

Endorsement for Chris VanCleave as
Vice President of the American Rose Society

I am endorsing Chris VanCleave as vice president of the American Rose Society.

I have been interviewed by him several times on his Rose Chat Podcast and so know how passionate he is about roses and how keen he is to encourage as many people as possible to get into the world of roses. From the interviews and having met him I also know what a very likeable person he is.

Any person in a senior position of the ARS should be very knowledgeable about a wide range of roses and Chris is excellent from this point of view. He has a large collection of over 180 roses in his garden and grows them both as garden plants and for the show bench.

He has already been extremely effective in increasing membership of “The Fragrant Rose” publication and his enthusiasm and energy will no doubt be effective in increasing the membership of the ARS. He is already experienced in the running of rose societies as membership chair of Deep South District and, for the past six years, on the ARS’s Marketing and Membership committee.

Chris, with 25 years in the financial services industry, will be the perfect candidate to ensure the society stays financially secure.

His excellent Rose Chat Podcast is aimed at all from the enthusiastic and knowledgeable rose grower to, crucially, the younger less experienced gardener. To attract the latter Chris has worked particularly hard to update and modernise the society. He is a popular and very experienced speaker.

I believe Chris will make an excellent vice president and ultimately president of the ARS.

Michael Marriott