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MIKE WRONKOWSKI

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World Federation Trip to China

By Steve Jones, Master Rosarian, Fiddletown CA



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West Lake Garden in China

This was Susie's and my fourth trip to China, this time to attend the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) Regional Convention in Nanyang, China. After a non-stop flight from San Francisco to Beijing we flew into Shanghai to start a pre-tour in the area. The pre-tour reminded me of two songs with apologies to Willie Nelson and George Harrison, "On the bus again..." and "Where is the sun..."

Shanghai is the second largest city in the world with over 26 million people and as many cars. In the first two days because of traffic, we spent the same amount of time on the bus as it took for us to fly here, 12 hours. Traffic is by far worse than driving the 405. With that comes smog, and we never saw blue skies the whole time we were there.

Our first stop was at the Shanghai
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Botanical Gardens which covers about 203 acres. The main rose garden is located on an island in West Lake and covers about one acre. We crossed the Rose Bridge which was lined with potted baskets containing miniature roses. The roses were just coming into bloom, especially *Rosa banksiae banksiae*, the double white form with nice scents of violets. We saw many *banksiae* roses as it is native here. Shanghai is about on the same bloom cycle as here at home as it was the end of April when we were there. Here we experienced the first of many to come rose trees, about 6 to 9 feet tall, all grafted on ancient *Rosa banksiae* rootstock. There were other rose beds near the greenhouses that were also starting to bloom but had mostly green buds. However, despite the lack of roses, we enjoyed the azaleas which were in full bloom. We didn't get to spend as much time here as we would have liked but had to move on to the next garden. Special treatments included 'Rainbow's End' (most likely the climbing version) laying prostrate growing over rocks and trained on a fence forming a hedge. This is a very popular rose in China and planted throughout every garden we saw. Another commonly used miniature rose for climbers is 'Maidy' from Kordes, which I don't believe is available in the US. We didn't get to spend as much time here as we would have liked but had to move on to the next garden.

Next, we traveled to downtown Shanghai to visit the Yu Garden, which dates back to the 1550s. The garden covers about five acres and is quite large and unique. The ancient Chinese "gardens" are typically a collection of unique shaped rocks, mostly limestone, that have been carved by water currents over the millennia. They are connected together by mortar or during shortages, rice paste. There are a few plants among the rocks and usually by the waterways. We occasionally found a rose growing here and there, but you need to search them out. Growing over the top of a building here was a large *R. banksiae banksiae* which cascaded down the sides and was impressive.

The next ancient garden we visited was the Humble Administrator's Garden in Suzhou, one of the largest ancient gardens in China at 13 acres. The gardens were built over 500 years ago and features many of the same stones carved out by water. At the entrance were several rocks, plants and a rose which looks like it could be Old Blush, but we couldn't get close enough to it to verify. Along the waterways were species roses in full bloom, not sure which rose, but it had a strong multiflora/musk scent. In the corner of one garden is a large *R. banksiae banksiae* growing over and cascading down an arbor tunnel. Another *banksiae* covered a gazebo just down the path from the tunnel. Nearby were some wonderful



PHOTO BY STEVE JONES

Yu Garden

bonsai trees.

Suzhou is home to four ancient Chinese gardens including the Humble Administrators. The second one we visited was the Lion Grove Garden. This garden was much smaller. The centerpiece was a large waterfall and rock formation. It was not easy to get a photograph without several people in the way. In one corner we found another *banksiae* trellised on a wall cascading down as well.

Zhouzhuang is the Chinese version of Venice, Italy. The "water town" is crossed with canals, tall bridges and gondolas taking sightseers on a journey through the city.

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MONTHLY ROSE CARE

It's Time To Rejuvenate Our Roses

By Kitty Belendez, Master Rosarian

I have lowered the number of roses I grow from 350 to 225, and have given away many of my potted roses because they need to be watered by hand and more often. My big in-ground roses are watered by automatic sprinklers.

