

**On With the Show! ~ The District Show, that is.
69th Annual Pacific Southwest District Convention & Rose
Show Hosted by the Pacific Rose Society on April 26-28, 2024**

Pacific Rose Society will once again be hosting the 2024 Pacific Southwest District Convention, and all rose enthusiasts across the District are invited to attend this premier rose event. Headquartered at the newly remodeled Courtyard by Marriott in Monrovia, convention goers will have the opportunity to wine and dine along restaurant row on Huntington Drive, shop at Armstrong Garden Centers (across the street), tour the lovely Arboretum and Botanical Gardens in Arcadia, along with visiting with rose friends from around the district.

The convention features a fabulous rose show at the Los Angeles County Arboretum on Saturday, an Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, and a District meeting/breakfast on Sunday morning.



Registration Required – Please register for the April 26, 27, 28, 2024 PSWD Convention and Rose Show and help celebrate. Registration is **\$60 per person** if received **before April 1, 2024** (\$75 thereafter). Basic registration covers entrance to the rose show, judging, and exhibiting. There are additional costs for the Welcoming Cocktail Party (\$25), Judges’ Luncheon (\$20), Awards Banquet (\$70), District Breakfast (\$35). All events are priced separately on the registration form.

Send the Registration Forms (one per attendee) to Treasurer Eva Hughes. Make checks or credit card payments to ‘Pacific Rose Society’. Mail checks directly to:

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Here is a brief summation of the planned events.

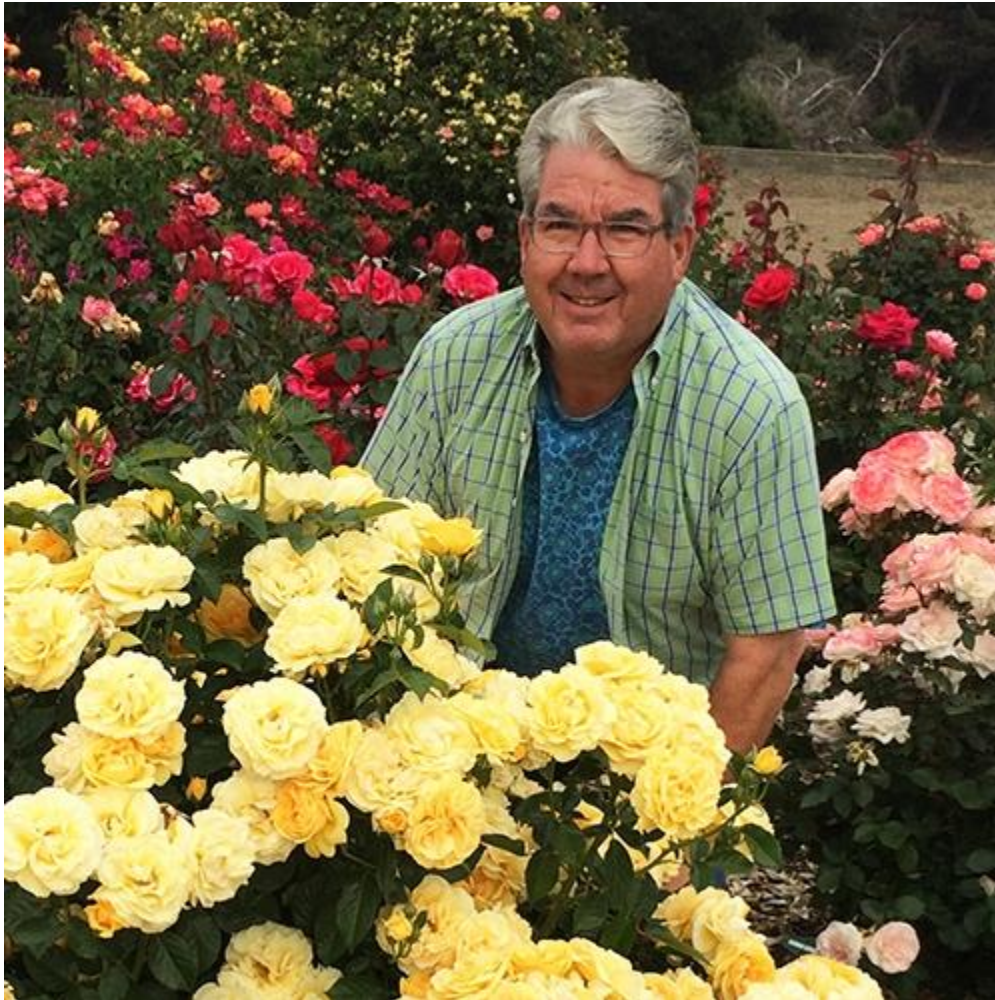
FRIDAY:

Welcoming Cocktail Party – The convention will feature a dressy casual welcoming party on Friday evening (April 26). **\$25 per person.**

SATURDAY:

The Rose Show – Always the highlight of any PSWD convention, the Rose Show on Saturday, April 27th, will be presented at Ayres Hall at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia. The Pacific Rose Society’s annual show is always a superior event with a huge show schedule and it is coupled with the numerous District Challenge Classes. Also featured at this show will be an expanded Arrangement section plus a Photography division. **All exhibitors and judges must be registered for the convention.**

Awards Banquet



We are thrilled to announce that legendary hybridizer Tom Carruth will be our featured speaker at the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening. Weeks' AARS Award Winners to emerge from Tom's hybridizing work include the 2011 winner, 'Dick Clark', which he co-hybridized with assistant Christian Bédard, 'Cinco De Mayo'(2009), 'Strike It Rich' (2007), 'Julia Child' (2006), 'Wild Blue Yonder' (2006), 'About Face' (2005), 'Memorial Day' (2004), 'Hot Cocoa' (2003), 'Betty Boop' (1999), 'Fourth of July' (1999) and 'Scentimental' (1997).

Tom has over 125 introductions to his credit with numerous national and international awards. Some of the 'stars' from Tom's work include 'Home Run', 'Midnight Blue', 'Summer Love', 'Marilyn Monroe', 'Moonstone', 'George Burns', 'Neptune', 'Chihuly', 'Candy Land', 'Purple Splash', 'Diamond Eyes', 'Love Song', 'Good As Gold', 'Neil Diamond', 'Anna's Promise' and 'Easy Spirit'.

After his retirement from Weeks Roses, Tom took on a new role as the E.L. & Ruth B. Shannon Curator of the Rose Collection at the Huntington Library, Art Collections and Botanical Gardens. Tom has been overseeing the renovation of the rose garden, refocusing the rose collection to equal the beauty of the other spectacular gardens at the Huntington. You won't want to miss Tom's wonderful program.

In addition to Tom's program, the evening's events will include the presentation of top District Awards and a sumptuous buffet dinner.



SUNDAY:

Annual District Meeting & Breakfast

Headquarters Hotel – Please make your hotel reservations directly with the Courtyard by Marriott located at 700 W Huntington Drive, Monrovia CA 91016 at (626) 357-5211. Convention room rate is **\$159.99 per night** for a King Size bed and **\$179.99** per night for two Queen Size beds. Book early to guarantee your room.



** Additional updates and added events will be forthcoming as they are finalized. Ongoing updated information will be available shortly on the Pacific Rose Society website located at www.pacificrosesociety.org.