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President's Message

As we have just entered the third decade of the National Rose Society of Australia, it is good to reflect on the achievements of those pioneer rosarians who set up a wonderful heritage for us, the younger generation, to further foster and promote. This year, only a handful of the original rosarians, whose effort and enthusiasm gave us the National Society are with us.

Considerable progress has been made over the years in many different aspects of the rose, but much still remains to be undertaken. I am sure you will agree we face many challenges if our National Society is to continue to grow. If we work together and strengthen the existing bonds of friendship, we will present a strong and viable National Rose Society of Australia for those who are to follow us.

In this my year as president, I will be striving to promote and foster greater public awareness of the use of the rose, not only as a cut flower or home garden plant, but also for the beautification of our landscape in roadside, highway, median strip plantings, as well as public gardens.

The world's hybridists are now providing us with roses which suit these purposes. With limited maintenance the idea now becomes economically attractive to public and private sector developers.

I urge you all to use initiative and imagination when planning displays, so that roses are presented in many and varied ways, so that our communities can develop a much greater appreciation for the beauty and diversity of uses to which the rose can be used.

The 1993 Annual General Meeting and National Rose Championships will be held during Adelaide's first Rose Festival. The Rose Society of South Australia together with the Corporation of the City of Adelaide, will promote the week long Festival, which contains something for everyone. It is hoped a large number of rosarians from all states will gather to meet and make friends with the many overseas visitors.

The Rose Society of S.A. looks forward to extending to our visitors the friendliness and hospitality we have enjoyed when visiting the other States.

I take this opportunity to congratulate on your behalf last year's winners of the A.R.A. and S.M.A. awards. Mrs. Connie Ryan of Western Australia was a very worthy recipient of the Australian Rose Award, as was Mr. Eric Trimper from South Australia, who received the Stewart Memorial Award.

In conclusion I wish you all a year filled with happiness and enjoyable rose growing, remembering that with each new day will come another wonderful rose bloom.

— Dean Stringer, President