

# Rose Clippings

February 2008

Monthly Newsletter of the Rose Society of Green Valley  
(Affiliated with the American Rose Society)

Web Site [WWW.GVROSE.ORG](http://WWW.GVROSE.ORG)

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We are celebrating our 21<sup>st</sup> year--1987-2008

Monthly meetings are generally 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 \$12 single/\$15 family per year payable in January.

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

Membership card is worth 10% discount at Green Belt Nursery.

**Next Membership Meeting: Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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.

**Next Board Meeting: Saturday March 8<sup>th</sup>**

## **May 2007-April 2008 Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairmen**

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### **Consulting Rosarians**

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## **In Appreciation—A Rose Bud to You**

**Sarah Hogan-McNutt** and **Regina Tarr** for heading up our nominating committee. Sarah and Regina are working this month to secure a slate of officers for 2008-2009.

The slate will be presented to the membership at the March meeting and a vote will be taken at April meeting.

The new officers will be installed at the May meeting.

Please give Sarah or Regina a call, if you are interested in becoming an officer in your Rose Society.

If you are called please consider accepting a nomination.

New members are especially welcome to consider becoming an officer.

Check our great web site [www.gvrose.org](http://www.gvrose.org). Many thanks to our talented web master, **Bob Dahms**

Thanks to all the **volunteer rose pruners** of the community rose garden at East Center last month.

Certificates of Appreciation from the president were awarded at the February Meeting to:

**Dave Palmer** and **Bob Kay**, the East Center Garden Director and Assistant for January's pruning, clean-up and oversight of the volunteer pruners and

**Jeannie McGaughey** for immediate response for on-call general assistance to our Rose Society.

## **For Sale**

Available at each membership meeting

RSGV Aprons \$12

RSGV Vests \$12

RSGV Patches \$5

Blast Furnace Rose Gardening

A Comprehensive guide to Growing Eye-Popping Roses in Tucson's Difficult Soil And Weather Conditions

By the Rose Society of Tucson \$8

## **Welcome to Our New Members**

Bobbie and Lee Powell

Mary Zimmerman

Joan Dudevoire

Pat Finnegan

Angela Ewing

Landy Bense

Jack Davis

## **FEBRUARY Meeting Highlights**

### **Program**

We enjoyed the slide show, "The story of Roses" produced by the Canadian Rose Society.

Thanks to Donaldina Joung for arranging this program and to Bob Dahms for his technical assistance.

**Words from the Community Rose Garden Director**

Dave Palmer reported on the January progress in the community rose garden at East Center.

The pruning is completed and everything looks great.  
He will be spraying and fertilizing next month.

A couple more year-around assistants for Dave and Bob are needed (to take over when they are not available) to check on the watering system, perform scheduled fertilizing and routine maintenance.

Thanks to all who adopted a section of the community rose garden.  
There are 4 sections left.

If you did not have a chance to sign up at the last meeting, give Dave a call. Deadheading and clean-up are the duties (but not when its too hot--no heat strokes, please).

The 4 unadopted sections are:  
arbors and minis at each end,  
the north mini bed  
and the center street section of the south hybrid tea bed.

**Annual March Garage Sale**

If you are a Garage Sale junkie, then we need You.  
We would like to have a garage sale in March, if we can find someone to take this on.  
It would also be great to sell extra or shovel pruned or rescued roses.  
Anyone interested?

**Name Tags**

Be sure to wear your name tag to all meetings.  
This helps us get acquainted with our new members.  
Let's make sure they feel welcome.

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**Theme for our Rose Show November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2008.**

**Email or call Karen Packer or Marianna Steele with your ideas.  
The theme will be voted on by the Rose Show Committee.  
We need a chairman, Marianna Steele will assist.**

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**Proposed Change to the By-Laws of the Rose Society of Green  
Valley—Add section 3 to Article III  
(To be voted on in March)**

Article III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 All persons interested in growing roses may acquire membership by paying dues, the amount and scheduled payment of which shall be set by the Board.

Section 2 A person may be elected as an Honorary Member of the Society by a vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 3 After completing a minimum 10 years membership in the Society, any person can purchase a “life membership” upon payment of a one-time fee of \$100.

**Upcoming Events**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>** RSGV meeting  
Program: Entomologist from University of Arizona  
Bring your bugs!  
Vote on the By-Law change  
Slate of Officers for 2008-2009 Presented

**March 8<sup>th</sup>** RSGV Board Meeting

**April 7<sup>th</sup>** RSGV meeting  
Program: Rose Cooking  
Samples will be served  
Vote on Slate of Officers for 2008-2009

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** Tucson Rose Show  
Trinity Presbyterian Church

**April 12<sup>th</sup>** Green Valley Gardeners Annual Garden Fair  
East Center  
Community Rose Garden Tour Guides Needed

**April 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>** American Rose Society's Pacific Southwest District Rose  
Show and Conference  
Mesa Community College

Our district is the largest in the country, including Arizona, Southern  
California, New Mexico, El Paso and Las Vegas.  
This event will be hosted by the 7 Arizona Rose Societies—Tucson, Green  
Valley, Mesa/East Valley, Scottsdale, Glendale, Phoenix and West Valley.

**April 26<sup>th</sup>** RSGV 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rose Garden Tea  
East Center

Sign up sheets will be available at the March and April meetings or call  
Regina Tarr 399-0210 to volunteer.  
Cookie bakers and tea servers are needed.

## **February in the Rose Garden**

Continue pruning and planting of bare-root roses.

Plant container roses.

Fertilize with a slow-release fertilizer.

Add 4 to 6 inches of mulch around the plant to retain moisture, cool the  
roots and control weeds.

Water slowly to a depth of 2 ft. Allow the soil to dry out between waterings.

Spray with a good fungicide to prevent mildew.

## **March in the Rose Garden**

Plant container roses.

Apply supplemental liquid fertilizer, Epsom salts, etc.

When fertilizing, be sure to water bushes well, then apply fertilizer, then water fertilizer in well. If you have a drip system, fertilize right after the system has gone off, then water fertilizer in well with the hose.

Fertilizers applied in a liquid form are usually the best to use with a drip system, just in case they are not watered in properly after application.

Apply 2-3 T of Epsom Salt (magnesium sulfate) to each bush.

Magnesium is the second most important ingredient in Chlorophyll production, and it promotes new root growth, so your roses will appreciate additional amounts now and then to aid them in these processes.

Organic Fertilizer:

Blood Meal (13-0-0) \_ cup

Cottonseed Meal (7-3-2) \_ to 1 cup

Fish Emulsion (3-1-1) Follow label instructions.

Continue to spray with fungicide to prevent mildew.

Water slowly to a depth of 2 ft. Allow the soil to dry out between waterings.

Learn how to groom your roses for the spring rose shows:

Remove side buds on Hybrid Teas and center bud on Shrubs and Floribundas to encourage larger blooms

## **Newsletter Information**

Hi, I'm Sue Rock the new editor of the newsletter.

This is your newsletter, please contribute.

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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Publication is 10 days before the meeting.

Your newsletter will be edited by the president before publication.

Thank you.

Coming next month: Member Spotlight!