
ROSE CLIPPINGS

Newsletter of the Rose Society of Green Valley

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From the President's Desk

Karen Packer, President

WOW! We had a great Rose Show once again. Even though the weather did not cooperate and it was a little smaller than usual, it was just wonderful. Our society can really take a bow for coming together and putting on this event. I even received three cards/e-mails from judges and exhibitors saying how much they like to come to Green Valley.

We also had a successful Garage Sale—making over \$630 for the treasury. Several members brought donations on the second day, when we had little traffic. LeaEllen and Joey packed everything and are storing it until spring when we will have another. Next time it will be a one day sale, so start now setting aside possible “goodies”.

As detailed in the next column, I do have tickets for the Arizona Rose Societies Luncheon.

By now, I think everyone has been contacted about the Christmas. Please note that it is at Santa Rita Springs this year. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

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The Arizona Rose Societies

41st Annual Banquet and Rose Show

“Celebrating Roses”

Submitted by Donaldina Joung

When: December 6, 2008

Where: Doubletree Hotel, 445 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson

Cost: \$30 per person by November 29th

10:30 Rose Show Entries

11:30 Social and Judging

12:30 Luncheon, Awards and Program—Guest Speaker—Cliff Orent This past year Cliff moved 5,000 roses to Morongo Valley in the high desert. He will tell you of the mishaps and humorous accounts of the move and give a preview of some of the roses that are offered by EuroDesert Roses. He is also the co-chair of the 2009 Fall ARS National Show/Convention in Palm Springs, CA.

Entrée Choices: Beef Stroganoff, Chicken, Salmon or Vegetarian

Rose Show—One entry per person

Class 1—Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora

Class 2—Foribunda/Polyantha

Class 3—Miniature

Class 4—Large Dried

Class 5—Miniature Dried

Class 6—Old Garden and Shrub

Class 7—Fully Opened/Climber

Please call Karen Packer for tickets. 777-5634

Membership Meeting Reminders

Wear your name tag. Introduce yourself to new members and welcome them.

Bring a rose for the "show and tell" table whenever possible.

Future Membership Meetings

December 1: Christmas Party at Santa Rita Springs Fiesta Room and membership drive at 5:30. Bring a dish to pass, a white elephant gift and a prospective new member.

January 12: No night meeting on the 5th. Instead our meeting will be pruning the garden at 9 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be served in the lounge. Please bring gloves and pruners and help out.

February 2: Speaker Dan Barta. Topic is homemade mulch.

March 2: Tucson Rose Society will share information about the Pacific Southwest District Rose Show.

April 6: TBA

May 4: End of year dessert buffet and installation of officers.

News about the Community Garden

The care of the Community Garden will be the top topic at the December Board meeting December 13th. Members may share new ideas with any board member or plan to attend the meeting. Summer dead heading and weeding will probably be a variation of the plan we used last year, but on a definite schedule, so the garden won't look neglected. Sometimes due to vacation, etc. some section didn't get dead headed for a few weeks.

Member News

Members who would enjoy hearing from you.

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Membership News

By Dan Barta—Membership Chairman

The December Christmas Party has been designated as our new member meeting. This would be a great time to ask a prospective new member to join us when we are having fun, especially after all the hard work that goes into a successful Rose Show. You might even bring a white elephant gift for them to make them feel more comfortable. I have two or three prospects that I'll be inviting. I always stress the helpful tips in the newsletter that inform gardeners what to do in the rose beds for the next month. Also, January starts our membership dues for the upcoming year. Remember dues are \$17 single and \$20 a couple for 2009. P.S. If you haven't seen someone for a while, call them and offer a ride to the December meeting.

Please welcome our newest members from Green Valley: Fran Sutherland, Janell Duncan, Rosie Kaiser, and Stanley and Barbara Tager from Quail Creek

2009 RSGV Membership Incentive

From the October Issue of the Thrip Hater

ARS authorized a great give-away initiative for new local rose society members, July through December 31, 2008. Every new non-ARS member of a local society will receive a free trial 4-month membership in the ARS, which includes:

Two issues of the American Rose magazine, A list of ARS partners offering discounts, The Reciprocal Garden Guide, ARS Membership ID Card, Other Benefits adding up to a \$34 value

To join the RSGV and get a free 4 month ARS membership, see Dan Barta at the December meeting or clip and mail the following information along with your \$17 check payable to RSGV, PO Box 309, Green Valley AZ 85622

Name: _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: _____

E-mail _____

MEETING INFORMATION

Monthly meetings are held the first Monday of the month (see Upcoming Events for exceptions) at 7:00 pm (6:30 coffee social) in the East Social Center, 7 South Abrego Drive, Green Valley, Arizona.

