

THE CONSULTING ROSARIAN GUIDE

It is incumbent upon all Consulting Rosarians to exercise every effort to further a greater interest in the rose. They should SHARE their knowledge with those less informed on the care of roses.

Consulting Rosarians should not wait to be asked but should share knowledge voluntarily and willingly help others. They should be available to help friends, neighbors and rose society members in any way possible. In fact, they should be willing to help anyone who is interested in learning about roses and their culture.

Being a Consulting Rosarian is more than an obligation to share technical knowledge concerning roses. It involves participation in every aspect of the rose society to which he or she belongs, be it helping set up a rose show, showing slides at meetings, writing articles for news media or publications or serving on any of the society's committees. The object is to HELP others and to stimulate greater interest in growing roses and further the scope of this growth and scope of the rose society to which they belong. On the broader level, Consulting Rosarians should be ever active in furthering the cause and interests of the American Rose Society in whatever way they can. Here are some of the things Consulting Rosarians should do:

IN THEIR OWN GARDENS:

The most obvious obligation is to grow good roses, selecting classes of roses that includes hybrid teas, floribundas, grandifloras, climbers, miniatures, tree roses, shrubs and old garden roses. There is no need to have a large collection, but there should be a few of each class. The roses in the garden should include the most popular of the new introductions so that the Consulting Rosarian will be better informed and thus able to answer questions concerning them.

Consulting Rosarians should be acquainted with everything NEW in rose culture, be it a new type of sprayer, a new insecticide or fungicide. They should be familiar with state and federal laws and regulations pertaining to use of chemicals in the garden. They should know how the garden chemicals should be used, safety precautions to follow, etc.

The rose garden of any Consulting Rosarian should be open for all to enjoy and admire, and the roses should be of the quality to inspire and encourage others to grow roses.

The Consulting Rosarian should be familiar with chemical and nontoxic approaches to rose growing. Regardless of the approach Consulting Rosarians take in their own gardens - chemical, no chemicals or Integrated Pest Management - it is important to be knowledgeable about all approaches.

IN THE LOCAL ROSE SOCIETY:

Consulting Rosarians should not have to be asked to help. They should meet with other Consulting Rosarians to share knowledge and information. They should volunteer to help wherever and whenever needed. They should be willing to hold offices, serve on the board of directors,

head committees or perform any other task which will further the interest in the society.

Consulting Rosarians should let it be known they are willing to help members any way they can. Special attention should be given to helping new members with rose information. Consulting Rosarians should be willing to open their gardens to others.

IN THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY:

1. Assist members and non-members with cultural problems.
2. Obtain new members for the American Rose Society.
3. Work together in organizing and assisting new rose societies.
4. Encourage each organized rose group to sponsor at least one rose show per year.
5. See that local shows do not conflict with district and national shows, as well as local shows conflicting with each other.
6. Attend the Consulting Rosarian meeting each year at the district meeting.
7. Be a member of the district Public Rose Garden Committee where one exists.
8. Complete and submit the annual Roses in Review survey each year, and the Triennial Survey every three years.
9. Be in attendance at local rose shows, answering all questions.
10. Maintain an American Rose Society membership booth at all local rose shows.

A willingness to share knowledge and an enthusiasm for the joys of growing roses are the identifying traits of good Consulting Rosarians. They must be willing to give of themselves and have time to help others - members and non-members alike.

A good Consulting Rosarian must, in addition, keep the aims and ideals of the American Rose Society ever in mind and must be dedicated to furthering those aims and ideals.

Finally, a good Consulting Rosarian must convey to others that growing roses is a hobby with a tremendous potential for enjoyment and satisfaction that is greatly increased by sharing knowledge and love of the rose with all.

**It is against the principles of the Consulting Rosarian program
to charge a fee for rose advice.**