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

Dear American Rose Society Members,

There is a need for strong and enthusiastic leadership in rose societies around the world. Chris VanCleave is someone who inspires and encourages people with rose growing. He has inspired me over the years with his Rose Chat Podcasts and the articles he has written. I have followed Chris on Social Media for many years and wish we could get his range of tools in Australia.

Chris is exactly the kind of leader who will help guide the American Rose Society through the technological and cultural changes all rose societies are facing. I am enthusiastic with my endorsement of Chris VanCleave for the position of Vice President of the American Rose Society and as your future President.

Chris' business and financial management background will greatly assist him in leading the ARS. This cannot be undervalued in the leadership of a huge enterprise like the ARS. Likewise, his experience in working with government, as Chairman of the Alabama Beautification Board, will help him to encourage others nationally to work together with government to progress the aims of the ARS.

His advocacy of the ARS is outstanding and can be seen in everything Chris does. It's impressive to have a candidate who has local and national experience as well as someone who has created new ARS initiatives like the Fragrant Rose e-Membership Newsletter.

With leaders like Chris at the helm, the future of the American Rose Society is very bright.

All the best,

Paul Hains

Vice President - Australasia, World Federation of Rose Societies

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