I plan to begin pruning my roses between the middle and the end of January. With 225 rose bushes this job will probably take at least two weeks. As last year, my gardener will be pruning my roses for me. Those with small gardens can take their time with pruning. We want to take it slow and easy to avoid injuring ourselves. After pruning, all remaining foliage should be stripped off every bush to make sure insects and diseases are removed so the bushes can begin the new year on a fresh note. All rose debris should be raked and put into the recycle bin, not used as mulch.

I hope to spray all of my rose bushes with a horticultural oil as soon as all of the pruning is completed. This helps to control any hiding fungus or bugs. I do not like neem oil as it does not stay mixed, so I always have to keep shaking it while spraying. I much prefer an oil such as Bonide All Seasons Dormant Oil, which is a mineral oil. Do not use a spreader/sticker with the oil sprays, but it's always best to read the product label for instructions.

After all pruning is finished would be a good time to apply mulch around the garden and install rose rings if they are needed. Unless it rains, water in the mulch to hold it into place.

Wait until February or March to apply granular rose fertilizer.



President's Message

Kitty Belendez

We Begin Again

2019 was a very difficult and sad year for me because I lost my beloved husband Bob due to Stage IV lung cancer and pancreatic cancer. We married very young and were together for 59-1/2 wonderful years. Bob had various other medical complications that all suddenly surfaced early last year, so he was in pain for many months. However, both Bob and I were very blessed to have a loving and dedicated family that continuously rallied round to help out with cooking, cleaning, doctor visits, and anything else that needed to be done.

Although I somehow managed to put the newsletter together from January through June, I was simply unable to produce the newsletter for the months of September, October, and November. As rose show chairman, we had to cancel our November Rose Show. Bob had transported the rose show properties in the trailer, and he had many other duties which he was no longer able to do.

Meanwhile, our SCVRS Board of Directors stepped up to help our rose society get through the various difficulties that occurred throughout last year since I was unable to fulfill my leadership role. Our Board members found us a new meeting place because the new Senior Center was not working out as we had hoped. Although the new Senior Center was bigger, the only room we could afford was going to cost us 50% more, while the room was actually 50% smaller and just not suitable for our needs. The logistics just didn't make sense.

Our Board, in particular lead by Teresa Mathers, found us a new meeting place at the Historical Saugus Train Station, situated within Hart Park in Newhall. Coincidentally, that was our first meeting place back in 1992. Déjà vu!

Instead of our Annual Rose Show in 2019, our Board decided to host a Wild West Celebration of Roses, with the encouragement of our dear friend Al Ewing at Hart Park. Although I was disappointed that no other regular rose show exhibitors participated, except our own local members, I made a last minute decision to bring a few buckets full of roses from my garden to display at the event. I am very glad that I did. It was very therapeutic for me.

As for this year's November 2020 Rose Show, that will be decided by the Board in July, and will depend on the availability of Hart Hall. I will be communicating with the folks at Hart Park in January to get on their calendar.

I am happy to report that our new Chairman of Speakers, Doris Davies has already arranged for several 2020 speaking commitments from interesting specialists. January will be Mike Wronkowski from Green Thumb Newhall speaking on Winter Rose Care. February will be Sue Diller & Barbara Schneider from Ventura who will teach us How to Make Floral Arrangements. In March, Laurie from Star Roses will tell us about their New Rose Introductions and will bring us rose plants to give to our members at the meeting.

Our retail sponsors will again be Green Thumb Nursery in Newhall, Bryan Payne (Manager), who has once again agreed to give all of our members an Annual 10% Discount Card. Scott Klittich owner of Otto & Sons Nursery in Fillmore, also agreed to give our members a 10% discount when they purchase roses there.

Our good friends Gisele Schoniger and Rick Sacks of Kellogg Garden Products are providing us with some of their organic fertilizers to give away to our rose society members at our meetings.

