



Redwood Empire Rose Society

**Karen Ernsberger/Gail Lee/Martin Kooi
Co - Presidents 2023**

*Organized in 1965
By
Harry E. Stebbings*

*Affiliated with the
AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY*



*Meetings Held the Third Thursday of each Month
Except January, August & December
at 7:00 p.m.*

Refreshments at 6:30 p.m.

at the

LUTHER BURBANK ART & GARDEN CENTER, INC.

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Redwood Empire Rose Society 2023 Membership Dues

Family Membership - \$25.00

The dues are per family and include all persons living in the same household. Paid membership in the Redwood Empire Rose Society includes a subscription to our bi-monthly newsletter and member status in our Society Rose Shows. Dues are per calendar year (January to December) and are not subject to pro-rating regardless of when the member joins; however, if a member joins after October 31, the dues paid will be applied to the next calendar year.

The above dues include \$10.00 to ARS for insurance & society membership, \$30.00 in assessments and dues to the Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center, Inc. for each family membership.



NCNH DISTRICT OFFICERS

District Director Sue Bennett

NCNH District Website: [http:// www.ncnhdistrict.org](http://www.ncnhdistrict.org)

REDWOOD EMPIRE ROSE SOCIETY OFFICERS

President.....Karen Ernsberger/ Gail Lee/ Martin Kooi

Vice President..... Barbara Ellis

Secretary..... Cher Frechette

Treasurer..... Ruth Browning 6th yr

RERS Website: <https://www.redwoodempirerosesociety.com>

The RERS Council usually meets on the first Thursday of the month before the general meeting to conduct the majority of the business matters. The Executive Committee is made up of the Past President and the current officers. All members of the Redwood Empire Rose Society are encouraged to attend these meetings. Minutes of the monthly RERS Council will appear in the *Rose News*. Please contact the President to be on the call list for these meetings. Council Meetings are held as the Executive Council deems appropriate. Please call any officer or look at the newsletter for the next Council Meeting location.

RERS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

LBAGC Representatives..... Ruth Browning/ need person

Consulting Rosarians..... Cher Frechette

District Awards Representative.....Karen Ernsberger

Garden Maintenance..... Karen Ernsberger

HistorianOPEN

HospitalitySheila Sabbag

Librarian..... OPEN

Membership.....Ruth Browning

Monthly Petite Rose Showcurrently NONE

NCNH Delegates.....Karen Ernsberger/ Cher Frechette

Newsletter.....Cher Frechette

PublicityALL.... Ruth Browning/Gail Lee

Rose Show – Spring.....Karen Ernsberger/ Martin Kooi

Security President



Sonoma Co. Fair Information Table.....OPEN

MEMBERSHIP

General Membership:

ALL MEMBERS shall be responsible for setting up chairs and tables and returning them to the storage facility at the end of the meeting. Shall be responsible for leaving the building in good order – floors swept or vacuumed (if necessary) and “spills” wiped up and the restrooms checked. Waste cans emptied.

ALL MEMBERS shall be responsible for maintaining the Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center Rose Garden. This begins each year with the pruning and fertilizing in the winter and deadheading and weeding throughout the growing season. Please contact the Garden Maintenance Committee to sign up.

ALL MEMBERS shall be responsible to volunteer at some time throughout the year to provide and serve refreshments at the monthly meeting.

IF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THESE NECESSARY ACTIVITIES, THEN THINGS WILL NOT HAPPEN. IT IS NOT THE RESONSIBILITY OF ANY OFFICER TO DO THESE ACTIVITIES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MEMBERSHIP.

Building Keys: Keys to the building and cabinets shall be in the possession of the President, Hospitality Chairperson, Vice President and Garden Maintenance Chairperson.

