
ROSE CLIPPINGS

Newsletter of the Rose Society of Green Valley

www.gvrose.org

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From the President's Desk

Karen Packer, President

Happy New Year, EVERYONE

At our great Christmas party we had several new members join our ranks. Thanks to all who brought these folks. And a BIG thank you to LeaEllen and her helpers for the lovely dinner.

Joey Zimmerman has been awarded the Rose Bud Award for new member excellence. She received her certificate at the December Arizona Societies Luncheon in Tucson. Congratulations, Joey!

December is the month we all dream of which new rose bush we want in our garden. But dream time is over. Now January is upon us and the garden year begins anew.

I hope you all remember that our usual 1st Monday meeting has been rescheduled for January. We will meet in the Garden on Monday the 12th at 9am to begin the job of pruning. Coffee and donuts will be served in the Art Room. BRING TOOLS, GLOVES & WILLING HANDS.

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What is the American Rose Society?

From the March 2008 Issue of "The Blue Ribbon" published by the Albuquerque Rose Society

(Part 1) The American Rose Society (ARS) is an organization made up of individuals ranging in age from the teens to people nearing one hundred years old, living in all sections of the country, and with an appreciation of our country's floral emblem, the rose. This diverse group includes rich and poor, people of all nationalities, genders, religions, political persuasions, as well as students, retirees, and people still in the work force. Some members are just starting to grow roses while others have been growing hundreds of roses for many years. With so much diversity, the challenge is to unite the membership in meaningful programs that will interest everyone.

(District) The SSWD's Mission Statement can be found on the first page of the website: "District Objectives are encouragement of amateur and professional rose horticulture while increasing the general understanding of and interest in all aspects of roses, such as growing, hybridization, exhibiting, judging and history. Further, to improve the standard of excellence of the National Floral Emblem of the United States of American for all people."

The American Rose Society started out in the early twentieth century as an organization of nurserymen, hybridizers, scholars and noteworthy rosarians. It gradually transformed into an educational society serving the general public. In 1920 this group was formalized and designated "Consulting Rosarians."

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The Rose Society received a memorial donation from the Nelson family in honor of their parents, A plate will be added to our memorial board.

We also received a \$500.00 grant from the Country Fair White Elephant. Much appreciated, of course!

Former President Doris Eiland sends Holiday Greetings to all Rose members in Green Valley.

We are planning another garage sale the end of March.

At the end of April we are going to try a new fund-raising event--a Bake and Bouquet Sale. We think quality baked goods and lovely flowers should do well.

In a few short weeks it will be time to form a nominating committee to find officers for next year. If you would like to be an officer or be on the board please let us know. We are always needing new talent.

The community garden was discussed again without a final decision. Dave Palmer will still do the fertilizing which is a big help. Based on lack of an other idea, I decided to keep with the assigned-beds plan. The last thing to determine is making one day deadheading day and give more direction to members.

Future Membership Meetings

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 Art room. Please bring gloves and pruners and help out.

February 2: Presentation by a representative of Mills Magic Mix Rose Fertilizer.

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.

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

Membership Meeting Reminders

Wear your name tag.

Introduce yourself to new members and welcome them.

Member News

Members who would enjoy hearing from you.

Gene Nathan is recovering at home in Green Valley.

Marianna Steele.

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 welcome our newest members from Green Valley:

Fran Sutherland, Janell Duncan, Rosie Kaiser, and Stanley and Barbara Tager from Quail Creek

December Meeting Highlights

The 2008 Christmas party was well attended and the food was spectacular and plentiful. We played a game with the gifts brought by the members to exchange. There were a lot of laughs as members tried to exchange their gift for the one they really wanted. Everyone had a wonderful time of fellowship.



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 BOARD MEETING

TIME: January 10, 2009 10:00 AM

Rose Society members are welcome to attend

RSGV MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TIME: January 12, 2009 9:00 AM

Community Garden Pruning and coffee and donuts

RSGV MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

TIME: February 2, 2009 6:30 PM

Mills Magic Mix Rose Fertilizer

RSGV BOARD MEETING

TIME: February 14, 2009 10:00 AM

Rose Society members are welcome to attend

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January Rose Garden

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

The most important task to start in January is pruning your roses. The best type of pruners to use is bypass pruners that work similar to scissors. Anvil type pruners will crush your rose stems. Remove the top $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{2}{3}$ of the rose bush. Remove any dead canes and small twiggy growth. Also remove any canes that are crossing through the middle of the bush or rubbing against other canes. Make your cuts about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch above a bud eye that is facing out from the center of the bush. Strip all leaves from the canes.

Once you're done pruning, clean up all the old 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.

Purchase and plant bare root roses by the middle of February. Be sure to purchase high quality roses at local nurseries. Avoid buying pre-packaged roses at the "big box" stores. Standard roses need holes a minimum of 18 inches wide and deep, 24 inches is preferable. Prepare your soil using $\frac{1}{3}$ original soil and $\frac{2}{3}$ organic material such as peat moss or compost.

