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Time for Roses: Come Home to America's Rose Garden

Shreveport, LA – Hello Rose Lovers! will be the theme of the 2023 ARS National Rose Convention to be held at the American Rose Center in Shreveport, Louisiana, May 5-7, 2023. It is time to celebrate this “Crown Jewel” of the American Rose Society. Most of us have never been there but after seeing the great article and photos by Marilyn Wellan in the March/April issue of the *American Rose*, didn't it make your heart desire to see the garden?? The clockworks design is amazing to see. This garden is our heritage and our home and now it has been transformed by the Great Garden Restoration into a stellar destination for all rose lovers.

We can travel now and we can take our beautiful blooms to rose shows. This convention will include a rose show at the American Rose Center (ARC) as well as all the wonderful speakers and events we love to attend at ARS conventions.

The rose show will be chaired by Linda Clark of San Diego, CA and Billie Flynn, of Alexandria, LA. The convention will be chaired by Ruth Tiffany, San Diego, CA and Carrie Bergs, Milwaukee, WI, with the support of a committee representing local and distant societies. If you have ideas, skills to bring or wish to be a ‘Rose’ for the convention please contact one of us.

Rose lovers are really good planners so here are a few particulars so you can calendar and prepare for this event. The rose show will be on Friday, May 5. Saturday, May 6 will include exciting events in the rose garden and Klima Hall ending in a Celebration Awards Banquet, Sunday, May 7. We'll also schedule meetings, garden tours and the ARS Board meeting.

Birmingham, Ohio, Tampa and Tulsa, and any other society usually scheduling rose shows the first weekend in May, please, if at all possible, reschedule your rose shows to another date and plan to bring your roses to Shreveport. This is the weekend of the best bloom in Shreveport so we will be greeted by amazing blooms next year.

You can fly into Shreveport or Dallas and rent a car for the three hour trip. We sure hope lots of you decide to drive though, so you can bring your best blooms to show.

The American Rose Center – you need to come. It is TIME TO COME HOME TO THE ROSES!

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