CONSULTING ROSARIANS

Cher Frechette, Coordinator

Karen Ernsberger Master CR

Barbara Ellis Master CR

Cher Frechette Master CR

Mary Brown Emeritus CR

Marcia Nelson Master CR

AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY ACCREDITED JUDGES

Karen Ernsberger (H & A)

Cher Ferchette (H)

Martin Kooi (H & A)

(A) - Arrangements (H) - Horticulture (L) – Lifetime



BRONZE MEDAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

1993 – Rachel Wall	2002 – Tom Villa-Lovoz
1994 – Margaret Martin	2005 – Phyllis Saccani
1995 – Sally Joy	2006 – Barbara (Shula) Ellis
1996 – Harry Stebbings	2008 – Ann Barbaro
1997 – Gene Howard & Ginny Howard	2009 – Karen Ernsberger
1998 – Inez Smith	2010 – Karl Scheurman & Ruth Browning
1999 – Eleanor Kelling	2012 – Martin Kooi
2000 – Jim King	

PAST PRESIDENTS

1965-1966.....	Harry Stebbings ψ
1967.....	Robert Knuth ψ
1968.....	Margaret Martin ψ
1969.....	Dr. Ray Anderson
1970.....	Bernice Jensen ψ
1971.....	Richard Joy ψ
1972.....	Joy Monteleone
1973.....	Rachel Wall ψ
1974.....	Dr. Dennison Morey ψ
1975.....	”George” Henry Schmidt ψ
1976.....	Joy Monteleone
1977.....	Sally Joy ψ
1978.....	Patti Espenshade ψ
1979.....	John Kelling ψ
1980.....	Arley Holman ψ
1981.....	Lorraine Hopson (Stebbing) ψ
1982.....	Howard Rapp ψ
1983.....	Sally Joy ψ
1984.....	Gloria Rapp
1985/86	Ardie Audiss
1987/88	Eugene Howard ψ
1989/90	Bernice Jensen ψ
1991/92	Ann Barbaro
1993/94	Inez Smith ψ
1995/96	Dolores Moffat
1997/98	Tom Villa-Lovoz ψ
1999/00	Jim Lang
2001/02.....	Barbara Shula
2003/04.....	Phyllis Saccani ψ
2005/06.....	Karen Ernsberger
2007.....	Ed Montenegro
2008.....	Barbara Shula
2009/10	Jack Coulter
2011/12	Karen Ernsberger
2013.....	Ruth Browning
2014/15	Cher Frechette
2016/17.....	Karen Ernsberger & Anne Lotz
2018/19.....	Karen Ernsberger
2020/21/22.....	Barbara Ellis



2023 Karen Ernsberger, Gail Lee & Martin Kooi

ψ Deceased

2023 SPECIAL EVENTS

RERS Spring Rose Show..... May 6, 2023

Sonoma County Fair..... August , 2023

NCNH District Conference & Rose Show ?

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Refer to *Rose News* for most current schedule.

History of RERS Rose Annual Spring Shows a few gaps (includes a few Fall Shows)

