

CAROLINA DISTRICT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE
JANUARY 20 – 22, 2012
INN ON BILTMORE, BILTMORE ESTATE, ASHEVILLE, N.C.
Hosted by the Asheville-Blue Ridge Rose Society

I know it is hard to believe, but some of us are married to, or otherwise entwined, with people who do not share our enthusiasm for roses. Why some individuals have this character flaw, I do not know. And I cannot tell you how some of us made such an egregious error in choosing our life partner. But I do know that it happens and may be more common than publicly admitted. When faced with the news that the District Mid-Winter Conference is on the calendar for January, these unhappy mates mutter some variation of "What! *ANOTHER* meeting....." Or "What! You're going out of town.....*again?*" Reassure them! This time they can accompany you to Asheville and have a wonderful time while you indulge your passion for roses. Remember that the Biltmore Estate itself offers a variety of tours, activities and shopping opportunities and has a good assortment of restaurants. The Estate has an exhibition of Tiffany glass on display in Antler Village until the end of January. The Inn on Biltmore, where we will stay, offers afternoon high tea. Even if you are a Grinch and eschew the weekend pass, buy one for your mate and turn them loose on the Estate.

Biltmore Village, right outside the gates to the Estate, was developed to house the construction workers and non-resident staff. Today it's 'quaintness' is maintained by strict codes – there's even a tasteful McDonald's. For the caffeine junkies among us, there's a Starbucks just south of the Estate entrance. The Village is filled with shops. There are the usual stores, including a really nice Williams-Sonoma, and a good selection of unique stores like the gorgeous, upscale Bellagio. New Morning Gallery sells garden art, pottery, jewelry, and other items. Nature lovers can visit the Compleat Naturalist. After-Christmas sales should still be going on. There are a variety of restaurants in every price range as well. Biltmore Village is compact enough to be easily walked. If it's cold, your loved one can duck into a store or coffee shop to warm up. And parking is easy, thanks to a free, covered parking garage.

Your true love like to go to flea markets or antique shops? The Antique Tobacco Barn is a mammoth consignment store on Swannanoa River Road. Smaller, but choice, is the Screen Door, on Fairview Road. This store contains a good book store as well eclectic items for the home and garden.

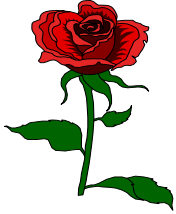
Of course, downtown Asheville is filled with shops and restaurants. If a little culture is desired, send your partner to the Thomas Wolfe house, meticulously restored after a disastrous fire in 1998. Don't tell them that there is a rose in the yard that reported was planted by Thomas' mother, known as Julia's rose.

A little further afield, but worth a visit, is the Grove Park Inn on Sunset Mountain in north Asheville. This Inn was constructed in 1912, using mules and wagons to haul massive amounts of granite to the site. The views are

spectacular, the food good, the gift shops well stocked and the annual Gingerbread House competition may still be on display. There is also an outstanding store, the Grovewood Gallery, adjacent to the hotel, which sells all sorts of items made by Appalachian craftsmen. The handmade furniture is worth the drive even if you're not looking to purchase.

So register to attend the Carolina District Mid-Winter Conference without guilt and treat your non-rose loving partner to a fun-filled weekend while you attend our excellent lectures and talk about roses to your heart's content.

REGISTRATION FORM AND AGENDA FOLLOW BELOW



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Hosted by: The Asheville-Blue Ridge Rose Society
Location: Inn on Biltmore, the Biltmore Estate, Asheville, N.C.

Registration Information (Please Print)

Name(s): _____

Name(s) for Name Tag(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Rose Society: _____

Registration

'Early Bird' Registration: \$30 per person before 12/15/2011

Regular Registration: \$40 per person after 12/15/2011

Number registering: _____ **Amount \$** _____

Weekend Estate Pass:

This pass is highly recommended for those without a 12 Month Biltmore pass. This pass enables access to the House, Gardens, Conservatory, Winery, and to conference related activities at these venues. The pass is valid for the entire weekend.

You will receive your passes with your registration packet.

Weekend Estate Pass: **\$28** per person

Number passes: _____ **Amount \$** _____

Saturday Night Awards Banquet and Program

Saturday Night Buffet Banquet: **\$40** per person

You will receive a buffet ticket with your registration packet.

#Attending: _____ **Amount \$** _____

10 AM Sunday Brunch at Corner Kitchen in Biltmore Village: #attending _____

Note: this is a pay-your-own-way brunch but a group reservation will be made for those wanting to venture off the Estate.

Registration, Pass, and Banquet Total: \$ _____ **Amount Enclosed \$** _____

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Make checks payable to Asheville-Blue Ridge Rose Society (ABRRS) and mail to:

Judy Deutsch
298 Merrills Chase Road, Asheville, N.C. 28803

Cancellation policy: Registration Fees less 30% will be refunded if your request is received by 1/3/2012. No refunds after that date.

Hotel: The award-winning Inn on Biltmore is giving us the fantastic rate of \$109/night, plus the usual taxes. Please support both them and us by booking your room with them. This rate is only available until December 30, 2011. You can register by calling 866-779-6277 and identifying yourself as part of the Carolina District Mid-Winter Conference. You can also register on line by logging onto www.biltmore.com/stay/rates and using the event code 1923TA.

The Asheville-Blue Ridge Rose Society will attempt to keep you informed about the Mid-Winter Conference and its events through our web site www.rosesocietywnc.org.

Please contact Judy Deutsch, 828-776-0418 or jdeutsch60@bellsouth.net if you have questions **or if you have an item to donate to the silent auction or raffle.**



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Note: Speakers and agenda are subject to change.
Updates will be posted on the web site www.rosesocietywnc.org

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

Registration open at 1 PM

Vendors and silent auction/raffle open 4 – 7 PM

3 PM Special for early arrivals: tour of the Conservatory and gardens (NOTE: Estate pass needed for this event)

4 PM Update on the Biltmore International Rose trials and future plans for the Biltmore Rose Garden – Lucas Jack

5:00 PM Wine tasting in the Biltmore Winery (NOTE: Estate pass needed for this event)

6 – 6:45 PM District Board Meeting

6:45 – 7:30 Society Presidents Meeting

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

Registration open at 7 AM - noon

Vendors open 9 AM – 5 PM

Silent auction/raffle open 9 AM – 7 PM

8 – 8:45 Greetings and Introductions

9 – 10 Building a Good Rose Bed – Paul Blankenship

10 – 10:30 Break

10:30 – 11:30 Rose Rosette Disease – Ann Peck

11:30 - 1:00 PM LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:00 – 2:00 The Latest in “No-Spray” Gardens - Mark Windham

2:00 – 3:00 Sandy’s Picks – (TBA)

3:00 – 3:30 Break

3:30 – 4:30 Botany 101 for Rose Growers – Marily Williams

4:30 – Adjournd for dinner set up

Silent auction closes at 7 PM.

Raffle drawings throughout the evening

6 – 7:30 PM Cash bar with music from Honey Holler, award winning traditional mountain music quartet

7:30 PM Awards banquet and after dinner speaker

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:30 AM Membership meeting

10:00 AM Brunch at the Corner Kitchen (group reservation, pay your
own way)

Tour Biltmore House, Gardens, and Estate on your own (passes required)