

Pacific Southwest District

Process for CR's to receive Continuing Education Credit for Written Articles

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This process was developed to allow current consulting rosarians to obtain credit towards their required four hours of continuing education by having a written article published in any ARS affiliated society newsletter.

1. The basis of this process is:

1. A consulting rosarian (CR) shall receive 1 hr of continuing education (CE) credit for an article published in at least three (3) local society newsletters.
2. This process shall be limited to two (2) articles during a four year period between the CR's last seminar/school and next due date.
3. If the CR attends a seminar/school before their next due date, a new 4-year period starts at the date of attendance of the last seminar/school. Only articles written during the new 4-year period qualify for extra credit during the new period.
4. Each article shall be reviewed and approved by a district committee prior to publication to ensure articles are useful to the reader and worthy of CE credit.
5. Once the home district approves an article, any ARS affiliated society newsletter qualifies for the credit. e.g., an article written by a Pacific Southwest District rosarian published in a Pen Jersey District local society newsletter may show some differences with Pacific Southwest District culture, but the overall article has value to Pacific Southwest District rosarians. The Pacific Southwest District committee decides if there is significant value to Pacific Southwest District members to warrant the 1 hr credit.

2. The Process

1. The CR shall submit their article to the District CR Chair using the "CR Written Article Credit Request" form.
2. **All correspondence between the submitting CR and the District CR Chair and Committee SHALL be via email, paper articles and snail mail articles are unacceptable.**
3. The District CR Chair shall distribute the article to the district committee for approval within 14 days of receipt.
4. District Committee members shall Review & Approve/Decline the article and return to the District CR Chair within 14 days of receipt.
5. The District CR Chair shall notify the CR of Approval/Declination within 5 days of receipt from District Committee. **An Article is "Approved" if it has received approval by a simple majority of the district committee including the District CR Chair.**
6. It is the responsibility of the CR to contact newsletter editors to have their article published after the district committee has approved it.
7. Local society editors are **NOT REQUIRED** to publish any article in their newsletter.
8. It is the responsibility of the CR to notify the District CR Chair of the publication of the article in the required three (3) newsletters by sending email links to the society newsletters or electronic copies of the newsletters to the District CR Chair.
9. The District CR Chair shall award approval of the one (1) hour CE credit only if the article has received "Approval" from the District Committee & District CR Chair (see 2.4) and receipt of the publication notifications.

10. The District CR Chair shall maintain a record of the partial credits assigned to the CR.

3. Article Requirements:

1. Approved articles shall have a **minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 800 words.**
2. Article subjects shall cover the core CR topics covered in CR Schools/Seminars or approved alternate topics in the CR Manual.
3. The Core Topics are :
 - a. Chemical Safety (pesticides) (any pesticides articles shall stress safety)
 - b. Soils and Water
 - c. Fertilizer and Nutrients
 - d. Insects
 - e. Diseases of Roses
4. Alternate topics, other than the CORE topics covered in a School, that are directly related to roses and rose growing can be considered, as well as an article published in the American Rose the A.R.S. National Magazine, and other quality articles deemed worthy for credit by the committee.
5. Approved Alternate Topics are (this is the list of approved subjects for a CR seminar from the CR manual plus two additional subjects.):

Hybridizing	Rose Photography	Earth Kind Roses	Raised Beds & Terracing
Propagation	Sustainable Rose Gardens	Constructing a Watering System	Getting Roses Ready for a Rose Show
Arranging With Roses	History & Historical Roses	Species Roses and Their Influence on Modern Roses	Roses of the Middle Ages
OGR & Heirloom Roses	New Rose Introductions	Floribundas	Polyanthas
Miniatures and Miniflora Roses	Hybrid Rugosas	Fragrant Roses	Climbers, Scramblers, Ramblers, Ground Covers & Hanging Baskets
Landscaping with Roses	Shrubs in the Landscape Design	Is There a Shrub Rose for Your Garden	OGRs & Shrub Roses for Small Gardens
Companion Planting With Roses	Containerized Roses	Structures and Supports for Climbing Roses	Trellises, Arbors, Arches, Pergolas, Gazebos & Privacy Hedges
Anatomy of the Rose	Own-Root vs. Dr. Huey, <i>R. multiflora</i> & Fortuniana as Understock	Is there a Future for Fortuniana root stock	Composting/Going Green Fertilizers
Planting & Transplanting Roses	Mulches & Ground Covers	Pruning Roses	Winter Protection
Hardy Roses of Buck, Sub-Zero, & Brownell	Tender Roses for Tough Climates	Hardy Roses from the Explorer & Parkland Series	Predatory Abatement
Advanced information on soils, fertilizers, insects & diseases not covered by the CR Manual	Increasing membership of rose societies and encouraging new members to be involved in society activities	Starting a "little rose show" at your society meetings.	