2023		May 6	56th Annual	
2022		April 30	55th Annual	
2021	Virtual Show ZOOM	May 1		Tried for a Fall Show Sept 18 cancelled
2020	????	May 2	54 th Annual	Cancelled due to Covid 19
2019	Out of the Fire	May 4	53 rd Annual	
2018	Out of the Fire	May 5	52 nd Annual	
2017	Aloha!!	April 29	51 st Annual	
2016	Golden Anniversary	May 21	50 th Annual	
2015	Roses Dancing in Our Garden	May 2	49 ^h Annual	
2014	Rain Drops are Dancing on My Petals	May 17	48 th Annual	
2013	Star Wars (Tours)	May 11	47 th Annual	
2012	Roses in Wine Country	May 5	46 th Annual	
2011	Roses on Parade	May 7	45 th Annual	- Fall NCNH District Show"Last Rose of Summer"
2010	Picture Perfect	May 1	44 th Annual	
2009	Simple Pleasures	May 2	43 rd Annual	
2008	Change is in the Air!	May 3	42 nd Annual	
2007	Stop and Smell The Roses	May 5	41 st Annual	
2006	Mardi Gras	May 7	40 th Annual	
2005	Fire and Ice	May 7	39 th Annual	
2004	Chase The Clouds Away	May 8	38 th Annual	
2003	Remember The Good Things in Life	May10	37 th Annual	
2002	The Year of The Rose	May 4	36 th Annual	
2001	The Rose Our National Flower	May 5	35 th Annual	
2000	A History of the Rose Through the Ages	May 6	34 th Annual	- Fall "It's a Rose Show" Charlie Brown
1999	Come Rain or Shine	May 1	33 rd Annual	- Fall Sonoma County in the 1900's
1998	Stars: The Roses of the Angels	May 2	32 nd Annual	- Fall ?
1997	"The Rose in Legend and Lore"	May 3	31 st Annual	- Fall "Sonoma County Landmarks II"
1996	California The Golden State	May4	30 th Annual	- Fall "Sonoma County Landmarks"
1995	Run For The Roses	May 6	29 th Annual	- Fall NCNH District Show" Circus of Roses"
1994	Wine and Roses	May 14-15	28 th Annual	- Fall "On The Road With Roses"
1993	Tribute to Modern Composer Sammy Cahn	May 1-2	27 th Annual	
1992	Rock "n" Roll "n" Roses	May 2	26 th Annual	- Fall A Centennial Celebration
1991	Happy 25 th Anniversary	May 4	25 th Annual	
1990	Days of Wine & Roses	May 5	24 th Annual	
1989	Summer Dream		23 rd Annual	- Fall <u>Symphony of Roses</u>
1985	Land, Near and Far	May11	19 th Annual	
1984	Olympics	May 12	18 th Annual	
1983	Let's go to the Parade of Roses	May 14	17 th Annual	
1981	Rose Garden	May 3	15 th Annual	
1971	6 th Annual Spring Rose Show	May 8		
1970	5 th Annual Spring Rose Show	May 9		
1969	4 th Annual Spring Rose Show	April 27		
1968	3 rd Annual Spring Rose Show	May 4		
1967	2 nd Annual bad weather postponed, had show in fall	September 30/1		



BYLAWS OF THE REDWOOD EMPIRE ROSE SOCIETY

October 16, 2008 (revised Nov 2011, Fall 2012/winter 2013, Jan 2018 & 2019)
(Previous Revisions; Jan 1988, Oct 1993, Nov 1994, May 1986)

ARTICLE I

NAME AND OFFICE

- Section 1 This club shall be known as the REDWOOD EMPIRE ROSE SOCIETY, which is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.
- Section 2 The principal offices and the mailing address of this Organization shall be determined by the President.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES

- Section 1 The purpose of the REDWOOD EMPIRE ROSE SOCIETY shall be to promote the culture, interest, and appreciation of roses; to encourage the introduction, development and uses of all kinds of roses; to gather and publish information in regard to kind, propagation, and nomenclature of roses; and to issue bulletins and/or other publications as deemed advisable by the Executive Board.
- Section 2 To hold rose exhibitions (shows) under the rules and regulations of the AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY, separately and/or in cooperation with other floral societies and organizations.
- Section 3 To foster friendly relationships among the Society's members, and with other Societies, affiliated with the AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY individually and as a society with mutual benefit.



ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1 The Membership shall consist of persons interested in the objectives of this Society and shall consist of Active and Honorary Members.
- Section 2 Active Members are those who have paid their current year's dues to the Treasurer. A family or household may be one member. For business purposes, a family or household will be entitled to one vote. Individuals of a family may have an individual membership.
- Section 3 Honorary Members shall be those persons elected by the Society for Honorary Membership. Recipients of the BRONZE MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE shall automatically become Honorary Members. Honorary Members shall have full rights of membership, including the right to hold office and vote on Society matters.

ARTICLE IV

ORGANIZATION

- Section 1 The officers of the Redwood Empire Rose Society shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be members of the AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY. They shall be elected biennially on the even year at the October meeting for a term of two (2) years. If any officer is unable to serve a 2-year term, a special election will be held at the October meeting of the following year for that office.
- Section 2 There shall be a Society Council which shall consist of the officers of the Redwood Empire Rose Society and Standing Committee Chairs are part of the Society Council. The officers encourage any member who wishes, to participate in the Council.
- A. The council shall function as the Society legislative body.
 - B. All council members except the President shall have one vote in the Society Council.
 - C. In the event of a tie vote on any matter that comes before the Society Council, the President shall then cast a vote to break the tie.
- Section 4 The elected officers of the Society, together with the immediate Past President shall comprise the Executive Committee which shall make recommendations to the Society Council. If the immediate Past President is no longer a member of the Society, there will be no Past President member of the Executive Committee.