Calendar

Saturday, January 5, 2020
*Annual Budget & Planning
Executive Board Meeting*

At the Home of
Kitty Belendez
1:00 PM

Saturday, January 11, 2020
*Rose Consulting and
Bareroot Rose Advice
at Green Thumb Nursery*

Newhall Store
10:00 A.M. to 2:00 PM

Sunday, January 12, 2020

**Winter Rose Care
Mike Wronkowski**

1:30 to 3:30 PM
Historical Saugus Train Station
Inside Hart Park, Newhall



**It's Time to Pay
Your Membership
Dues
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Virginia Leonard
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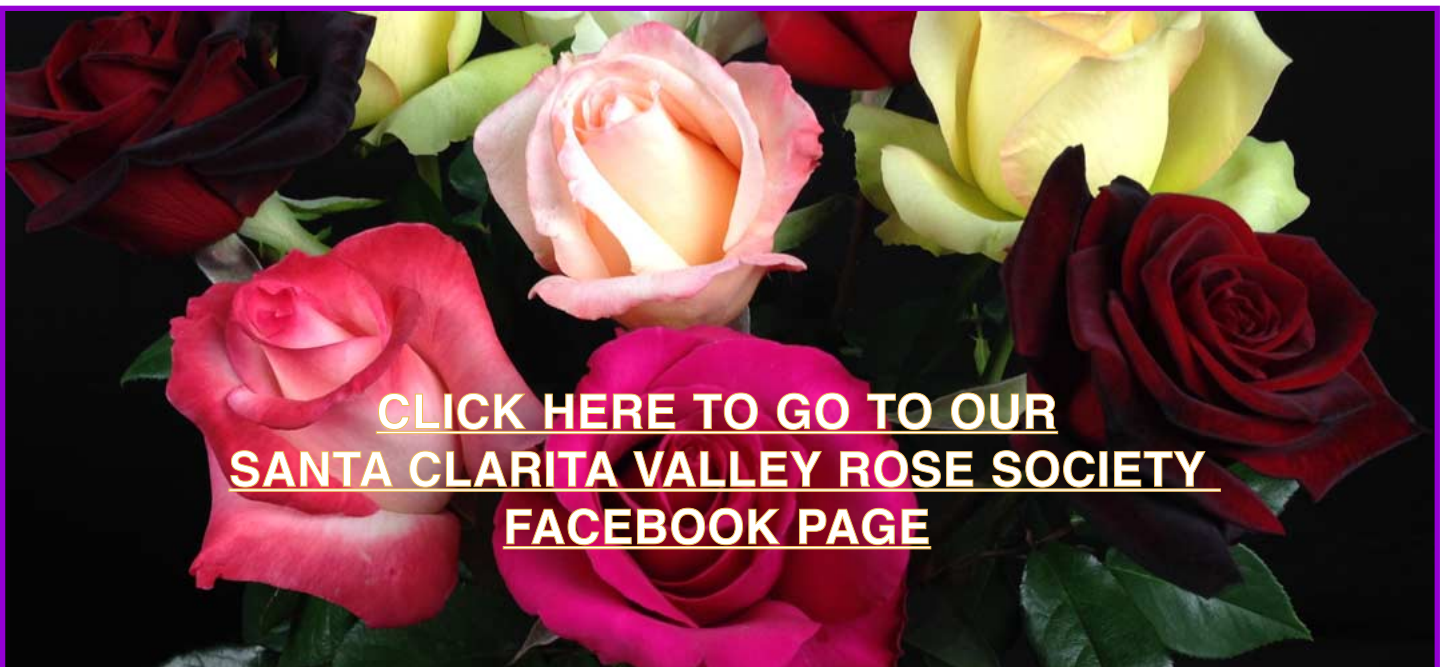
Featured Speaker:

Mike Wronkowski

From Green Thumb Nursery

Winter Rose Care

Mike Wronkowski has been in the nursery industry since 1980. In 1985 Mike became a California Certified Nursery Professional. He is involved in the Plant California Alliance, of which he is Chairman of two Committees: The California Certified Nursery Professional, and Plant California Alliance Education Committee. Mike grew up in the San Fernando Valley. He is very passionate about the agriculture and nursery industry. Mike also likes teaching his customers about fruit trees and landscaping.