Directions: From I-19 South, take Exit 65 East one block to Abrego Drive.

No meetings June, July or August.

Dues are \$17 single/\$20 family per year payable in January.

Mail to RSGV, PO Box 309, Green Valley AZ 85622

Board of Directors meetings are held the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 am at the East Social Center.

Rose Society members are welcome to attend the board meetings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RSGV MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TIME: December 1, 2008 5:30PM

Santa Rita Springs Fiesta Room

Christmas Pot Luck, White Elephant Gift Exchange, Prospective New Member Invitees, Community Garden Care Interaction

RSGV BOARD MEETING

TIME: December 6, 2008 10:00 AM

Rose Society members are welcome to attend

Community Garden maintenance workshop.

ARIZONA ROSE SOCIETIES ROSE SHOW: "CELEBRATING ROSES"

PLACE: Doubletree Hotel, Tucson

Time: December 6, 2008

CONTACT: Donaldina Jung

RSGV MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TIME: January 12, 2009 9 AM

Community Garden Pruning and coffee and donuts

RSGV BOARD MEETING

TIME: January 10, 2009 10:00 AM

Rose Society members are welcome to attend

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December Rose Garden

Rose Society of Tucson's Monthly Guide of What to do in your Rose Garden

As the temperatures drop, the work load in the garden tends to slack off as well, which is nice since most of us are busy with our holiday preparations.

Depending on your soil, the watering schedule is reduced quite a bit. One to two times per week is usually sufficient.

You should have stopped your fertilization program by now.

We do not have to worry too much about winter protection for roses. The only roses you need to keep an eye on when the nighttime freezing temperatures arrive are the roses in pots. Established minis and other potted plants can survive the low temps with good regular watering (about every three to five days). High water content protects them from the cold.

If you purchased bare root plants and planted them in pots, it is best to move them to a protected area or inside a garage at night to protect tender growth from freezing.

Take them out during the day for some sun. New bare root roses planted directly in the ground can be easily protected by putting a paper sack over them at night when the temps dip below 32 degrees.

Shovel prune (dig up) roses you no longer like. Or if a rose did not perform well in its current location, consider moving it.

If you are going to move an existing rose bushes, now is a good time. When you dig up the roses, try to get as many of the roots as possible.

Now is a good time to clean and oil your tools and sharpen your pruners to be prepared for January.

Most importantly during the month of December, you should enjoy the holidays. January is when the big job comes around—pruning.

Growing Roses in the Desert (New Book)

Compiled and edited by Dona Martin, this 57 page award winning book provides everything you need to know to successfully grow roses in heat of Southern Arizona. To purchase by mail, send a check for \$12 and email address for notification of mail date to:

Rose Society of Tucson, 1156 E Lusitano Place, Tucson AZ 85744.

Rose Show Results

By Marianna Steele, Chair

The big weekend has come and gone and I believe we are all recovered. What a wonderful bunch of people to work with. Everyone knows their job. I want to thank each and every one of you who turned out to help, entered roses, enjoyed the day, set up and cleaned up and just plain pitched in. We have many leaders who know what has to be done. I hope you will each consider chairing or teaming up with another to start preparing and thinking about next year's show. Again, thank you for all your cooperation.

By Karen Packer, President

Thanks to the SAV and to St Francis and GV Village for loaning us extra tables that were needed for set-up, the many many GV merchants who donated prizes and money, volunteers from Tucson RS, head judge Terry Schwartz, Marianna Steele for entertaining the crowd by playing 60 songs on the piano with Rose in the title. And the latest financial report is that the income matched the expenses, which is what we hoped for.