- Section 5 The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are to be nominated by a Nominating Committee. The President shall appoint the Chairman of the Nominating Committee each “election” year in August. A committee of three (3) will prepare a slate of nominees for elective office for the coming year before the September Meeting. No Nominating Committee member shall serve for two (2) consecutive elections. In order to hold office, a nominee shall have been a member of the REDWOOD EMPIRE ROSE SOCIETY for a period of at least eleven months. The Nominating Committee shall report at the September Meeting. Nominations from the floor may be made with the consent of the nominee.
- Section 6 Election of officers shall be at the “election year” October Meeting. The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present.
- Section 7 Installation of officers shall be held at the November Program Meeting.
- Section 8 The President is authorized to immediately fill any vacancy that occurs among the Society Officers.
- Section 9 If an officer of the Society fails to perform their duties, any other officer, upon ten (10) days written notice to each member of the Executive Council, may motion for the removal of such officer at the next regular meeting of the Council. If such motion shall be approved by a majority of Council members present and voting, the office shall be declared vacant.

ARTICLE V

DUTIES

- Section 1 **President**
- A. Preside at all meetings of the Society’s membership.
 - B. Be a member ex-officio with the right to vote on all committees except the Nominating Committee.
 - C. Report to the membership such matters and make such suggestions and recommendations, as may be desirable and/or necessary.
 - D. Appoint the Chairpersons of all committees necessary to carry on the purposes of the Society.
 - E. Co-sign all checks with the Treasurer or any of the elected officers. There will be four (4) officers’ signatures recorded on the bank accounts.
 - F. Appoint three representatives (two regular and one alternate) to the LUTHER BURBANK ART & GARDEN CENTER, INC.



- G. Appoint two delegates, who are members of the AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY, to the Northern California, Nevada, Hawaii District (NCNH) Spring & Fall meetings.
- H. Complete all forms submitted by the District.
- I. Every three (3) years, the President shall appoint a delegate, who is a member of the AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY, to the committee to choose the recipient of the District's Silver Honor Medal Award.
- J. Submit an annual written report stating what our Club's activities have been in compliance with the purposes and objectives of the LUTHER BURBANK ART & GARDEN CENTER, INC. These reports shall be filed with the Center's Recording Secretary at the January meeting.
- K. Appoint at the April Program Meeting a chairperson of Judges for our Spring Rose Show for the next year. The Chairperson shall immediately proceed to secure judges for that show.
- L. Appoint in August, a Chairperson of the Nominating Committee.
- M. Appoint at the November Program Meeting three (3) members to serve on the Audit and Budget Committee.

Section 2 **Vice President**

- A. Perform all duties of the President in his or her absences or as requested by the President.
- B. Serve as Program Chairman.
- C. See standing rules 3 C.

Section 3 **Secretary**

- A. Keep a full and complete record of the proceedings of all meetings. Provide the minutes each month to the Newsletter Editor within **five** days after the Council Meeting.
- B. Handle all correspondence of the Society.
- C. Pass on to the incoming Secretary all records of the past year.

Section 4 **Treasurer**

- A. Receive all funds and keep an accurate record of all monies received and disbursed. Such records to be kept for seven (7) years.
- B. Present a written record of all receipts and disbursements at each Council meeting.
- C. Co-sign all checks with the President or any of the elected officers. There will be four (4) officers' signatures recorded on the bank accounts.



- D. Have custody of all funds belonging to the Society.
- E. Make certain that any unbudgeted expenses in excess of \$500.00 be approved by a vote of the Membership.

