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GREAT ROSARIANS OF THE WORLD™ LECTURE SERIES EAST COAST 2010 TO HONOR DAVID AUSTIN

NEW YORK CITY, JUNE 11-13, 2010

Shreveport, LA- The 2010 GROW™ -East Coast Lecture Series, will honor of David Austin, the hybridizer of English Roses and founder of David Austin Roses, on June 11 through 13 in New York City. The event is being hosted by the New York Botanical Garden and the Manhattan Rose Society. Reservations are required for all events and details can be found at www.greatrosarians.com. For more information please contact Pat Shanley at (516)759-1435, pshanley@aol.com.

Friday, June 11, 2010

An opening reception will be held at the Horticultural Society of New York to celebrate the "Rose Studies," an exhibition of watercolors documenting Rosa by Maria Cecilia Freeman and the long awaited publication of *The Sustainable Rose Garden Reader*.

It will be followed by the 5th Annual New York Metropolitan Rose Council Dinner, with Guest of Honor – David Austin, at the fabulous restaurant Opia. The evening will include the Presentation of the International Friend of the Rose Award to Ambassador Faith Whittlesey and The Great Rosarians Rose Garden Hall of Fame presented to The Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden, The New York Botanical Garden. The primary sponsor of the 5th Annual New York Metropolitan Rose Council Dinner is The Conard-Pyle Company, Star®Roses.

Saturday, June 12, 2010

Lessons from a Rose Rustler, Presented by Mike Shoup

A fascinating look at the search and rescue of lost or forgotten old garden roses, often referred to as rose rustling.

“Sustainability GROW(s)™ Up!” Panel Discussion

Panelists: Peter Kukielski, Rockefeller Curator of Roses, The Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden, The New York Botanical Garden; Clair G. Martin, III, Shannon Curator of Rose & Perennial Gardens, The Huntington Botanical Garden, San Marino, CA; Mike Shoup, owner of The Antique Rose Emporium; Marilyn Wellan, 2009 Great Rosarian and past president of the American Rose Society; Jeff Wyckoff, President of the American Rose Society; and Hillary Merrifield, co-author of *Tea Roses – Old Roses for Warm Gardens*.

It will be followed by the lecture by David Austin, the Award presentation and conclude with a reception, in his honor, in the beautiful Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden, music provided by a local jazz trio, “Parlor Entertainment”.

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Sunday, June 13, 2010

"Enjoying Tea Roses" and Q&A

3 of the authors of *Tea Roses – Old Roses for Warm Gardens*

Queens Botanical Garden

The program will center on Tea Roses suitable for gardens in the Northeast. Their book was given the 2009 World Federation of Roses Literary Award. Immediately following the lecture there will be a tour of newly renovated Rose Garden by the Curator, Karl McKoy.

David Austin

David Austin began hybridizing roses on his farm in the 1950's and introduced his first rose, 'Constance Spry' in 1961. The commercial success of this rose convinced him to focus more of his time developing new roses and he established his nursery in 1969 on his family farm in Albrighton. The Austin Rose catalog, *Handbook of Roses*, is now in its 37th year and is published in multiple languages. Mr. Austin has authored a number of books including, *The English Roses* and *The Rose*, both of which have gone through numerous editions.

Austin has spent his hybridizing career developing roses that combine the strength, hardiness, fragrance, and the flower shapes of the Old Garden Rose classes with the health and re-blooming characteristics of modern remontant roses. His fame as a hybridizer came in the 1980's with the introduction of roses like 'Graham Thomas', 'Mary Rose', and 'Abraham Darby' all of which launched him onto the world stage. Nearly a half-century later his English Roses are popular worldwide for their contribution to garden landscaping as well to the rose garden.

Over the ensuing years he has introduced nearly 200 of his English Roses, and now, with offices in the United States, Russia, and Japan, his creations are available worldwide. David Austin English Roses have helped gardeners develop a new appreciation for roses as landscape plants.

The Great Rosarians of the World™

The Great Rosarians of the World™ Lecture award program, launched in 2001 by Clair G. Martin, III, Shannon Curator of the Rose & Perennial Gardens, The Huntington Botanical Garden, San Marino, CA, was conceived as an annual lecture series to honor notable Rosarians from around the world and provide a forum for them to present their work to a broader American audience. The GROW™ West Coast Lecture Series took place on January 23 & 24, 2010 at The Huntington Botanical Garden.

American Rose Society

Founded in 1892, the American Rose Society is the oldest single plant horticultural society in America. The ARS is an educational, nonprofit organization dedicated exclusively to the cultivation and enjoyment of roses. ARS supports its members by providing educational programs, resourceful publications, and continued research. We have more than 300 nationally affiliated rose societies in our network.

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