

Other Benefits of Membership:

- **The American Rose Center (ARC):** Visitors can experience nature at its finest at America's largest park dedicated to roses. Winding paths, babbling brooks and thousands of glorious roses invite relaxation in abounding beauty. Twenty thousand magnificent roses are available to stroll among! Discover why the gardens are among America's most valuable treasures. The Gardens are open seven days a week, April 1st through October 31st for tours. There are over 42 acres of roses including the "What's New" garden, featuring the nation's newest rose varieties, the "All-America Rose Selections" garden, featuring nationally-tested, award-winning roses, the Miniature Rose garden, and the "Single Petaled Roses" garden. The gardens are in bloom from spring to fall. ARS/ARC Members and 'Friends of the Gardens' Members are admitted free of charge. Discounts and guided tours are available to groups of 10 or more as long as prior arrangements are in place. For Saturday and Sunday visits, guests may enjoy guided cart tours of the gardens for a nominal fee. For more information about events, weddings, etc. visit <http://www.ars.org/ARC/gardens.html>.
- **Rose Care Articles:** The American Rose Society offers a very large selection of Rose Care Articles. Many of these articles have received an Award of Merit for excellence in rose care information. Several have been published in the *American Rose*, which is a benefit to members. See http://www.ars.org/About_Roses/rose_care_articles.html
- **Rose of the Month:** A new rose is featured every month as Rose of the Month. The articles are about all kinds of roses - and are written by ARS members. See <http://www.ars.org/ROM/rose-month.html>
- **Handbook for Selecting Roses:** Another benefit of ARS Membership is the Handbook for Selecting Roses. The Handbook lists roses that have been tested by the national membership and found to be Very Good to Outstanding roses to grow. Certain varieties of roses perform extremely well in many different parts of the country.
- **Reciprocal Gardens:** Selected gardens subscribe to the Reciprocal Admissions Program (RAP) and in most cases, an ARS membership card allows free or reduced-cost admission. Each person seeking entry to an RAP garden must have his or her own membership card.
- **Shop the ARS:** The American Rose Society also offers a variety of rose-related products available for order online: <http://www.ars.org/index.php>
- **International Registration Authority for Roses (IRAR):** The American Rose Society provides space on the web for registering new rose cultivars. Latest Registrations may be viewed on Recent Registrations.
- **National Rose Show:** Three National Rose Shows are held each year and winners are listed in the National Rose Show Results at <http://www.ars.org/Shows/all-shows.html>.
- **ARS Credit Card:** The ARS Visa® card offers competitive rates and benefits the organization
- **Travel Services:** Great rate travel booked can be booked through the ARS. This also benefits the ARS. <http://www.ars.org/Announcements/ars-travel.html>
- **Find A ROSE:** The GREEN INDUSTRY YELLOW PAGES. The American Rose Society has joined the GREEN INDUSTRY YELLOW PAGES in developing a searchable database for roses. The ARS' role is to select and submit varieties that are commercially available, and provide photos, characteristics, and other interesting information for each variety.