Now is a good time to purchase and plant miniature roses also. This gives them plenty of time to get established before the summer heat. Miniature roses need holes a minimum of 12 inches wide and deep. If you are planting them in pots, plastic pots at least 12 inches in diameter are best.

Check your roses in pots to see if they need to be repotted. If the soil has become too compacted the tiny hair roots can't get the oxygen they need.

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

Do not fertilize your roses this month.

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. Roses in pots typically need to be watered more often than roses in the ground.

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.

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

Nurseries in the Tucson Area

Rillito Nursery

6303 N La Cholla Blvd, 575-0995, M-S 8-6, Sunday 10-4

Located on La Cholla just south of Orange Grove. A medium size nursery that has a modest selection of roses, mostly hybrid teas and floribundas, large selection of trellises. Inside they have a good selection of garden chemicals and fertilizers including Miller's (formerly Hickman's) Organic Rose fertilizer which is highly recommended by the Rose Society of Tucson.

Harlow's Nursery

5620 E Pima St, 298-3303, M-S 9-5, Sunday 10-5

Located on Pima between Wilmot and Craycroft. A medium size nursery that has a modest selection of roses, mostly hybrid teas and floribundas, large selection of ceramic pots. Also, they have a good selection of garden chemicals and fertilizers.

Monthly Mystery Member

By GV Rose

Where are you from originally and what did you do there? Wyoming (Rawlins) where I spent weekends either on a sheep ranch or waterskiing.

Do you have children/family members? Where are they? I have two steps (in Salt Lake City), three grandchildren (two in Salt Lake and one in Ft. Wainwright, AK), and one great granddaughter (also in Ft. Wainwright, AK).

How long have you lived in southern AZ? What brought you here? I have lived in Green Valley since June 2003. My husband and I “discovered” Green Valley while riding through on a visit to a friend in Sierra Vista and fell in love with the place.

When did you join RSGV? What RSGV activities have you participated in? I joined the Rose Society in the fall of 2003 after purchasing a home with 38 rose bushes. Since joining I helped with the Rose Show for the past 4 years and have served on the Board for 3 years.

How many years have you been growing roses? I have been growing roses since 1979 but never before the quantity that I have today!

What’s your favorite rose to grow in this climate? My favorite rose is the one that has the most beautiful bloom today! If I have a choice of more than one, then the most fragrant one wins.

Tell us what you do for fun! If I tell you what I have the most fun doing, you will immediately guess who I am, so let’s go for numbers 2 and 3. I love flower arranging and cooking for friends and family.

What is something other members don’t know about you??? My husband and I were both Air Traffic Controllers up until 1981 when we got fired by President Reagan (along with 11,500 other delightful folks!).

Come to the January meeting to find the answer to the question “Who is this mystery member?”

Who was the mystery "space polka dancer" from last month? It was Pat Holliday. Did you guess correctly?

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In 1949, The ARS board of directors broadened the scope of service by deciding that Consulting Rosarians would be appointed in each district, following rules promulgated by the board. In 1996, a system of Consulting Rosarian schools, with exams, run by the ARS Districts, was established to ensure that Consulting Rosarians were well qualified.

As ARS sanctioned rose shows developed, it became apparent that ARS Accredited Horticulture Judges were needed. The Guideline for Judging Roses was written and first published in 1960. It has been revised several times since, with the last revision in 2003. To become an accredited judge, one must meet certain qualifications. These include having personally grown at least a hundred rose plants of all varieties for five years or longer and successfully exhibited (by winning a least two ARS certificates and five blue ribbons) for at least three years in at least five rose shows. The potential judge must complete an accredited judging school and successfully pass the written and practical horticulture tests. After passing the test, the candidate must successfully apprentice at a minimum of five shows where she must demonstrate not only knowledge and objectivity to judge roses, but also integrity and the ability to work with other people. Only then can one become an accredited ARS judge.

To be continued in a future issue.

Nurseries in the Tucson Area

Mesquite Valley Nursery

8005 E Speedway Blvd, 721-8600, 7 days a week 8-5.

Located on Speedway just east of Pantano. Tucson’s largest nursery carries thousands of roses each year—hybrid teas, floribundas, English style, miniatures, climbers, tree roses and some old garden roses. They do not sell bare root roses and their potted roses do not go on sale until April 1st, large selection of trellises and garden furniture. Inside they also have a large selection of garden chemicals, fertilizers, gloves, pruners, and garden plaques. Beside roses, their selection of plants is beyond compare. Almost any tree, shrub, annual, perennial, wildflower, seed or bulb you desire can be found at this nursery.

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

DECEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

A wonderful end of year Christmas party with food, games,
laughter and socializing.

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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. 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.

