

Colonial District Fall Picnic/Meeting

hosted by the Richmond Rose Society

DATE: Saturday, September 24, 2022

TIME: 11 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: Connie and Steve Hilker's garden, 335 Hartwood Road, Fredericksburg, VA 22406.

Event is RAIN or SHINE. We have rented a large tent.

BRING: a folding chair— please label with your name! Guests are welcome!

FOOD: We have contracted with a caterer who will provide our food. The menu includes pulled pork barbeque, marinated chicken breasts, baked beans, potato casserole, cole slaw, rolls, and desserts.

COST: The registration fee is \$40 per person. **Registration deadline is Friday, September 9.**

SPEAKERS:

Teresa Byington (Former President and current VP of the Indianapolis Rose Society, Former director of the Illinois/Indiana District of the ARS, Blogger at TheGardenDiary.com, cohost of Rose Chat podcast). Teresa will show us some of the history of English cottage gardening and take us on a mini tour of English gardens that she has visited. She will also lead a virtual tour of her cottage garden including a bit of her garden history along the way.

David Pike (President and CEO of Witherspoon Rose Culture in Durham, NC) David will give us a brief history of his company and will share his extensive rose experience in his program titled, "The 5 Essentials for Growing Beautiful Roses".

There will also be a garden walk, silent auction, raffle, and roses available for sale. John and Cherylynn Smith will be presented with the Guy Blake Hedrick award for outstanding exhibiting.

HOTELS: There are numerous hotels for our out-of-town guests to choose from at Exit 133 on I-95, which is 8 miles from the picnic location. For this event, we have a block of rooms reserved at the Holiday Inn Express, 20 Sanford Drive, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22406. The contracted room rate is \$129/night plus tax. For reservations, phone 540-368-8000 (reference Richmond Rose Society room block). **Deadline to reserve rooms at this rate is September 9.**