the link below:

www.hainsroses.com/breeding.html

I would also strongly recommend joining ARBA, the Australian Rose Breeders' Association which produces some excellent newsletters with thoughts and help on rose breeding. It is good to belong to a group of like minded people who are trying to create new roses. The majority of members are hobbyists just like you and I. To join go to www.arba.rose.org.au

I have put some pictures to the right to show you how simple the process is. All you need is a little creativity and some patience.

Pollenate October—January. Cut the Hips 4 months after pollinating or when the colour is orange/red. Store the seeds in the fridge for 2 months, then plant them and watch your babies come alive.



Removing the petals



Removing the stamens with pollen



Pollenating with stored pollen



Don't be lazy! Name the parents



They won't all be this big, some will go red too



Cut the hips open and remove the seeds



Store them in the fridge—Name Them!



Plant them out—broccoli boxes work well



Seedlings coming up



Every flower is unique—this is exciting!

Australian Rose Championship Photos

October 2-3, 2010, Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens, Queensland. Full results in next "The Queensland Rose"



Barbara Beerling, Bonita Cattell and HRIA Members with a great display



Champion (left) and Reserve Champion (right) Vases, Grace Warren



The Auditorium full of roses and visitors



Aust Champ Class 1, John Dale



Aust Champ Class 4, Robert Warren



Champion Rose, Marilyn Monroe, Angela Sully



Reserve Champion Rose, Kardinal, Ted Hayes



Champion Novice, Maurice Utrillo, Laurel Sommerfield



Joyce Chapman and Mark McGuire Judging



Aust Champ Class 5, Wal Stewart



Heritage Rose Display



The seedling category for rose breeders had lots of comments from the general public & members