

# GREAT LAKES DISTRICT ROSE CONFERENCE

## SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025

The Great Lakes District of the American Rose Society cordially invites you to join fellow rose enthusiasts and gardeners to their annual District Conference. All are welcome and bring a friend.

**Location & Parking** – The Conference will be held at the Food Safety and Toxicology Building located at 1129 Farm Lane in East Lansing on the MSU Campus. There is a large free parking lot located directly adjacent to the building's main entrance.

**Overnight Lodging** – Best Western Okemos – East Lansing. A block of 10 rooms (additional may be added if needed and available) has been arranged in support of the Conference.

- **Nights Reserved** – Friday, June 20, 2025. Note: It may also be possible to get the special room rate for an extra night (Saturday, June 21, 2025). Arrangements on an individual basis.
- **Room Rate** - \$115.00 +tax/night for a two Queen Bed Room or King Room
- **Reservation Details** – Reservations can be made by calling the hotel directly at 517-3498700 and asking for the **Great Lakes District American Rose Society room block**. Cut-off date for the above rate is Friday June 13, 2025

**Rose Show** – The Conference will include a Simplified Rose Show. It will include horticultural examples of Large (Hybrid Tea, Floribunda, Grandiflora and Shrub) Roses as well as Miniature and MiniFlora Roses. The complete Rose Show Schedule will be included as part of the final Conference Registration Package. Vases will be provided. ARS Ribbons and Award Certificates will be awarded. **NOTE:** There will be no challenge classes, English Boxes, arrangements, etc. Show Schedule Below.

Rose Show set-up and display will be in the lunchroom adjacent to the Conference Lecture Room. Entries will be accepted between 7:00 am and 9:45 am. **PLEASE** plan on bringing roses. The more the merrier.

**Conference Speakers/Presentations** – This year's Conference features three nationally and perhaps internationally recognized speakers.

- **Natalie Carmolli** – Natalie is the Media and Public Relations Specialist at Spring Meadow Nursery, Inc. She will be presenting **Proven Winners ColorChoice Roses** – current varieties along with a sneak peak at new varieties and suggestions for companion plants.

I had the pleasure of hearing Natalie speak at the American Rose Society's (ARS) 2023 National Convention in Shreveport, Louisiana. She has done presentations for the Indianapolis Rose Society, Pike's Peak Rose Society, ARS North Central District Conference 2024, The Grand Garden Show as well as being one of the featured presenters for the ARS's 2024 on-line webinar series.

- **Steven Roussell** – Steve hails from Lake Charles, Louisiana. He is a retired construction worker who turned his hobby of growing roses into hybridizing some of the markets best roses. He began hybridizing roses on his two-acre homestead and says he has plenty of space for pollinating all that he can tend. Some of Steve’s creations are Liz’s Charm, Patagonia Girl, Clovie, Rocket, American Maid and Vibrant Vonnie to name a few. They are of excellent form and hardiness. Steve’s roses are available mail order from K&M and Wisconsin Roses. Steve has also participated in several hybridizer panels at ARS National Conferences.

Steve will be giving two presentations. One on creating new roses through **The Art of Hybridizing** and a second on **Propagation of Roses Through Cuttings and Grafting**. Come and learn these skills from a master.

- **Matthew Ross** – Matthew is a native Michigander who lost his way but came back home to serve as the Executive Director The Botanic Gardens at Historic Barns Park in Traverse City, Michigan. Prior to coming home to Michigan, Matthew was the Director of Continuing Education at Longwood Gardens, a college instructor at Owens Community College and chief Horticulturist at Toledo Botanic Gardens. He is a graduate of MSU receiving a bachelors and master’s degree in Horticultural Science with emphasis on Landscape Design, Construction Management and Urban Forestry. In his spare time Matthew enjoys the many outdoor activities that Michigan has to offer such as kayaking, hiking and exploring Michigan’s vast northern landscape.