Results from the GVRose Website (where all results can be found)

GVRS members who exhibited and won prizes were: Karen Packer (Cherry Parfait), Mary des Britton (arrangements), Dan Barta (arrangements), Mary Jo O'Leary (arrangements), Judy Wells (Marilyn Monroe) and Bob Dahms (Digital Photos). Congratulations to member Andy Aguilar and Bill Hodges for coming the longest distance (El Paso) and winning the most prizes (9).

A few samples from the Table of Contents:

Easy Rose Care Calendar of AZ

Roses That Love our Heat

Ten Basic Steps of Pruning

Growing Roses in Pots

A Mound of Mulch

Control of Fungal Diseases

Powdery Mildew: A Spring/Fall Curse

Twelve Months of Comprehensive Rose Care

Recommended for Every Time you Spray

The Bugs of Summer

Monthly Mystery Member

By GV Rose

Where are you from originally and what did you do there?

I was born in Illinois but lived in southern California from the time I was 15. I was a secretary in the aerospace industry from age 18 until approximately age 56. Then I worked in the administrative legislative office of San Diego City Schools for 10 years before retiring.

Do you have children/family members? Where are they?

My family is primarily in California and Indiana—no children.

How long have you lived in southern AZ? What brought you here?

I've lived in Green Valley for 6 years and came here for low humidity and non-mountain driving.

When did you join RSGV? What RSGV activities have you participated in?

I joined 5 years ago and have assisted in the November rose show each year.

How many years have you been growing roses?

When I arrived in Green Valley, there were 2 bushes here. Carol Kay gave me my third bush and that's all I have room for! LeaEllen keeps me pruned.

What's your favorite rose to grow in this climate?

It's Mr. Lincoln.

Tell us what you do for fun!

Normally I would be traveling. However, my health and rising costs have "disenabled" me from time to time. It's still my goal to visit California and Hawaii more—and Australia and Alaska would be nice. Perhaps if I can work on that, I can win a trip!!

What is something other members don't know about you???

I danced a polka with members of the Apollo-Soyuz space crew at the International Astronautical Federation Conference where I worked for 9 days in Anaheim CA.

Come to the December meeting to find the answer to the question "Who is this mystery member?"

Who was the mystery "spider-man" from last month? It was Dan Barta, our current 2nd VP and also our membership director. You may find him welcoming you at the door as you come to the monthly meetings.

Garage Sale News

By Jeannie McGaughey

We want to thank everyone for their help in making this year's patio sale another successful event. Thanks to Marcia for donating her carport, LeaEllen for all the fabric remnants, all the members for their donations, and the volunteers who gave their time to "man" the sale and support our Society. With membership down this year and the economy slow, the extra money will certainly help to keep us strong. \$634...way to go.

December Meeting Program:

This will be a very busy meeting with lots of interaction. It will all take place at Santa Rita Springs Fiesta Room (ground floor) starting at 5:30

Bring your pot luck dish and a hearty appetite. Our society will provide the meat and a Christmas atmosphere.

Bring a white elephant gift to exchange in our gift exchange game.

Bring a prospective new member (neighbor, friend, past member, etc.).

Please bring your ideas for continuing our community garden tasks without a garden director. Give them to a board member or attend the Board Meeting on December 13th and present your ideas at the meeting. We need your ideas! See page 2 of this newsletter for news about the Community Garden.

FOR SALE

AVAILABLE AT EVERY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

RSGV APRONS - \$12

VESTS - \$12

PATCHES - \$5

BOOKS - "A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO GROWING EYE POPPING ROSES IN TUCSON'S DIFFICULT SOIL AND WEATHER CONDITIONS by the Rose Society of Tucson - \$8

NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

We learned how differently roses are exhibited in New Zealand. They are exhibited in the bud stage and they can put foreign substances on the arrangements, spritz with water, use oasis in vases and they don't have to put the rose's name on the entry.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Newsletter Information

By Sue Rock

Please send a monthly report if you are an officer or a committee chairman. Send interesting information to share if you are a member.

The deadline to get the news to the editor is the 15th of the month. E-mail to Sue Rock at philr@iname.com.

Publication is 10 days before the membership meeting. The newsletter is published monthly September through May.

The newsletter is sent via e-mail to those members with e-mail addresses. It can also be found on our website GVROSE.org.

