



Hello Rose Friends,

Praying you are reading this sitting in the shade of a large tree drinking your favorite cold beverage. That's what summers mean to me. These soaring temps have us inside more than I want to be. I am truly a solar powered, outside girl. As I write I am sitting on my deck under the shade of a dogwood tree ... Iced Tea is my drink of choice today.

Fun and inspirational things are coming our way soon. On Saturday, Sept 7, Dr. David Zlesak will join us for our annual Fall District Rose Show and Conference. Another highlight of the day will be awarding the coveted ARS Tiedeman Trophy for arrangements! Read more about this in Roger Brueckman's article below. Ed Yesan is the chairman for the show and he and his team are making great plans! So even if you are just getting your feet wet with rose shows, come, participate and learn from the pros. We will be looking for clerks and that is a super way to get all the inside information!

Our events are always open to the public so invite away. Who doesn't want to see a room full of beautiful roses and rose photography and learn from the amazing Dr. Zlesak.

District members, one of the ways we cover the cost of these wonderful events is through our Silent Auction. Please make plans to bring something to share in the auction and bring some extra mad money for shopping! Be creative and let's make this the most fun silent auction ever. Maybe people will be standing in line to buy what you bring!

You can access the registration information here ([link](#)). Sign up early and help us with our planning. We can't wait to see you, your roses, your photography and your friends in September!

Stay cool and enjoy your summer!

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