Matthew will present the sure to be interesting program **From Grave to Garden – The Evolution of American Cemeteries**. From their inception, cemeteries included nature as an essential element to celebrating the lives of those seeking eternal rest. Cemeteries have always been places for communities to gather, to mourn and to celebrate but did you know that many of these sacred places contain some of the most breathtaking gardens and specimen trees? Journey through the rolling hills and picturesque landscapes of several of the nation’s most impressive cemeteries from their humble beginnings out east to their modern evolution as places for community engagement, education, and conservation.

### Conference Program

- 7:00 am to 9:45 am – Rose Show Entry and Registration Check-in
- 9:45 am to 10:45 am - Rose Show Judging, Conference Welcome
- 9:45 am to 10:45 am – **Steve Roussell – The Art of Hybridizing - The Creation of a New Rose**. Learn the steps he takes to hybridize new roses with encouragement to try it yourself.
- 10:45 am to 11:00 am Break
- 11:00 am to 12 Noon – **Matthew Ross – From Grave to Garden – The Evolution of American Cemeteries**. Hear the story of how Cemeteries started the Botanical Garden movement
- 12 Noon to 2:15 pm – Lunch, Rose Show open for viewing, Horticultural Gardens open to tour.
- 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm – **Steve Roussell – Propagation of Roses Through Cuttings and Grafting**. See & learn from Steve how to multiply your roses or start a new variety in your garden
- 3:30 pm to 3:40 pm – Break
- 3:40 pm to 4:40 pm – **Natalie Carmolli – Proven Winners Color Choice Roses**. A presentation of current and future varieties and companion plants
- 4:40 pm to 4:50 pm – Break
- 4:50 pm to 5:30 pm – District Meeting
- Take down Clean-up Safe Travels Home

# Great Lakes District June 21, 2025, District Conference Rose Show Schedule

**ALPHABETICAL SHOW SCHEDULE CLARIFICATION** -- All varieties exhibited in Sections A and B will be placed on exhibit tables in alphabetical order and further sub-classed by variety name. Roses entered in each separate sub-class will be judged against the merits of that variety. Ribbons may be awarded for each variety if the rose or roses are considered worthy by the judges. No award is required for any rose. The decision of the judges is final in determining the merits of the individual roses.

## Section A Large Roses

### TROPHIES AND CERTIFICATES

- **QUEEN OF SHOW** - Presented to the best Blue Ribbon winner of Class 26.

#### **ARS GOLD CERTIFICATE**

- **KING OF SHOW** - Presented to the Second best Blue Ribbon winner of Class 26.

#### **ARS SILVER CERTIFICATE**

- **PRINCESS OF SHOW** - Presented to the Third best Blue Ribbon winner of Class 26

#### **ARS BRONZE CERTIFICATE**

### Roses At Exhibition Stage

**Class 26 – Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras & Floribundas**, including their climbing counter parts. One bloom per stem, no side buds.

**Class 27 – Hybrid Tea Single** - Four (4) to eight (8) petal bloom(s), or classed as single by any current ARS publication. One bloom per stem or spray.

### Open Bloom Roses

**Class 29 - Hybrid Tea & Grandiflora Open Bloom** – One bloom per stem, no side buds. Bloom should be fully open with stamens fresh and visible.

## Rose Bloom Sprays

**Class 30 - Hybrid Tea & Grandiflora Sprays** – One stem, two or more blooms. Buds may be present but should not be predominant.

**Class 31 - Floribunda Sprays** – One stem, two or more blooms. Buds may be present but should not be predominant.

**Class 32 - Polyantha Sprays** - one stem, two or more blooms. Buds may be present but should not be predominant.

## Climbers

**Class 33 - Climbers** - any large flowered climber (LCI) or Gigantea (HG) or Hybrid Wichurana (HWich). One stem, one bloom or multiple blooms.

## Old Garden Roses

OLD GARDEN ROSES are those rose classes listed under OGR on page 7 of the *ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses*. For this show, the Species (Sp) class may be entered in this section.

**Class 34 - Dowager Queen** – One stem, one bloom with or without side buds, or spray of an Old Garden Rose introduced before 1867, or with unknown date of origin prior to 1867. Date of origin is to be written on entry tag, visible to judges.

*ARS DOWAGER QUEEN CERTIFICATE*

**Class 35 - Victorian Award** – One stem, one bloom with or without side buds, or spray of an Old Garden Rose introduced in 1867 or later, or with unknown date of origin after 1867. Date of origin is to be written on entry tag, visible to judges.

