

Rose Clippings

May 2008

Monthly Newsletter of the Rose Society of Green Valley
(Affiliated with the American Rose Society)
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We are celebrating our 21st year--1987-2008

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 \$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 May 5th

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 May 10th

May 2007-April 2008

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From President Karen Packer

A happy summer to everyone.

Remember to work on the Rose Show when fall comes.

Call Dave Palmer if you are away on vacation and unable to deadhead your garden section for a couple of weeks.

As mentioned at the April meeting the rose garden needs cleaning. The Rose Tea is nearly here. If you signed up for a section of the garden, do be sure to deadhead and weed Thursday or Friday, so that all will be lovely for the party. If you want to help, call me and I will let you know which areas have no "nanny".

See you with hats on! (No, not you, Dave, Bob, Dan, etc).

A welcome back to Edna Carella returning from California. We are all happy to see her.

From Garden Director Dave Palmer

Dear Members, the temps are getting hot here in Green Valley. Please be sure to give your roses and plants extra water as the temps heat up. Also you may be experiencing problems with insects on your roses. Especially from Thrips and aphids and White flies. They recommend spraying the unopened buds with a soapy solution to kill the Thrips. With Aphids one of the best things to do is to spray the leaves with a strong spray of fresh water to knock them off the plants. Be sure to wash underneath the leaves as well as on top of them. With White flies and the other insects that afflict your roses, you can spray them with an insecticide that is for your particular insect problem.

If you see that the brown edges appear on your rose buds then most likely you have Thrips. You can see these tiny brown insects down inside the bud by pulling the bud open a bit. Aphids are small green insects that suck on your leaves but do not do much damage to the plant itself. Some birds eat the aphids off the plants. White flies appear as small bumps on the underside of the rose leaf.

I haven't seen any sign of Powdery Mildew in the East Center garden this year. You may want to spray with a fungicide that kills Powdery Mildew as a preventative measure. Also if you do get it spraying with water frequently keeps it from spreading. This usually disappears once the evening temps get up to about 65 degrees.

A reminder to those members who signed up to take care of a particular section of the East Center garden. Pruning is only one part of care for the garden. We need those members to please, please keep the weeds pulled or dug from your section of the garden. Plus the hot winds are hard on the blossoms and need dead heading on a regular basis.

Lets keep the garden in good shape for the Up coming Garden Tea on April 26th.

Bob Kay and myself Dave Palmer will be mulching the East Center garden next Saturday morning, April 19th. We will be arriving at the East Center about 8:30-9:00 AM. We will have 26 bales of mulch purchased in Tucson that morning. Each bale is 3 cubic feet and is heavy. We will be the muscle but need help spreading it around. Bring your gloves and small rakes to help. It is fun to do with help and it sure cuts down on the work for a few of us. Bring your husbands, bring your grandkids, bring your neighbors.

(ed. Note: I see this date has already passed, hopefully there was a lot of participation. Please admire the beautiful new name tags that the roses are wearing. The old ones that are falling apart are being replaced by Dave and staff.)

April Meeting Highlights

The theme of our April general meeting was "Cooking With Roses"
and what interesting tastes were provided!

Thank you, Pat, for the Strawberry Rose Sorbet.

Your presentation in the lemons was impressive and the sorbet was delicious!
Thank you, Donaldina & Lois, for the Sauce of Velvet that we spooned over Lea Ellen's
pound cake. Both versions were very tasty!

Thank you, Doris, for the Rose Macadamia White Fudge.

Even though the fudge didn't set up like you hoped, it tasted divine!

Thank you, Jeannie, for the Swedish Rose Chocolate Balls and the "Rose" wine;
I'm not sure which was the bigger hit!

Thank you, Lea Ellen, for the Rose Scented Tea
and for finding the rose water and providing the pound cake!

AND, a huge thank you to everyone who came to the meeting and shared in the fun!
I think everyone agreed that the camaraderie we all shared made the evening memorable.

The following officers were voted in for 2008-2009

President: Karen Packer 2007-09

1st VP: **OPEN** 2008-09

2nd VP: Dan Barta 2008-10

Secretary: **OPEN** 2008-09

Treasurer: Jeannie McGaughey 2007-09

at large: Lea Ellen Trelford 2008-10

at large: Donaldina Joung 2008-09

Please note that the offices of 1st Vice President and Secretary are still open. If you feel
you can help out as a Board member, contact Sarah at 398-1851 or

rosesintubac@hotmail.com

May Meeting

Installation of the new officers for 2008-2009.

Program: Dessert Pot Luck. Please bring your favorite dessert to share.

3rd GARDEN TEA COMING Saturday!

Don't miss our 3rd Garden Tea to be held in the rose garden on
Saturday, April 26, from 2 to 4 pm.

There will be tea, cookies, music, and most of all, beautiful roses!

Please call Regina Tarr (399-0210) if you'd like to help.

Rose Show November 2nd 2008.

“Roses on the Menu”

Has been selected as the theme for the Rose Show.

Assistant, leaders and workers are needed—call Marianna Steele

Please be thinking about your volunteer area for the Rose Show. I hope you will consider doing the same jobs. However, if for some reason you feel your need to switch responsibilities please let me know. With summer on the way I would like to know who to contact if something should come up. Thank you. Marianna

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Other Upcoming Events

May 5th

RSGV Membership Meeting

Installation of new officers; dessert potluck

May 10th

RSGV Board Meeting

June 26-27

The ARS Spring National Convention will be held in Denver

Check out www.2008ARSDenver.com for details.

September 8th

RSGV Membership Meeting

September 13th

RSGV Board Meeting

Mystery Member of the Month

By G. V. Rose

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

I was born in New York but moved to Oakland, CA when I was two years old during
World War II.