ARTICLE VI

CHAIRPERSONS AND COMMITTEES

- Section 1 All committee chairs are appointed by the President and shall prepare a budget, showing expenses and income, and send it to the Audit and Budget Committee prior to the February Council Meeting.
- Section 2 Audit and Budget Committee
- A. Audit the books and present a proposed balanced budget at the February Meeting.
 - B. Special events, such as a District Conference, will also be audited by that year's Audit and Budget Committee.
- Section 3 Newsletter Editor
Cher Frechette 1/19 to present, Karen Ernsberger 10/14 to 12/18, Barbara Ellis 9/04 to 9/14, Anne Lotz 3/01 to 8/04, Sharon Belon 1/00 to 2/01, Sue Valstrom 1/99 to 12/99, Rachel Wall 10/80 to 12/98, Bernice Jensen 1977 - 1980, Harry Stebbings 1966- 1977
- A. Shall assemble material and have the Redwood Empire Rose Society Newsletter; Rose News, ready for e-mailing at least a week before each Meeting.
 - B. Send copies to all members, the AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY, editors of other rose societies in the NCNH District and to the District Director.
- Section 4 Consulting Rosarian Chairperson
- A. Shall coordinate the January pruning demonstrations at the Luther Burbank Art & Garden Center rose garden.
 - B. Coordinate consulting rosarian(s) to author an article for publication in the newsletter and remind each CR to fill out Roses in Review forms online.
 - C. Shall distribute District questionnaires to all Consulting Rosarians in the society.
- Section 5 All other committees appointed by the President shall be addressed in the Redwood Empire Rose Society Standing Rules.



ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

Section 1 Program Meetings

- A. The Society shall have eight Program Meetings per year on the third Thursday of all months except January, May, August and December.
- B. The primary focus of the Program Meeting will be an informative program of interest to rose lovers. All members are encouraged to bring rose specimens to display and share with the other members to all meetings.
- C. Nothing in this article shall preclude any of the following at a Program Meeting: information dissemination, announcements, Committee reports, distributing sign-up sheets, nomination and election of officers, approval of unbudgeted expenditures over \$500.00 per Article V, Section 4, Paragraph E.
- D. Celebrations and any other similar activities are encouraged to be held at the Program Meeting.

Section 2 Council Meetings

- A. Council Meetings are held as the Executive Council deems appropriate.
- B. The focus of the Council Meeting will be routine business concerns and debate and voting on such concerns. The Council Meeting is where the Society Council handles the business of the Redwood Empire Rose Society.

Section 3 Pruning Demonstrations

The Pruning Demonstrations are held the first and/or second Saturday of January unless January 1 falls on a Saturday when they would be held the second and third Saturdays.

Section 4 Annual Picnic in August has been canceled in 2016.

Section 5 The Spring Rose Show is held on a Saturday in *late April to mid May* determined by date selection rotation with the Iris Society and Santa Rosa Garden Club. Executive Committee will approve of date. Awards are presented at the June Program Meeting.



- Section 6 Special meetings may be called by the President with the concurrence of the Vice President and Secretary. Any Meeting may be changed by the President with the concurrence of the Vice President and Secretary.
- Section 7 A quorum shall consist of at least six (6) voting members present, including at least two (2) officers. A quorum must be present for voting to take place at any Program or Council meeting. If a quorum is not present, a vote can be taken by telephone or email.

ARTICLE VIII

FINANCES

- Section 1 The annual dues are payable on or before the first regular meeting in January of each year. Dues become delinquent on January 31. Members whose dues have not been paid by January 31 will be dropped from the Membership Roster. If a member joins after October 31, the dues will be applied to the next calendar year.
- Section 2 Dues for membership in Redwood Empire Rose Society is \$40 for a family or personal membership.
- Section 3 Program Meetings are open to the public at no cost. Newsletters will be emailed to visitors of a Program Meeting for two months if the person desires to receive them.
- Section 4 The fiscal year shall be Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 to coincide with the calendar year.

ARTICLE IX

BYLAWS AND AMENDMENTS

- Section 1 A proposal to revise, repeal, or adopt new By-laws shall be read and discussed (and revised if needed) at one Program Meeting with a copy of the actual changes proposed published in the next newsletter. Following publication, the changes will then be voted upon at the next Program Meeting.
- Section 2 Proposal to revise, repeal or adopt new Standing Rules will be voted upon at the Program Meeting following the proposal.

ARTICLE X



INCORPORATION & DISSOLUTION

- Section 1 This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Section 2 Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or by (b) a corporation's contributions which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Section 3 No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- Section 4 Upon dissolution or termination of the corporation its assets after payment, or provision of payment, of all debts and liability of this corporation shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.