
ROSE CLIPPINGS

Newsletter of the Rose Society of Green Valley

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From the President's Desk

Karen Packer, President

The warm days are really getting the roses ready for spring! I've planted one new one (Perfume Delight) and have ordered another bare root (Sheila's Perfume). As you can tell, I like a rose garden to smell goood.

At the last Board Meeting, it was agreed to ask the membership for a change of election dates. It is felt that a calendar year is a better time break than May/June. This will be presented at the March meeting and will be voted on in April.

We NEED a Rose Show Chairman NOW. This is not the task it once was. Call me at 777-5624 and let's talk.

We have invited the Tucson Rose Society to come to a meeting and show the beautiful quilt they are raffeling to raise funds to host the Pacific Southwest District in 2010.

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The Community Rose Garden

By Dave Palmer

The community garden at the East center has now been pruned, sprayed and fertilized. Thanks to the help from Marsha, Joey and Bob Kay we fertilized the community garden on Feb 11th. It looks pretty good at this point! It needs some constant attention that should include weeding your area that you signed up to care for. No one has signed up to care for the arbor areas at both ends of the garden. Please step up and volunteer to care for them. They are in desperate need of attention including pruning.

We fertilized the garden using a combination of Mills Magic Rose Mix and some chemical fertilizer (citrus fertilizer that has a higher nitrogen content). We used about 20 percent chemical fertilizer (citrus fertilizer) and the rest the Mills Magic Mix. We also added a quarter cup of Epsom salts scattered around the drip line of each rose bush. The higher nitrogen content of the chemical fertilizer (citrus food) gives the leaves and canes a big kick in the pants to get them growing.

The next feeding which will take place in about six weeks will contain a water soluble fertilizer that has a higher second number and a lower nitrogen content to give the blooms a boost. Plus at that time we will add some fish emulsion (one quarter cup per 5 gallons of water.) The fish emulsion is a weak fertilizer that the plants use and is organic in nature. It stinks but the plants love it. I forgot to mention that we have already added alfalfa pellets to the roses. We used about a cup per bush and just scattered them around the drip line of each bush. It is organic in nature and adds to the soil.

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The American Rose Society has asked all Societies to donate an extra \$100.00 to the national organization. The Board felt that we would rather donate to the Tucson Society instead to help with the 2010 expenses.

As the gentleman who used to make our name tags has retired, we have looked for another source. However, we have not found one. So we will probably go to generic pin-ons. You will pick up your tag when you sign in and leave it at the table as you depart.

We have donated one bag of Mills Magic Mix to Prestige Assisted Living for their rose garden. Gene Nathan is now living there and would like to rejuvenate the garden.

Don't forget to gather items for the garage sale at Joey Zimmermans, March 13.

Future Membership Meetings

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 savvy, PLEASE volunteer for this job.

Spring Garage Sale

The date is Friday, March 13th. 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). Items can be dropped off Monday through Thursday. Volunteers needed on Thursday to help price and on Friday the day of the sale. Times will be 8am to 1pm.

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 and a picture for the scrapbook.

Membership News

By Dan Barta—Membership Chairman

From the membership corner: The most important aspect of retaining and increasing membership in our rose society is not how many names we can list on a roster, nor is it the amount of dues income we can bank, or how many bodies we need to put on the Rose Show. The most important aspect of membership is fellowship. It's about the "fun" in flowers. Even though I'm chained to a table at the door, I hear members telling stories and laughing, asking questions and getting answers, sneaking just one more treat from the table. etc. Our meetings are the best source for answers to your rose gardening questions because some of the pioneers of rose gardening in Green Valley are right there in front of you in and are eager to share their experiences. While "safety in numbers" may apply to some groups, I find "the more, the merrier" to be more appropriate for us.

Membership Scrapbook: This is a great time to get out in your gardens and take snapshots of the dead and dormant. Why would you take pictures of something already captured by the Mars landrover? So you can submit a before and after comparison. Entitle it "From Mars to Eden, an Arizona journey of determination, pain, and love". The way the weather has been it won't be long before the transition will be well underway, so take a few snapshots every week and then marvel at the transformation...and show the rest of us too!

Member News

Welcome this year's new members!!

Janelle Duncan, Green Valley

Drusilla Granroth

Barbara Grey, Tubac

Colin and Linda Pigman, Green Valley

Fran Southerland, Green Valley

Stanley and Barbara Tager, Green Valley

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: MARCH 2, 2009 6:30 PM

DAN BARTA PROGRAM

RSGV BOARD MEETING

TIME: March 14, 2009 10:00 AM

Rose Society members are welcome to attend

RSGV RUMMAGE SALE

TIME: FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2009 , 8 AM TO 1PM

JOEY ZIMMERMAN

959 W TWIN BUTTES

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

A consistent and well-balanced fertilizing program is a must. A good program should consist of a mixture of organic and water-soluble mixtures. Our suggestion is to put an organic fertilizer on one week and two weeks later fertilize with a water-soluble fertilizer. Once a month apply a dose of fish emulsion to help get the micro-organisms going. Be sure to water your roses thoroughly the night before you fertilize them.

Do not fertilize your newly planted roses until after their first bloom cycle.

During the spring, the main rose ailments are aphids, thrips and mildew. Spraying your roses off with water, preferable in the morning, a couple of times a week will help reduce the aphid population. If a colony has gotten started, use insecticide once a week per insecticide instructions to wipe them out.

