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Newsletter of the Rose Society of Green Valley

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## From the President's Desk

**Karen Packer, President**

The pruning of the Community Rose Garden went extremely well this year. We had a great turn out of members who pruned like crazy. Many people from the community stopped by for pointers, lessons, and in general cheered us on. Next time, we will not buy so many donuts, however. Guess we can't eat and prune at the same time.

**IN JUST A WEEK OR SO, THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL BE LOOKING FOR NEW OFFICERS. THE AVAILABLE OFFICES ARE:**

**PRESIDENT, 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT (PROGRAMS), TREASURER, SECRETARY, 1 YEAR TERM BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE.**

**PLEASE BE THINKING IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR SERVING. WE ARE A SMALL ORGANIZATION AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO STEP UP. THE 2009 ROSE SHOW CHAIRMAN IS NEEDED, ALSO.**

The 2009 budget was approved at the last board meeting. We did not increase any expense category in view of the current economy. We are also having two (2) spring fund-raisers that I hope all of you will participate in.

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## Top Exhibition Roses of the Desert

**By Robert B Marin, Jr.**

*From the January 2009 Issue of "The Thrip Hater" published by the Tucson Rose Society*

In the accompanying graphic, I continue my annual six-year running summary of the top exhibition roses of the desert, incorporating the results of the 2008 exhibition season.

To recount the methodology of this study, I compile the show results for exhibitors resident in the Southwest desert, including those in Arizona, California, Las Vegas and El Paso. In tabulating points, I used the same system as my annual compilation in the "American Rose" magazine. Six points are awarded to a Queen, five for King and four for Princess. An additional three points are awarded to roses on the Court of Honor, as well as any roses staged by desert exhibitors in winning challenge classes at the District and National shows.

In the hybrid teas, 'Gemini', the No. 1 exhibition rose nationally, continues as the top exhibition rose in the desert. Its 10 Queens in desert shows easily leads in that category as well. 'Marilyn Monroe' continues in No. 2 position, having closed the distance behind 'Gemini'. Its parent 'St Patrick' is, however, down three positions to No. 6 and is the only rose in the top ten that has had no Queens in the last six years. Still both of these roses perform exceptionally well in the desert because of their thick petals containing a high concentration of chlorophyll.

'Hot Princess', the hot pink florist rose, has moved into the No. 3 position, up two from last year. This rose was the most consistent performer in our Arizona garden producing numerous show quality blooms on the long stems clothed in glossy foliage.

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### Future Membership Meetings

February 2: Our special speaker will be Bill Cats. The topic is "You've pruned—now what?" Bill is a ARS Horticulture Judge, Master Rosarian, past President of the Phoenix Rose Society, and is a recipient of the ARS Gold Medal. He is a proponent of organic fertilizer and will bring along some Mills Magic Mix fertilizer. This will be for sale, but you MUST call LeaEllen to reserve a bag. Her number is 625-0862.

March 2: Our own Dan Barta will speak to us on homemade organic mulch.

April 6: TBA

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

### Web Master Needed

Bob Dahms has moved out of the area. He has our web site running smoothly, but we need some one to do maintenance. Bob will teach you how to do this. If you are computer savy, PLEASE volunteer for this job.

### Summer Community Garden Upkeep

As we did last year, you can sign up for a section to take care of.

TLC means deadheading, weeding and general clean up of the area.

The schedule is the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

Dave Palmer will keep up the schedule of fertilizing and watering.

### Spring Garage Sale

The date is Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at Joey Zimmerman's home at 959 W Mission Twin Buttes. We saved the unsold goodies from the fall sale, so we have a start. Gather up all the other items you think might sell (call the neighbors, too).

### 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.

### Member News

Gene Nathan is moving on January 24<sup>th</sup> to Prestige Assisted Living in Green Valley, 1175 South Abrego Drive, Apartment 219, Green Valley, AZ 85614-5583. Phone 520-202-4149.

Marianna Steele would enjoy hearing from members.

### Membership News

By Dan Barta—Membership Chairman

January starts our membership dues for the upcoming year. Remember dues are \$17 single and \$20 a couple for 2009.

Please attend the meetings. After all, someone may have the answer for the question that has been bugging you and you might have the solution for somebody else's problem.

Please bring photographs of your gardens. It doesn't make any difference if you have one bush or eighty! If by chance all your roses have died....take a picture of your neighbor's roses.

