
ROSE CLIPPINGS

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From the President's Desk

Karen Packer, President

As most of you know by now, the Greenbelt Nursery is closing at the end of September. Les and Suzanne Hayt have operated the business for 28 years and now are retiring. They are both American Rose Society Judges and Consulting Rosarians. They helped form the Green Valley Rose Society. They have been generous and supportive over the years and it is sad to see the business close. We wish them well in retirement. (Also, you may want to check their closing sale--they still have roses left at discounted prices.)

Garage Sale

Marcia Berggren will be hostess for our Sale on November 14 and 15. Marcia lives at 151 E. La Pera, two blocks north of the intersection of Abrego and Continental. We need all sorts of "elephants", but no clothes, please. Help pricing will be needed on the 13th. Thursday, the 13th is also the day to bring your donations to Marcias. She has a large carport and has

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From the Garden Director

Dave Palmer, Garden Director

Dear Rose Buds, it is time to turn to the East center garden to prepare it for our upcoming November Rose Show. Please spend time in the garden doing some light pruning and dead heading. Don't forget that the weeds beneath need pulling. Lets make it something to be proud of.

The Rose Show is the first weekend of November. Many of you signed up to take care of parts of the garden. It is time for you to step up to the plate and do your share in the garden. The garden doesn't take care of itself without your help.

I am currently in Minnesota and will be back in AZ by the 1st or 2nd of October. I will be fertilizing the garden the first week of October and spraying if necessary. I am asking my helpers to assist me in this endeavor.

We have had a lot of trouble with the electrical system at the garden this year. It is not our problem but GVR's. When the electricity goes off, the watering system is affected. GVR has tried unsuccessfully to find the problem but thus far has not located the source of the problem.

Members, it is a good time of the year to do some light pruning of the rose canes and remove those that are dead or too small or are growing the wrong way. Continue to water and fertilize your roses until it freezes.

Happy rose pruning. See you in the garden SOON!

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no room to store donations ahead of time. If we all pitch in for a few hours we can make some extra money for RSGV.

Garden Tea

At the September 13, 2008 meeting the Board voted to put the Tea on hold. It may be done in the future, if we wish. This followed a lengthy discussion as we all seem to like it more than the public.

Show and Tell

This is no longer just for kindergarten. Members are encouraged to bring, in a bud vase, whatever is blooming to display at each meeting. Many of our members have unusual roses that others will enjoy seeing. During the meeting, a time will be set aside for each person to identify their rose(s). This should be fun. (I have seen this done at the Tucson Orchid Society with great success.) After the meeting we will make a bouquet to take to a nursing home

Photo Scrapbook

Dan Barta, 2nd V.P., has offered to create a garden scrapbook of each member's rose garden. This would consist of photos (Dan is also a Photographer) and a list of roses grown by each member. This will be available at each meeting and be a source of information on what grows well in Green Valley. It should also be lots of fun.

The Rose Society of Tucson Prepares to Host Pacific Southwest District Convention in 2010

By Liz Strong

The Rose Society of Tucson has agreed to host the American Rose Society's Pacific Southwest District (PSWD) rose show and convention in April 2010. This seems like a long way off, but 2010 will be here before we know it. The PSWD is the largest district in the country and includes all ARS societies in Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico, plus El Paso and Las Vegas. So, we'll be hosting many of the top rose growers and exhibitors in the country!

This is a very special year for the Rose Society of Tucson—2010 will be our 50th Anniversary! The Society was formed as an Affiliate of the American Rose Society on February 1, 1960. With suggestions offered by members attending the September meeting, the Board decided that the theme of the convention will be "Rose Roundup at the Old Pueblo".

The convention coordinating committee will make a brief report each month in the *Thrip Hater* to keep everyone up-to-date on planning activities. Since holding a 2-1/2 day convention is a tremendous undertaking, a team of four will oversee all activities—Lauren Kettenbach, Judy Singer, Liz Strong and Terry Swartz. We'll be calling on all members to help in any way you can to assure a great convention. More details are forthcoming. For now, here's a quick overview of the convention:

Date: Friday thru Sunday, April 16, 17 & 18, 2010

Place: DoubleTree Hotel at Reid Park

Events

Friday

Registration & Hospitality – Evening

Saturday

Rose Show Setup and Judging – Morning

Rose Show Open to the Public – Morning

Trophy Presentations – Afternoon

Happy Hour & Raffle – Early Evening

Dinner, Awards & Guest Speaker – Evening

Sunday

PSWD Breakfast Meeting – Morning

Garden Tour – Late Morning & Afternoon

"There will I make thee beds of roses
And a thousand fragrant posies,
A cap of flowers, and a kirtle
Embroider'd all with leaves of myrtle."

Christopher Marlowe

"Then will I raise aloft the milk-white rose, with
whose sweet smell the air shall be perfumed."

William Shakespeare

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: October 6, 2008 7:00PM, coffee at 6:30PM
Program on Rose Arrangements

RSGV BOARD MEETING

TIME: October 11, 2008 10:00 AM
Rose Society members are welcome to attend

RSGV ROSE SHOW: "ROSES ON THE MENU"

PLACE: East Social Center
TIME: November 2, 2008

ARRANGEMENTS JUDGES SCHOOL

PLACE: Phoenix
TIME: November 22-23, 2008
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October in the Rose Garden

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

October is a fairly easy month in the rose garden. By October 1st you should have your fall grooming finished so your roses will be ready to produce blooms.