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'Daddy Frank' Miniature Rose
Prolific Blooms with Long Stems, 2-feet



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'Marriotta' Miniature Rose
Prolific Clusters of Pink Blooms, 2-feet



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'The Lighthouse' Miniature Rose
Bright Yellow, 2-feet



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'Sweet Mallie' Miniature Rose
Yellow Blend Blooms, 2-feet



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'Dr John Dickman' Miniflora Rose
Mauve-Lavender Blooms, 3-feet



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'Walferdange' Classic Shrub Rose
Prolific Pink Bloom Clusters, 3-feet



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'Butter Cream' Miniflora Rose
Yellow Blooms, 2-feet

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NOVEMBER 2019 LITTLE ROSE SHOW WINNERS

We are very grateful to those members that took the time to cut a few roses from their home garden and brought them to the meeting to share with others.

Hybrid Tea Queen
 'Ring of Fire'
 Vicki Wanek



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'Ring of Fire'
 Won by Vicki Wanek



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'Pink Peace'
 Won by Vicki Wanek

Hybrid Tea King
 'Pink Peace'
 Vicki Wanek



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'Table Mountain'
 Won by Vicki Wanek



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'Mon Cheri'
 Won by Vicki Wanek

Fully Open Hybrid Tea
 'Mon Cheri'
 Vicki Wanek



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'Livin' Easy'
 Won by Vicki Wanek



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'Princess Alexandra of Kent'
 Won by Vicki Wanek

Shrub Bloom
 'Princess Alexandra of Kent'
 Vicki Wanek

Miniature Open Bloom
 'Baldo Villegas'
 Teresa Mathers



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'Baldo Villegas'
 Won by Teresa Mathers



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'Soft Whisper'
 Won by Steve Henrickson

Most Fragrant Rose
 'Soft Whisper'
 Steve Henrickson

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On one street the walls were covered by a climbing rose grown in pots, which reminded me of 'Seven Sisters'. It was just coming into bloom.

As we arrived in Hangzhou, the highways were lined with roses in baskets and containers. Here we visited the resort area of West Lake and took a boat ride around the lake. It started to rain when we arrived at the Hangzhou Flower Garden, but that didn't stop the 26 of us who ventured into this wonderful formal rose garden complemented with statues and water features. This rose garden featured over 1,000 roses of all types, mostly in mass plantings edged by boxwoods (*Buxus*). There were a few more roses in bloom than we saw before, but it will explode in the next few weeks. This garden was a highlight of our pre-tour as we loaded onto an airplane and flew to the convention city of Nanyang.

Attendees from 19 different countries attended the Convention named "A New Era in Roses". Nanyang is about 600 miles east of Shanghai, a two-hour flight.

The first night was a Welcome Banquet. Speeches were given by the Mayor of Nanyang, Huo Haosheng, and WFRS President Henrienne de Briey. There was plenty of excellent food and plenty to drink to make for an enjoyable evening.

The next day we left by bus to the new Nanyang World Grand Rose Garden for the Opening Ceremony. Our buses were police escorted to the garden. The garden entrance was a maze of people and the press. The main stage featured a large Megatron type screen complemented by two smaller ones on each side. This convention also featured the 9th China Rose Exposition. Floral dressed dancers and a quartet vocal group gave a great performance for us before the speakers. It was fun, upbeat, and very enjoyable although it was a dreary day with drizzle off and on. Zeng Chuirir, Vice Mayor of Nanyang, was our emcee. After opening comments and introducing the special dignitaries, Mayor Haosheng spoke and had a special dedication of new rose stamps. Henrienne de Briey gave her opening speech and officially opened the Convention. Yang Shuyan, Deputy Secretary-General of the China Floral Association was the next speaker followed by Zhang Zuoshuang, President of the China Rose Society. A countdown followed by fireworks ending the ceremony. Afterwards we were able to walk the grounds of the rose garden and visited the rose arrangement exhibition before returning to the hotel for lunch, including the Friends Luncheon, which was one of the best meals we had in China.