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- 77 Butter Crème (2003)
- 71 Conundrum (2002)
- 64 Dr John Dickman (2002)
- 62 Sam Trivitt (2000)
- 51 Incognio (1995)
- 47 Glowing Amber (1997)
- 44 Acanum (2000)
- 36 Marie Jeanette (2003)
- 35 Peter Cottontail (2004)
- 34 Irresistible (1990)
- 32 Nancy Jean (2004)
- 31 Behold (1997)
- 29 Kristin (1992)
- 28 Soroptimist International (1995)
- 22 Hot Tamale (1994)
- 21 Breath of spring (2002)

*End of Top Roses*

## 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: February 2, 2009 6:30 PM

“You’ve Pruned Your Roses—Now What”

### RSGV BOARD MEETING

TIME: February 14, 2009 10:00 AM

Rose Society members are welcome to attend

### ROSE SOCIETY OF TUCSON ANNUAL ROSE AUCTION

TIME: FEBRUARY 3, 2009, 7-9 PM

ST PHILIPS IN THE HILLS CHURCH

CORNER RIVER RD & CAMPBELL AVE, TUCSON

### ROSE SOCIETY OF TUCSON SPRING ROSE GARDEN TOUR

TIME: SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2009, 10 AM TO 3 PM

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## February Rose Garden

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

Pruning of your roses should be completed by mid-February. Once you're done pruning, be sure to clean up all the old mulch and dead leaves and throw them in the trash, not your compost pile. Dead leaves can often have mildew spores and other diseases on them that can infest your compost pile and create problems later on.

Apply both a pesticide and a fungicide to your pruned roses and the ground around the plants. Fungus spores such as mildew can live through the winter in your soil.

Check the pH of your soil. Roses need 6.5 to 6.8. To lower the pH add soil sulphur. To increase the pH add lime.

Apply time release and/or organic fertilizer. These fertilizers should be incorporated into the top 2-4 inches of the soil around your roses. Using a three prong hand rake works well so you do not damage the rose roots. Water the roses well after applying the fertilizer.

Apply Epsom salts to your roses. Recommended dosage is  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup per hybrid tea, grandiflora or floribunda rose, 2 Tbsp. per miniature rose.

Continue to water your roses once or twice a week depending on the daytime temperatures. Be sure you are deep watering to a depth of 18-24 inches.

Now is a good time to check your watering system to be sure it is fully functional and delivering the amount of water you think it should be. With Tucson water, drip systems often get clogged and a 4 gallon drip may only be delivering 2 gallons to your rose.

#### IMPORTANT NOTE ON BARE ROOT ROSES

**This year it seems our local supply of bare-root roses will be very limited, since Green Belt and Catalina Heights are closing.**

**A few nurseries and the local Big Box stores have many but you are taking a risk by purchasing many of those plants.**

**They have had their roots severely pruned and many will dry out because of lack of care before you purchase them. Do NOT purchase any roses with a waxy coating as our hot sun will cause the wax to cook the canes.**

**If you purchase bare-roses be sure they can be shipped and in the ground by no later than February 15.**

'Veteran's Honor' continues at No. 4, followed by another red show rose, 'Black Magic'. The latter is also a florist rose that loves the desert sunshine. Another red rose, 'Let Freedom Ring', which debuted on the list last year, is up another five positions to No. 13, and has already established itself as a top desert performer.

'Cajun Moon' and its sister seedling, 'Moonstone' are ranked Nos. 7 and 8 respectively. However 'Moonstone' does not perform as well in the desert because it has too many petals to open properly in our desert heat. 'Cajun Moon' with fewer petals performs somewhat better.

'Signature' is ranked No. 9, down two positions from last year. Rounding out the top ten is 'Brooks Red' which is up three slots from last year.

There were no other large moves of note. New to the list are 'Louise Estes', a perennial national contender, the grandiflora 'Gold Medal' and 'Crowd Pleaser', the tall-growing sport of 'Lynn Anderson'. Dropping off the list were 'Raphaella', 'Big Time' and 'Dolly Parton'.

In the miniatures, 'Fairhope' continues at No 1 in the desert, by a healthy margin, although nationally it has slipped to No. 3. The top national miniature exhibition rose, 'Bee's Knees', continues its climb on the desert show tables – up four more positions to No. 2. 'Dancing Flame' continues as No. 3, while 'Miss Flippins' is down two positions to No. 4.

