



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

PROMISING VEGETATION

For once, due to the weather, the permanent jury has not yet had the pleasure of judging the varieties this spring. The cool, wet weather has slowed vegetative growth, and the permanent judging panel has been postponed twice due to a lack of flowers. On the positive side, the roses have shown good growth and exceptionally healthy foliage despite the cool, wet weather throughout April and May. Almost no roses have been in flower in the last couple of weeks, this augurs well for a magnificent flowering peak on the day of the competition. Managed without any treatments, the rose garden was virtually disease-free, and there were hardly any aphids to hinder the growth of the young shoots. Proof that the 'NYON ZERO TREATMENT' management system is bearing fruit in terms of pest control, and that the town of Nyon's Environmental Department is managing the plantation to perfection.

Today, the Rose Garden is looking forward to a 5th edition just as promising as the first. The competition will be held on Saturday 15 June for the international jury and those invited personally. The international jury will complete the 7 2023-2024 judgements of the permanent jury on the 11 Hybrid teas varieties, 28 grouped-flower varieties and 3 miniature varieties, and the 12 2022-2024 judgements on the 11 landscape varieties, 3 ground-cover varieties and 7 climbers. The international jury will judge 63 candidates from 23 breeders from 12 countries (Belgium, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, New Zealand, Poland, South Africa, Switzerland and the USA). This year, the jury will be made up of some 50 members, including a delegation from the WFRS and participants from Australia and India.



Some of the rose bushes from the 5th edition at the end of May, with mulching and drip irrigation applied to all the growing beds in the foreground ©Jean-Luc Pasquier

OPEN DAYS

The members of the association 'Les Amis de la Rose de Nyon' invite the people of Nyon and the general public to visit the Competition rose garden during the open days on Friday 21 June from 16:00 to 19:00 and on Saturday 22 June from 10:00 to 14:00. Accompanied tours will be given by professionals who are members of the Organising Committee or the permanent Competition jury.

3rd Jury of Apprentices

This year, in 2024, will once again be an opportunity to introduce the world of rose competitions to young people in training, and to raise their awareness of the innovations that will make up the rose gardens of the future.

Based on an idea put forward by Mrs Gisèle Tschanz of the Tschanz rose gardens in Aclens, an apprentice jury made up of around fifteen young horticulturists representing the five vocational training centres in French-speaking Switzerland, including a large delegation from the Lullier School of Horticulture, will select the young people's favourite variety on 12 June. The apprentice prize will be awarded to the breeder concerned on the day of the international jury's prize-giving ceremony.



The apprentice jury of 2023 ©Jean-Luc Pasquier

NEW PARTNERS

This year, LUZI, a company specialising in the creation of perfumes, has pledged its support for the Competition and for the prize awarded to the 'Coup de coeur du Parfum'. We look forward to introducing you to this trophy created by Gripoix. In addition, the traditional bags containing the gifts to the juries and guests will now be eco-responsible thanks to the commitment of Bioapply to the Competition. The bags are made from 100% carbon-neutral wood fibre.

The family business Seydoux Grains has become a new partner in supporting biodiversity by generously providing flower meadow seeds.

The committee would like to thank all our loyal supporters for their generosity, and to welcome these new partners, who will enable the Competition to become even more eco-responsible.



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

The next newsletter will be sent out at the end of June, with the winners of the 5th edition. We wish you a great start to the summer!

On behalf of the Organising Committee

- Jean-Luc Pasquier President, Hester Macdonald Secretary General, Luciana Bonelli Vice-President, Pierre Wahlen Vice-President, Hugues Rubattel President of the permanent jury

The mission of the Competition is to evaluate the creations of professional breeders according to the official criteria of the World Federation of Rose Societies WFRS while offering a unique "zero treatment" management.



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