I grew up in the San Francisco Bay area and worked as a chemist for the city of Daly
City, just south of San Francisco.

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

I have three sons and eight grandchildren.

One of my sons has five daughters
and another has two boys and a girl and they live in the San Francisco Bay area.
My third son lives in Green Valley.

Their father and stepmother also live in Green Valley.

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

I have lived here for two and a half years.

I like the warmer weather and love the monsoon season. My roses love it too.

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

I joined RSGV as soon as I got here.

I've participated in the rose show in Nov. as a judge, clerk, and as part of the staff putting
on the show.

I have given programs and have been the first vice-president whose job is to obtain
speakers for presentations of programs.

I have served at the annual tea party and made cookies for that event.

And oh pruning, pruning, pruning.....in the East Social Center's rose garden.

How many years have you been growing roses?

I have grown roses on and off throughout my adult life but seriously since 1989.

My father loved to garden and I have two of his rose bushes in my garden.

They are Talisman, an early hybrid tea and Mlle. Cecile Brunner, the bush form.

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

I love to grow all roses and all of them seem to love this climate except for the very hot
days of summer. I grow most classes of roses.

Tell us what you do for fun!

Grow roses of course!!! And judge them. Visit my grandchildren in CA.

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

I was once privileged to fly a B-17, a World War II bomber!!

It was also called the Flying Fortress and the Aluminum Overcast!

Ed. note: Come to the May meeting to find out who this rosarian is!

Last Month's Mystery Member

**The very talented member described in last month's newsletter was Marianna
Steele. Read all about her in the March issue online at gvrose.org if you missed it.**

Help Wanted

1st Vice President (programs)

Secretary (late breaking news—Edna Carella has agreed to be our Secretary, we will
vote her in before the installation of officers at the May meeting.)

Publicity Chairman

Rose Show assistant, leaders and workers

4 Garden Sections are still available to adopt

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.

For Sale

Available at each membership meeting
RSGV Aprons \$12; Vests \$12; 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

May in the Rose Garden

The first and foremost effort that you need to make during the month of May is to get and keep the maximum amount of foliage on your plants. The first way to accomplish this is to cut shorter stems on any blooms you are taking in for arrangements or to give away. When "dead heading", only cut down to the first five-leaflet, preserving as much foliage as you can.

The second part of this effort is to get some extra growth on your plants. Continue your fertilizing program through the month of May. The best solution to use during this time is a 20-20-20 liquid fertilizer. You should also put on another dose of time release fertilizer before putting mulch down.

The next thing is adding mulch. By early May, you need to have a 3-4 inch layer of mulch down since the heat has already begun. Mulch helps to keep the ground cool and reduces the evaporation of the water you are giving your plants. It also helps keep the weeds under control. Possible sources of mulch are compost, redwood bark, pine needles, wood chips, shredded newspaper or aged manure.

Watering is essential right now. When the temperature is over 90 degrees water 3 times per week. If temperatures are over 100, water 4-5 times per week. Be sure you are deep watering, not just surface watering. Don't let the soil dry out between waterings.

Start keeping an eye open for spider mites. If spider mites infest your roses, you will begin to notice a dull appearance to the leaves. The undersides will feel sandy or rough. Fine webbing will appear on the undersides of leaves and in leaf axils. The best control is to spray the undersides of your leaves with a sharp spray of water every couple of days. Morning is the best time to do this.

Summer in the Rose Garden (June, July and August)

Hopefully by now, you have mulch down. Any all purpose mulch will work. The idea is to keep the fine feeder roots found just below the soil surface as cool as possible. A 3-4 inch layer of mulch will help keep soil temperatures from soaring. Mulch also helps reduce the evaporation of water and helps keep weeds under control. As an added bonus, the mulch will break down into organic matter over the summer and will enrich your soil.

The main problem during the summer is spider mites. These are microscopic bugs that create little colonies among your rose leaves. They can be devastating to your plant if they are not caught in time. Spider mites quickly kill the leaves and the plant defoliates.

The best way to spot them is to look at the undersides of the leaves. If you see webs and what looks like salt and pepper, or if the undersides of the leaves feel sandy, you have them. You can kill them off with a miticide or by blasting them with water every two to three days for a week or two.

Keep up your watering schedule during the summer months. This is crucial since a missed watering can cause your plants to get stressed and this invites problems. The healthier the plant, the fewer problems it is likely to have. Deep watering is best. Also, watering early in the morning is better than mid-day or afternoon. You don't want the soil to be soggy, but you also don't want it to get totally dry between waterings.

Continue to "dead head" at least once a month.

Apply a half strength liquid fertilizer once a month. As always, be sure to water well the day before you fertilize.

The other thing is to try to keep the weeds and grass from invading the rose beds. The less competition the roses have for water the better.

From the "Monthly Guide of What to do in your Rose Garden" Rose Society of Tucson

Contributed by Donaldina Joung

What a man needs in gardening is a cast-iron back, with a hinge on it--*Charles Dudley Warner*

What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have never been discovered.--*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Housework, if it is done right, can kill you.--*John Quincy Adam*

Weeds never die.-*Belgian Proverb*

In preparing the soil for planting, you will need several tools. Dynamite would be a beautiful thing to use, but it would have a tendency to get the dirt into the front-hall and track up the stairs.--
Robert Benchley

Gardening requires lots of water -- most of it in the form of perspiration.--*Lou Erickson*

If you have a garden and library, you have everything you need.--*Cicero*

Newsletter Information

I guess I have been labeling the newsletter with an incorrect month. The newsletter should be labeled with the upcoming month, not the current month, as I have been doing. So this newsletter is the May issue and subsequently the last newsletter until the end of summer. The September issue will come out at the end of August.

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.

Publication is 10 days before the meeting. Thank you. Sue Rock