



Newsletter 2 – 2023

With just a few days to go before the big day, the Concours International de la Rose Nouvelle de Nyon is pleased to bring you the latest news.

PROMISING GROWTH

The permanent jury had the pleasure of judging the plantings on May 17, and the roses showed vigorous vegetation and exceptionally healthy foliage, despite cool, wet weather throughout April and May. Hardly any of the roses were in bloom, but that didn't prevent us from judging the other criteria, including their remarkable resistance to these conditions, which are reputed to be difficult for competitors. Managed without any treatments, the rose garden was virtually disease-free, and almost no aphids hindered the growth of young shoots. Proof that the "NYON ZERO TREATMENT" approach to pest control is paying off, and that the City of Nyon's Environmental Department is managing the plantation to perfection.

New for 2023, all the cultivation squares were mulched in April with a thin layer of miscanthus straw, to which was added a thicker layer of mixed-size bark. Before implementing this technique on all the plantations, this new method was tested for two years on a few squares, and corresponds to the practices of the trial fields of many plant breeders. In Nyon, it has proved its worth in combating weed infestation, stimulating soil organic and microbial life and combating drought.



The mulch previously tested has now been applied to all cultivation squares - Only a few varieties were in bloom in mid-May - ©Jean-Luc Pasquier

Today, the rose garden is looking forward to a 4th edition as promising as the first three. The competition will be held on Saturday June 17 for the international jury and invitees. The international jury will complete the 7 2022-2023 judgements of the permanent jury on the 16 large-flowered (hybrid teas), 24 grouped-flowered (floribunda/multiflora) and 6 miniature varieties; plus the 12 2021-2023 judgements on the 9 landscape, 4 ground-cover and 9 climbing varieties. The international jury will judge 68 candidates from 24 breeders from 11 countries (France, Germany, South Africa, New Zealand, China, USA, Japan, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, Denmark). This year's jury will comprise some 60 members, including an exceptional delegation from Japan, China, South Korea, Uruguay, Australia, New Zealand, India and Canada, who attended the 15th International "Heritage Rose" Convention in Brussels in early June.

OPEN DAYS

The members of the association "Les Amis de la Rose de Nyon" warmly invite the people of Nyon and the general public to visit the Competition's rose garden during the open days on Friday June 23 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm and on Saturday June 24 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Accompanied tours will be given by professionals, members of the Organizing Committee or the Competition's permanent jury.

THE APPRENTICE JURY WAS A SUCCESS!

This year, 2023, will once again be an opportunity to introduce young apprentices to the world of rose competitions, and to raise their awareness of the innovations that will shape the rose gardens of the future. Based on an idea by Mrs. Gisèle Tschanz of the Tschanz rose gardens in Aclens, an apprentice jury made up of some fifteen young horticulturists representing the five vocational training centers in French-speaking Switzerland will decide on the youngsters' favorite variety on June 14. The apprentice prize will be awarded to the breeder concerned on the day of the international jury's prize-giving ceremony.



The unoccupied squares are sown with wildflowers to enhance the rose garden's biodiversity ©Jean-Luc Pasquier

The next bulletin will reach you before the end of June with the winners of the 4th edition.

We hope you enjoy the start of summer!

On behalf of the Organising Committee

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President

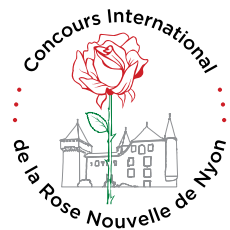
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