

TA Stewart Memorial Award 2017 (SMA)

Sally Allison SMA - New Zealand



The New Zealand Rose Society (Inc.) has much pleasure in nominating Mrs Sally Allison from Rangiora for the T.A Stewart Memorial Award. Sally is a widely respected and highly regarded rosarian, who has made an outstanding contribution over a number of years especially in the world of Heritage Roses.

Sally's involvement with the rose began in 1958 when she married and joined her husband Bey on his farm 'Lyddington' 35km northwest of Christchurch. Once the land was cleared of scrub and a house built, Sally set about establishing a garden. She was greatly influenced in the early days by Trevor Griffiths, the well-known rose grower from Timaru. Over the past 50 odd years, the garden has grown to cover four hectares in size and include hundreds of roses with a particular focus on species, climbing and rambling roses. The garden has been enjoyed by many visitors and groups that Sally has hosted over the years. This has included delegates from the 1994 World Rose Convention held in Christchurch.

Sally is known around the world as a speaker, author and photographer. She has spoken at numerous world heritage rose conferences including Christchurch 1990, Adelaide 1993, Cambridge 1997, Lyon 1999, Dunedin 2005 and Sakura 2012. In 1995, Sally did a speaking tour of California culminating in an international rose event at the Huntington Gardens. Sally has also spoken to Heritage Rose Groups in Argentina, Bermuda and Uruguay.

Sally is also a member of the WFRS Heritage Rose Committee and since 1993, has also been a member of the International Species Round Robin as the New Zealand member. Sally also attended the inaugural meeting of the Historic Roses Group of the Royal National Rose Society of which she is a long time member.

As an author, she has contributed numerous articles to Heritage rose publications both in New Zealand and overseas. She has also written two books: *Climbing and Rambling Roses* in 1993 and *Shrub Roses* in 1998. Both books are superbly illustrated with photos from Sally's extensive photographic library. Sally has also been a prolific contributor to rose publications both in New Zealand and overseas.

Sally is a foundation member of Heritage Roses New Zealand (Inc.). She is currently serving a second term as President having previously served as President from 1991 to 1994. Sally is a life member of HRNZI and was presented with the Nancy Steen Heritage Roses New Zealand Award in 2003 for making an outstanding contribution to the promotion of old roses. Sally is also a long time member of Heritage Roses in Australia. In 2003 she was presented with the Deane Ross Memorial Plaque for making an outstanding contribution to the promotion of old roses over a period of many years in Australia. In 2015, Sally was the recipient of the World Rose Award at the 17th World Rose Convention in Lyon, France.

Throughout Sally's involvement in the rose world and her travels around the world, her late husband Bey was a constant companion and offered great support to her.

Sally is a highly respected and valued New Zealand Rosarian who is very deserving of the T.A Stewart Memorial Award.