*ARS VICTORIAN AWARD CERTIFICATE*

## Shrub Roses

**Class 36 - Classic Shrub Roses**, For roses classified as Hybrid Kordesii (HKor), Hybrid Moyesii (HMoy), Hybrid Musk (HMask), or Hybrid Rugosa (HRg) in the *ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses*. One stem, one bloom or multiple blooms.

**Class 37 - Modern Shrub Roses**, Those Shrubs classified with an “S” in the *ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses* including Knock out Roses, except David Austin English roses. One stem, one bloom or multiple blooms.

**Class 38 - English Roses**, For English roses hybridized by David Austin only. One stem, one bloom or multiple blooms.

# Section B

## MINIATURE & MINIFLORA ROSES

### TROPHIES AND CERTIFICATES

- **QUEEN OF MINIATURES** - Presented to the best Blue Ribbon winner of Class 42.

#### **ARS GOLD CERTIFICATE**

- **KING OF MINIATURES** - Presented to the second best Blue Ribbon winner in Class 42.

#### **ARS SILVER CERTIFICATE**

- **PRINCESS OF SHOW** - Presented to the third best Blue Ribbon winner of Class 42.

#### **ARS BRONZE CERTIFICATE**

### At Exhibition Stage

**Class 42 - Miniature & Miniflora Roses** including their climbing counterparts. One bloom per stem, no side buds.

**Class 43 - Single Petaled Miniatures & Miniflora Roses** – Four (4) to eight (8) petal blooms or classed as single by any current ARS publication. One bloom per stem or spray.

### Open Bloom Roses

**Class 44 - Miniature Rose Open Bloom** – One bloom per stem, no side buds. Bloom should be fully open with stamens visible.

**Class 45 - Miniflora Rose Open Bloom** – One bloom per stem, no side buds. Bloom should be fully open with stamens visible.

### Rose Bloom Sprays

**Class 46 - Miniature Rose Sprays** – One stem, two or more blooms. Buds may be present but should not be predominant.

**Class 47 - Miniflora Sprays** - One stem, two or more blooms. Buds may be present but should not be predominant.

**Great Lakes District of the American Rose Society  
District Conference Registration Form  
Saturday, June 21, 2025**

**MSU Campus Food Safety and Toxicology Building, 1129 Farm Lane East Lansing, MI 48823  
Cost \$25.00/person Includes Lunch**

Registration Required By Wednesday, June 11, 2025

**Please PRINT**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_

**ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **CELL PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**ARS MEMBER** -- YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCAL ROSE SOCIETY** – YES \_\_\_\_ - society name \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**LUNCH CHOICES** – Grand Traverse Pie Company - pick one per attendee. (**Note:** type of pie chosen at random by GTPC). **CHOOSE ONE** – Boxed Lunch (sandwich) **OR** Boxed Salad

**BOXED LUNCH w/ PIE CHOICES** – **Gluten Free Bread is available, please indicate (GF) if required. Full sandwich, chips, and pie**

Chicken Salad \_\_\_\_\_ Mediterranean Veggie \_\_\_\_\_ GT Club \_\_\_\_\_

Turkey Cheddar \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Pesto \_\_\_\_\_ Ham & Swiss \_\_\_\_\_

Turkey Bacon \_\_\_\_\_

**BOXED SALAD w/ PIE CHOICES**

Cherry Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ House \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Fiesta \_\_\_\_\_

Dressing 1000 Island \_\_\_ Balsamic Vinaigrette \_\_\_ Blue Cheese \_\_\_ Ranch \_\_\_ Maurice \_\_\_

Berry Cherry Vinaigrette \_\_\_ Chipotle Ranch \_\_\_ Lite Italian \_\_\_

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Number of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Checks Payable to – **Great Lakes District**

**Mail this sheet** -- Registration and Lunch Information, and payment to

Diane Bennett  
3625 Observatory Lane  
Holt, MI 48842-9418

For additional information contact Duane DeDene, 586-252-3637 or [roseprez@att.net](mailto:roseprez@att.net)

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