The Nanyang World Grand Rose Garden is made up of three separate and unique gardens. Contained in the three gardens are over 1.4 million roses of 1,500 varieties, covering an area of about 254 acres. The East Rose Garden is where the Opening Ceremony took place and is divided into smaller themed gardens, such as the Red Rose Garden, lakes, exhibition gardens, meeting places, etc. The West Garden is largely for sightseeing with an observation tower looking over mass plantings of roses. The North Garden is a research and development garden.

The afternoon started with lectures. Afterwards Susie and I took a walk to see the large rose garden next to our hotel. The rose garden has a path with mass plantings of

roses on each side. On each end is an observation platform. I do not know how many roses are here, but it is a lot. The beds run for as far as the eye can see, and I calculated one bed alone had about 600 roses or more. I estimated there are around 60 rose beds on each side, running about a quarter mile, so over 70,000 roses! Most were floribundas including 'Carefree Wonder'. On one side ran three rows of rose trees, so maybe 550 rose trees? Amazing, and not the featured gardens.



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Nanyang World Grand Rose Garden

The lectures continued the next morning along with invites to future conventions in Kolkata, India and the 2021 World Convention in Adelaide, Australia. The 2020 WFRS Regional Convention "Colours of Joy" in Kolkata, India, will take place between January 8-12, 2020 with pre and post tours. It will be a joint convention between the Indian



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Nanyang World Grand Rose Garden Dancers

Rose Federation and the Agricultural & Horticultural Society of India who will be celebrating their 200th anniversary.

In the afternoon we toured the rose gardens and rose nurseries of Nanyang. The enormity of these gardens is hard to imagine. Near the main rose growing fields is the Nanyang Rose Expo Garden. There are over 1,200 rose varieties planted on the 350-acre parcel, of which 125 acres are currently planted. This rose garden was the older one,

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started in 2010. On the property are greenhouses which produce over one million potted roses a year. The garden features a rose maze of climbing roses that were mostly in bloom, a large formal rose garden, and a rose tree forest in addition or statues and water features. The rose nurseries and growing fields are amazing. We drove for miles with nothing but rose growing areas and nurseries. I cannot imagine how many roses are here. I have been to the growing fields in Wasco, California, but the size of Nanyang was amazing. The highlight of the nurseries was the Nanyang Demonstration Park where Heyun Seedlings welcomed us to visit the rose tree propagation and growing area which is covered in a separate article.

The lectures continued the next morning with an update on the 2020 Heritage Rose Conference in Brussels, Belgium, scheduled for June 8-12, 2020. Currently there are plans for pre and post tours visiting the many gardens nearby. The website is not available at this time.

In the afternoon we went back to the rose gardens and then to the jade market and exhibition hall near Nanyang Stadium. Part of the visit was the unveiling of the stone sign for the Nanyang World Grand Rose Garden presided by WFRS Vice President for the Far East, Shiwei Zhao. The Gala Farewell Dinner was hosted that evening and included a dedication of the new "Red Rose of Nanyang", the handing over of the WFRS Flag to India in an elaborate ceremony, and WFRS President de Briey declaring the end of the convention. During dinner we had solo musicians who played throughout the evening. It also gave us time as we bid adieu to our fellow conventioners, many who were leaving the next day, while others continued on the post tour.

The last day featured a cultural tour of Xixia Dinosaur Park and the ancient Chinese town of Shedian, the latter a well-preserved town worth visiting. We could have skipped the Dinosaur Park as they are big in China. As we drove around Nanyang, every roadway was covered with rose boxes on bridges, and streets lined with rose trees and mass rose bed plantings. It looked like they have been there for decades, yet, not even two years.

We had a volunteer event we both work back home so could not participate in the post tour and headed home.

Our travels to China always amaze me on what they can accomplish so quickly. Lack of government red tape like here and an endless supply of workers helps.