Mildew can be kept in check by washing your roses daily or by using a fungicide. It is best to spray a fungicide as the preventative for mildew on a weekly basis, rather than waiting for the problem to show up. It's harder to eliminate damage once it's started.

When the weather gets warmer, the dreaded thrips will appear. They attack the rose blooms and turn them brown. A simple way to keep them under control is to get a small plastic spray bottle, fill it with an insecticide and spray the buds directly as they are starting to open.

Continue to water your roses. You will probably need to increase the watering to three times per week by the end of the month depending daytime temperatures. As always, be sure you are deep watering to a depth of 18-24 inches. Remember, roses in pots (especially clay pots) typically need to be watered more often than roses planted in the ground. You don't want the soil to be soggy, but you also don't want it to get totally dry between waterings.

Community Rose Garden (continued from page 1)

Be on the lookout for signs of Powdery Mildew. It is whitish and appears on the leaves. The leaves will begin to curl and if untreated may harm you rose bushes. It is better to treat the disease before it appears than try to get rid of it after it has appeared. One good method is to simply spray the canes, leaves with a strong spray of water fairly often. The powdery Mildew does not grow well when wet. There are commercial sprays that will accomplish the same thing but at a cost. You should always try to avoid sprays except when needed. It will require spraying with a commercial fungicide once the disease appears and may have to be repeated. Powdery Mildew usually disappears when the night temps get into the mid 60's.

I would recommend that you use as much organic fertilizer as possible as it does not burn the plants like chemical fertilizer does. I am trying to use organics as much as possible in the community garden. They are more expensive but worth it in the long run.

What is the American Rose Society

(Part 2) See January Rose Clippings for Part 1

From the April 2008 issue of The Blue Ribbon

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When rose arrangements became part of ARS rose shows, it again became apparent that competent arrangement judges were needed. Arrangement schools and seminars were introduced as well as a certification process for arrangement judges. The 2006 version of the Guidelines for Judging Rose Arrangements is the latest revision. There are specific requirements for becoming an arrangements judge, who also must meet all requirements of a horticulture judge, including passing the horticulture test. More details may be found on the PSWD website.

Horticulture and arrangement judges lose their accreditation if they do not keep current by attending seminars and by judging shows. They must attend a school at least every four years and are expected to grow roses in their own gardens and show roses in ARS sponsored shows.

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Monthly Mystery Member

By GV Rose

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

I'm from Wisconsin and I taught nursery school (Head Start) for 4 and _ years before moving to Tucson.

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

No kids—just have 2 kittycats.

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

I have a sister who lives in Tucson with her family, but most of my family is still back in Wisconsin. I visited my sister in April, 1973 and fell in love with Tucson. When I went back home they still had snow on the ground. I moved to Tucson that summer from Madison, Wisconsin, to get out of the COLD WEATHER!!!

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

I joined after the rose show, November, 2004. I've helped with the rose show 2004 thru 2008, with the spring teas and deadheading the roses when I get a chance.

How many years have you been growing roses?

3 years

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

I love all roses, especially those that have a strong fragrance—I also love red and multicolor roses.

Tell us what you do for fun!

I love shopping at the White Elephant, reading and visiting the kitties at the animal league in Green Valley.

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

I was an "extra" in a few movies when I moved to Tucson in 1973.

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

Did you guess that the quiet Mystery Member from February was Desda Britton? Her talent shone at the last rose show where she walked off with five awards in various arrangement categories. Nice work Desda!

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Local rose societies, as well as Districts are affiliated with the ARS, and are expected to be involved in educating the public with the appreciation and culture of roses. This is accomplished in many very different ways by such a diverse group as makes up the ARS.

As a member of the Albuquerque Rose Society, each of us can find our own way that we want to contribute to the goals of the American Rose Society and to our own goals.

Some members contribute and enjoy the work associated with serving as an officer in the local society. The members who are responsible for the programs are doing an important job. Others spend much time and effort to produce our outstanding newsletter or to keep us informed by e-mail. Many members spend a great deal of time and effort to make a success of the pruning demonstrations and sales, to say nothing of all the work that goes into the Garden all year long.

Some spend a lot of creative time writing the show schedules and making their contributions in this way. Setting up and taking down the shows requires a lot of work contributed by others. Judges get satisfaction from donating their time, effort, and money to travel to judge out of town shows, so that in return Albuquerque can get accredited judges to come here for our shows. Members who have worked hard to grow prize winning roses enjoy showing them and make our rose shows a success. Responsibility for the food served at the monthly meetings, as well as the judges' breakfast and luncheon, and for workers at shows is another big contribution. The Albuquerque members who have organized and worked out the problems of bringing the national ARS Consulting Rosarian and Arrangement Judging schools here deserve a lot of credit.

No one member is capable of performing all of these tasks, but with the different contributions and talents of the membership all of these are accomplished. The whole can be so much greater than just the sum of members. Our members should be proud of the reputation that our chapter has achieved at the national and district level. Let us continue to work together. Following the theme of our 2008 spring Show, "It's too late to stop now!"

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

February Meeting Synopsis:

It went great. We had a nice crowd and the speaker was
good. We had quite a few guests.

Newsletter Information

By Sue Rock

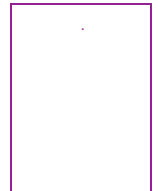
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