

duce Consulting Rosarians to the public.

7. To make the District Consulting Rosarian Chairman aware of any Consulting Rosarians who are no longer members of a local society, or who refuse to have their name and method of contact listed in any reference. They would also inform them of any special circumstances.

CONSULTING ROSARIAN EMERITUS

The designation of Consulting Rosarian Emeritus was approved by the ARS Board of Directors in June 1994. The honor is reserved for those who have served as Consulting Rosarians for at least 10 years and no longer wish to be an active Consulting Rosarian.

A Consulting Rosarian who qualifies may request Emeritus status through the District Consulting Rosarian Chairman. Upon approval of the request by the Chairman and the District Director, the designation will be made. A Consulting Rosarian Emeritus certificate will be presented in gratitude of past service. It is suggested that this presentation take place at a district meeting or some other suitable occasion. Cost of the certificate will be paid for by the district making the request.

A Consulting Rosarian Emeritus' name will not be on the active Consulting Rosarian list.

A Consulting Rosarian ribbon badge and certificate are available from ARS Headquarters for those who have met the school and test requirements. For all new schools, the certificate will be part of the fee for taking the exam.

MASTER ROSARIAN DESIGNATION

Consulting Rosarians are among the most knowledgeable and active people in the American Rose Society. The ARS needs a well-motivated and educated group of CRs if the ARS is to continue to succeed in its mission. The Master Rosarian designation was created to recognize those CRs who have made outstanding contributions as CRs over a significant period of time.

The Master Rosarian (MR) is a Consulting Rosarian (CR) who (1) exemplifies knowledge of roses and their culture, (2) shows a strong and demonstrated willingness to share this knowledge with other rosarians and the general public, (3) provides an example of outstanding service to the local rose society and the ARS, and (4) is a model of the ethical behavior exemplified in the CR program. The achievement of the Master Rosarian designation by a CR is intended to recognize these outstanding volunteers and to motivate other CRs to the same degree of excellence.

Basic Requirements

1. A minimum of 10 years as a CR.
2. Outstanding performance (documented in the nomination form).
3. An active CR at the time of nomination.
4. A willingness to continue to serve as a CR.

Nomination, Selection, and Communication Process

1. The nomination period will be announced in April of each year. Announcements should be published in local society and district newsletters . The District Director and the local society president are responsible to make their memberships aware of the nomination and selection process. There are no limits to the number of yearly selections of MRs within a District. Nominations are accepted from May 1-July 1 in each calendar year. If there are questions about a nominee, the committee may request additional information from the author of the nomination or from the nominee themselves.
2. Nominations must be submitted on the official nomination form available from ARS HQ and on the ARS website. CRs may nominate themselves, be nominated by other ARS members, or by a committee of their local rose society or of the district. The form must be completed in its entirety.
3. The completed nomination form should be sent to the CR coordinator in each district. A committee consisting of the District CR coordinator, the District Director, and at least one other person, will review the nominations and approve or not approve. The District CR Coordinator should serve as the chairman of the committee and facilitate the process. Selections should be based on both information provided in the nomination form and from personal knowledge of a candidate's credentials.
4. All nominations, **approved or not approved at the district level**, will be forwarded to ARS HQ no later than August 10.
5. The national CR chairman will review the decisions of the committee and announce the final selections approximately September 1. Disagreements regarding selections will be resolved by the national CR committee.
6. Districts should acknowledge the new MRs at an appropriate district meeting in the fall or winter following selection. All MRs will be given the MR certificate available from ARS HQ. An optional MR pin is available for purchase. If there is no appropriate district meeting, the announcements can be made at the local society level.
7. Local societies and districts are encouraged to publicize the names of those who have achieved the Master Rosarian designation.