

# So, You Think You Want to be a Consulting Rosarian!

## What is a consulting Rosarian?

Consulting Rosarians (CR's) and Master Rosarians (MR's) are persons knowledgeable in the culture of roses. They serve the American Rose Society (ARS) in a variety of capacities. The CRs and MRs are the ambassadors and representatives of the American Rose Society (ARS). They represent the ARS in direct interactions with the public.

## What are the qualifications to be a Consulting Rosarian?

Any member of the American Rose Society qualifies to be a Consulting Rosarian provided they meet the following criterions:

1. Are at least 18 years of age.
2. Have been a regular or associate member of the American Rose Society for two consecutive years.
3. Should have email, if possible.
4. Are an active member of a local rose society.
5. Have grown a variety of roses for at least five years.
6. Are knowledgeable of equipment and materials related to rose culture.
7. Are willing to attend an approved ARS School for Consulting Rosarians and completes and passes an open book exam based on the material contained in the Consulting Rosarian Manual with a score not less than 75%.
8. Sends a completed CR Candidate Form to the candidate's District CR Chair at least thirty days before the CR School.
9. Attends all programs presented at the school.
10. Knows and are willing to live up to the Consulting Rosarian Code.

## What is expected of a CR after they receive the CR designation?

The CR Designation is not an award. It is a call for service to the ARS CR program. A CR must be willing to do the following.

1. Is willing to attend no less than one Consulting Rosarian School/Seminar every four years or accrue four Continuing Education (CE) credits (one, of, which, is, chemical, safety), in four years by attending seminars approved by the National CR Chair or accrues Continuing Education credits by attending four seminars/programs approved by the District CR Chair with one being Chemical Safety.
2. Is expected to complete a Roses in Review report yearly.
3. Is expected to complete a CR activity report form if requested by the District CR Chair.
4. The Consulting Rosarian should not wait to be asked but should share knowledge voluntarily and willingly help others.

5. 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.
6. Regardless of the approach a Consulting Rosarian takes in their own gardens, it should involve a decision-making Integrated Pest Management process to take the appropriate action, whether it be with synthetic chemicals, natural chemicals, or no chemicals. It is essential for a CR to be knowledgeable and supportive about all methods when dealing with other rosarians

### What are some of the duties of a CR?

∞ The ARS Consulting Rosarian Program is a mission to inform the public of the joys of growing roses. **As a CR your mission, should you choose to accept it is:**

1. To have the right attitude
2. To deal with the public
3. To help new rose growers
4. To Support the American Rose Society
5. To Support local rose societies.
6. **Basically, to be an ideal Consulting Rosarian**

### So, what is the Ideal Consulting Rosarian?

The ideal consulting Rosarian is an asset to the local society, the district organization, and the ARS! We all **work together Hand in Hand** *in inspiring a love and appreciation of roses, their culture and exhibition.*



The ideal CR must be willing to work!

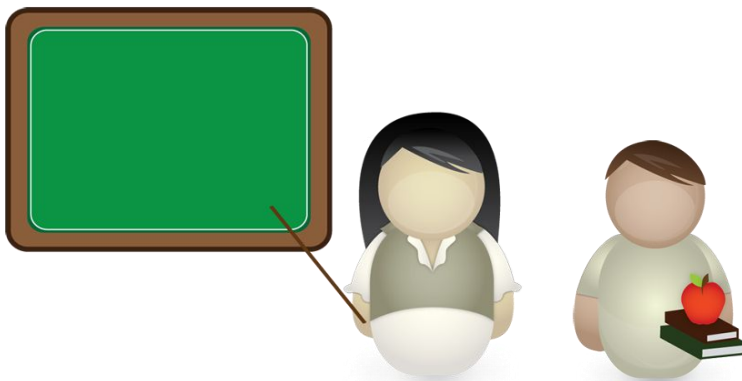


**The ideal CR is knowledgeable as to the growth and characteristics of both old and new roses.**

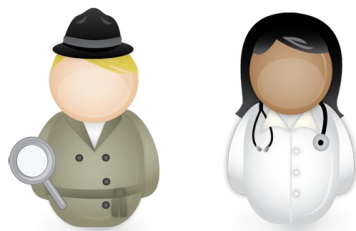


**The ideal CR understands the significance of his or her appointment:**

- ∞ The CR puts this in perspective
- ∞ It is a call to service, not an award
- ∞ Their byword is: It's nice to be important, but it is more important to be nice
- ∞ CR's need to be in contact with those who want their help.
- ∞ Sometimes you are the teacher and sometimes the student:



**∞ You may be the detective or the doctor**



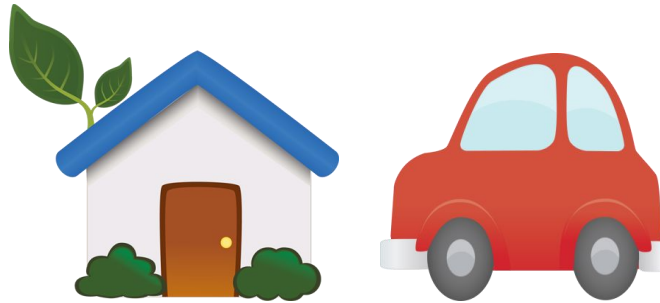
☞ You may be called on to be a worker or be on a committee



☞ You may be called on to give a presentation or show your artistic skills.



∞ You may be called on to visit a private or public garden for your advice.



- **The ideal CR recognizes there is a large chasm between advice and help**  
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- **The ideal CR must be a good diplomat, an ambassador for their local society and the ARS.**



- **The ideal CR values his time and uses it well.**



- The ideal CR is a leader, not a Boss.



The CR designation is for people who want to share their knowledge and expertise. Not people who want to rest on their laurels.



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Remember, it's a call to service, not an award for past deeds.

☞ **And Finally, Remember, Knowledge and expertise is like manure - It only works if you spread it around.**