You can start decreasing the frequency that you water your roses now that the temperatures are starting to cool off a bit. However, ensure you are still deep watering.

Continue your fertilization program. A good liquid fertilizer every other week will help produce lots of blooms and healthy growth.

Keep a watchful eye for powdery mildew. As the nighttime temperatures cool off, the conditions are right for this fungus. At the first signs of mildew on your roses, spray with a fungicide or wash your roses off with water daily. Remember, it is best to prevent mildew, rather than waiting for the problem to show up. It's harder to eliminate damage once it's started.

If you had shade cloth over any of your roses during the summer, now is the time to remove it.

If you plan to plant new rose bushes in December or January, now is a good time to start preparing the holes.

Rose History

By Angela Kirby

Wild forms of the genus *Rosa* occur naturally only in the Northern hemisphere—in Asia, North Africa, North America, Europe and the Middle East. Fossilized remains of roses found in these regions date back twenty to thirty million years. The cultivation of the rose is thought to have begun in the Middle East. In the early 1900s excavations in southern Iraq found references to figs, vines, and roses which had been brought back as booty almost 5000 years before, by King Sargon.

Rose Show News

By Marianna Steele, Chair

Special thanks to Donaldina for the excellent program for our September meeting. You will surely want to see our next program on October 6 which will also be preparing us for the rose show.

The show is on Sunday, November 2 - please mark your calendar for both Nov. 1 and 2, as we will have work for everyone in setting up and tearing down. This event promises to be as outstanding as last year. You will be working now to prepare your roses for their most beautiful showing. We do not have every body signed up but I feel content in my heart that you will all be there and will find many jobs to do. We need everyone involved. Special thanks to all.

The rose show is only about a month away. We will need you to help Saturday Nov 1 in the afternoon and Nov 2 especially in the morning. Remember we are counting on all of you.

Regina Tarr requests volunteers to serve as clerks at the Rose Show. She can be reached by email or phone at 399-0210.

Thanks to Sara for sending information to many places. If you get AAA magazine watch for the item about it.

Our programs are beautiful with the theme "Roses on the Menu". There is a slight error on page 12, Section F Climbers, "climbing hybrid teas are NOT to be entered in the climber class. They must be exhibited in the standard hybrid teas of their bush counterpart. But climbing teas WITHOUT a bush counterpart are exhibited in the climbing class". This is quoted from Guidelines for Judging Roses.

“Leave not the business of today to be done tomorrow...
The rose garden which today is full of flowers,
Tomorrow, when thou wouldst pluck a rose
May not afford thee even one.”

Firdawsi, from the ancient Persian

Interview with the Monthly Mystery Member

By GV Rose

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

I am from Traverse City, Michigan, and worked as a bookkeeper for many years.

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

My daughter lives in Mendocino, CA and my son is in Maryland.

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

I came here because of allergies 15 years ago. The good news is that I don't have those allergies-- the bad news is I have different ones!

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

I've been a member for 5 years. As meeting hostess, I have set up refreshments at our meetings and I've also helped with luncheons at the rose shows. You'll often find me working in the garden at the East Center.

How many years have you been growing roses?

I've been growing them for about 5 years and have 7 in my garden.

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

I love Moonstone.

Tell us what you do for fun!

I'm an outdoors person! I like birding, hiking, camping, canoeing and cross country skiing. When I have to stay inside, I press wild flowers.

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

I do a lot of volunteering. In Michigan I volunteered at the Children's Hospital. I was a docent at the Buenos Aires Wildlife Refuge in Arivaca. Here in Green Valley, I have been a guide for school children in Madera Canyon

and presently work with elementary students at the children's garden at Continental School.

Come to the October meeting to find the answer to the question "Who is this 5 year member.?"

News from the September Board Meeting

By Edna Carella, Secretary

Monthly GVR Meetings: In order to improve attendance at our meetings, a change of time and perhaps location was recommended. All members are asked to indicate their preference for one of the following choices:

a) Mondays at 10:30 or 11:00 am, followed by a lunch which possibly could be arranged at the Arizona Family Restaurant where hopefully a meeting room can also be obtained for our meeting. Attendance to the lunch would not be compulsory.

b) Tuesdays at 7:00 pm (Mondays are "Monday Night Football").

A vote will be taken at the October meeting.

Rose History

By Angela Kirby

Roses come in many colors and shades. White roses are a symbol of purity and are often associated with the Virgin Mary. At dusk they can appear luminous, and are wonderfully fragrant in the evening air. A red rose is the flower of passion and romance. Legend tells that Aphrodite, running to the dying Adonis, was torn by a rose bush, and her blood, falling on the petals, painted them red for evermore. Others say that the blood of Adonis turned into red roses, or that they are the reflection of Venus, who blushed becomingly when Jupiter came upon her in her bath.

Roses are loved above all other flowers. They have been cultivated in many civilizations for thousands of years, prized for both their beauty and their perfume, and valued for their medicinal and culinary virtues. Celebrated in carvings, paintings, manuscripts, ballad, and poetry from the earliest recorded times, countless myths, legends and superstitions have grown up around them.

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

SEPTEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Members learned how to prepare a rose for exhibition at the membership meeting in September. This wonderful program was presented by Donaldina Joung.

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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. Email to Sue Rock at philr@iname.com.

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