

Participate in the 2019 Roses in Review Survey Reports Due by 9/26/19

How many times have you pondered which new rose to buy for your garden? Have you ever wondered how the American Rose Society (ARS) produces the Handbook for Selecting Roses? The answer to both of these questions is Roses in Review (RIR). Each year people across the country review a selection of roses. The data is compiled and becomes the ratings which are in the Handbook.

You may be asking how pertinent the information in the Handbook is for our Rocky Mountain district. That depends. If a rose does poorly across the country, it's likely it will do poorly for us also. However, the results for just the Rocky Mountain district are published each year. So receiving lots of input from rose growers around our district is critical for our results.

Please encourage everyone you know that grows roses (not just ARS members) to take the survey. We need your input whether you grow only one plant or hundreds. We need input from people who grow roses only for their pleasure as well as exhibitors and arrangers. New rosarians and seasoned growers all provide valuable input. The more input that is received, the more pertinent the results are. Even if you do not grow any of the roses to be reviewed this year, we want to know that. The third screen will ask if you have any roses to review. If not, just click NO and you are done.

The process for reviewing has changed this year and is **greatly simplified**. First, the link to complete the survey on-line is www.rose.org. Once there, click on the box in the upper right-hand corner labeled Roses In Review. There is an instructional video on the RIR page. Alternatively, there are downloadable instructions. I encourage everyone to either watch the video or thoroughly read the instructions before you start reviewing roses.

This system is new this year and so far, the reviews are very positive for how simple it is to use. If you do have problems, don't hesitate to contact me. collettemorton@yahoo.com or 720-402-8801. The American Rose Society Executive Director Jon Corkern, is so confident this system is working well, he has provided his email for people to contact him personally if you have problems. executivedirector@rose.org

If you need to do the paper version, use the RIR Survey from the July/August American Rose magazine. Please mail paper copies to Collette Morton, 4593 Hope Circle, Broomfield, CO 80023. Surveys must be completed on-line or received by Collette by 9/26/19 to be included. (Paper copies mailed to me must be entered by me so please use the online system if at all possible.)