Hello to all from Ralph and Jean Stream, 2024 Fall Convention and Rose Show co-chairs for DSD/GRS/MCRS. The Gainesville and Marion County Rose Society folks have been very busy working on this DSD Fall event and activities for your pleasure and enjoyment. All the details have been scheduled and are ready for you to download for registering and personal planning. *La Vie En Rose* is our theme. We are sure you will enjoy the weekend with the fun activities we have planned. Friday afternoon will include a learning opportunity for all of us as Bobbie Reed and Stephen Hoy share their knowledge on Photography. You won't want to miss this. During the rest of the weekend there will be a wide variety of programs including an international pair of speakers who will delight us with highlights about rose activities from Europe and beyond. We do hope you will attend.

We are happy to be able to welcome you to the DSD-GRS Rose Show. This will be the 50th Annual Gainesville Rose Society rose show. The show will include 9 District Challenge classes and 2 rotating National Challenge Classes. Show schedules, including Horticulture, Arrangement and Photography, will be ready soon on both the GRS and DSD websites. You will be able to print the schedule and plan accordingly to the classes you would like to enter. There will be a few printed and available at the registration table for those who cannot print them at home.

As you will notice, the hotel and registration costs have gone up a slight amount, but we have done everything possible to keep our expenses as low as possible to enable your cost to stay relatively the same as last fall's DSD convention. We all are feeling the pinch of rising prices for everything. Hopefully you will find it refreshing to get so much bang for your bucks as this event offers.

In closing for now, the Gainesville Rose Society and Marion County Rose Society, co-hosting together, invite you and your friends to come for this fall convention. It will not disappoint you with all the programs, rose show, raffle, silent auction, door prizes, wonderful vendors and tours. The Gainesville area offers so much to see and enjoy, so why not plan to come early or stay a few days afterwards to visit some of the sites in and around Gainesville.

We hope the above information whets your appetite to attend. For any questions, please give either Jean or myself a call or email us, we are eager to assist.

Our fondest thanks,

Ralph and Jean Stream – Co-Chairs

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