The top miniflora, my own creation 'Butter Cream', is No. 5, followed by two more minifloras, 'Conundrum' and 'Dr John Dickman'. 'Butter Cream' is a great desert performer, with its thick petals holding up to dry sunshine, on a clean well-proportioned plant with leathery foliage. 'Conundrum', with its spectacular colors, either wins Queen or it doesn't. It is also challenged by mildew in the desert spring and fall. There continue to be four minifloras on the list, with the previous three being joined by another of my creations 'Peter Cottontail', a sister seedling to 'Butter Cream', that continues at No. 13.

Rounding out the top ten are the miniatures 'Sam Trivitt', 'Incognito' and 'Glowing Amber'. 'Marie Jeanette', the more-lightly petaled sport of 'Irresistible', recorded the biggest upward move, up eight positions to move past 'Irresistible'. Nearly all of its success has been recorded by Mike & Cindy Jepsen, who grow the rose to near perfection.

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## Monthly Mystery Member

By GV Rose

**Where are you from originally and what did you do there?** I'm from a small town in upstate New York, living at home until I left for college. My first job was at Christmas, clerking in a jewelry store proudly earning \$15.00 for a 48 hour work week.

**Do you have children/family members? Where are they?** I have 4 grown grandchildren. Two of them are also my cousins and are living in Vermont (one currently teaching in Thailand.) Two are surrogate grandsons living in England whom I have visited often.

**How long have you lived in southern AZ? What brought you here?** We have had property here since the early 70s, but did not take up residence until we built here in the 90s. Green Valley was the stopping-off place to the rest of the world while we lived in Mexico.

**When did you join RSGV? What RSGV activities have you participated in?** I joined in 2006. I started entering the Rose Shows in 2003.

**How many years have you been growing roses?** I started with a puny mail-order miniature rose "Rise 'n Shine" in 1994. It thrived and even produced a second bush. I now have 9 miniatures, 3 floribundas, and am adding 3 fragrant roses, if they survive the winter.

**What's your favorite rose to grow in this climate?** That's a hard question...to just pick one. Right now I would say "Oregold" but don't hold me to it.

**Tell us what you do for fun!** Life itself is fun—meeting the challenges and finding the solutions, loving each day and appreciating it, balancing work with artistic involvement—music, drama and art. It all has its rewards.

**What is something other members don't know about you???** I don't think they know me--I'm a quiet person. I'm sure they don't know that I lived in Mexico for 22 years.

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

If we tell you that last month's mystery member's favorite pastime is riding her motorcycle, can you guess? Of course, it's Jeannie McGaughey, an indispensable member who does it all when it comes to the RSGV.

*Top Roses Continued from page 4*

New to the list this year are 'Hot Tamale' and 'Breath of Spring', replacing 'Hilde' and 'Jilly Jewel'.

On the horizon, four more minifloras are approaching the list, including 'Charismatic', 'Class of '73', 'Dr Troy Garrett' and 'Foolish Pleasure'.

Most of the roses on these lists are excellent garden specimens, especially for those who like cut blooms of the classic hybrid tea form. In nearly all cases, Dona and I have seen a dramatic improvement in roses grown on 'Fortuniana' rootstock and we continue to recommend it highly for all desert gardeners.

Top Exhibition Roses of the Desert—Six year Summary

### Hybrid Teas/Grandifloras, Points/Name (Year Introduced)

- 121 Gemini (1999)
- 91 Marilyn Monroe (2001)
- 76 Hot Princess (2000)
- 70 Veteran's Honor (1999)
- 66 Black Magic (1997)
- 57 St Patrick (1996)
- 51 Moonstone (1998)
- 37 Signature (1996)
- 35 Brooks Red (2000)
- 32 Silverado (1987)
- 31 Crystalline (1986)
- 27 Let Freedom Ring (2005)
- 26 Touch of Class (1984)
- 25 Cajun Sunrise (2000)
- 22 Rosie O'Donnell (1999)
- 20 Lousie Estes (1991)
- 18 Gold Medal (1982)
- 17 Exotica (1999)
- 16 Crowd Pleaser (2001)

### Miniatures/Minifloras, Points/Name (Year Introduced)

- 133 Fairhope (1989)
- 100 Bee's Knees (1998)
- 91 Dancing Flame (2001)
- 88 Miss Flippins (1997)

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## 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

## Newsletter Information

### By Sue Rock

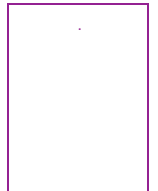
Please send a monthly report if you are an officer or a committee chairman. Send interesting information to share if you are a member.

The deadline to get the news to the editor is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. E-mail to Sue Rock at [philr@iname.com](mailto:philr@iname.com) .

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