Steve Jones is Co-Founder and Past President of Santa Clarita Valley Rose Society in 1992-1994; Past District Director of the American Rose Society Pacific Southwest District; Past President of American Rose Society; Past President of the World Federation of Rose Societies; and currently serves as Editor of World Rose News.



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Hangzhou Rose Garden with Rose Trees



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Nanyang World Grand Rose Garden



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Rosa Banksiae in the Humble Administrator's Garden



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China Rose Garden



Easy Rose Pruning

Kitty Belendez, Master Rosarian



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A Close-Up Look at Hand-Pruning a Hybrid Tea Rose Bush

Pruning roses can seem like a mystery, especially if you have never done it before. It's one thing to read about pruning in a book, but you have to actually get out there and see it being done, and then DO IT, to learn what pruning is all about.

You Are Not Going to Kill Your Rose Bush!

With the exception of lopping off your rose bush at ground level, there is practically nothing you can do that will kill your rose bush when pruning. If your rose is not grafted onto rootstock and is growing on its own roots, so it would probably still send up some new canes.

What Does "Hard" Pruning Mean?

Since my hybrid teas grow to heights of 5 or 6 and sometimes 7 feet, hard pruning for me would mean 2 feet tall. But my neighbor's roses are new bushes of different varieties than mine, so his only grow 4 feet tall. For him, hard pruning might mean one foot tall. The meaning of "hard" is only relative to what your situation is. Here in Southern California I rarely hard prune my roses, and then only on a very selective basis, for a rose that needs to be rejuvenated. Most of my HTs end up at 3 to 4 feet tall after being pruned in the winter.

You Do Not Need to Prune Hard in Southern California

But of course we DO NOT want you

to lop off your roses at ground level. You don't even need to prune your roses hard as they sometimes instruct you to do in the rose books. If you lived in the very cold regions of the United States, such as the Midwest and Northeast, you might need to prune your bushes hard, but this is not necessary in Southern California.

You Do Not Need to Prune Down to the Best Three to Five Canes

The rose pruning books lead you to believe that every rose bush needs to be pruned to exactly 3 or 5 canes. That is nonsense. Of course, your new bareroot roses will probably arrive with only 3 to 5 canes, but established rose bushes will have many more canes than that, and it would be horribly sad to cut off all those bloom producing canes. I keep all the newest, greenest canes, and this could mean 12 or more depending on the variety and the age of the rose bush. Do get rid of all those very old, brown or dead canes. You want to encourage new, green basal canes to grow.

All Roses Are Not Created Equal

Hybrid teas, floribundas, shrubs, climbers, old garden roses, and miniatures are all different types of roses. They each need to be pruned differently depending on their size. You cannot just lop them off at the same height. Each bush has its own unique personality and therefore

needs to be pruned accordingly. Even roses of the same type need to be pruned individually. For example, you might have a hybrid tea that usually grows very tall and another one that grows very short. You would not prune both of these hybrid teas the same way, as one you would prune shorter and the other one you would prune taller.

You Don't Need to Spend Hours Agonizing Over Every Bush

If you're spending more than 15 minutes pruning a large hybrid tea, you are spending too much time on it. A miniature should take no more than 5 minutes. For minis we use large, battery-powered hedge trimmers. A couple of large whacks does the trick, and then we do a little detail work on the individual canes. A climber or old garden rose could take a bit longer, simply because they are larger and may need to be selectively pruned and perhaps trained or pegged.

Do I Really Need to Remove All the Leaves on the Bush?

No, you don't have to. Your rose bush will not die or suffer if you don't. If you have a lot of roses and are really pinched for time, you could skip this step. However, removing all the foliage from a rose bush when it is being pruned in the winter or early spring serves many purposes that is good for your roses. First, stripping off all the leaves and discarding them helps to control insects and diseases. It is the only time of the year when you can start anew. Removing the foliage encourages the new canes to grow, and all the old foliage you leave on will eventually die anyway.

Do I Have to Seal the Ends of the Canes After Pruning?

No, you don't have to. With nearly 300 rose bushes, I do not seal the canes anymore since it is a tremendous amount of work and is very time-consuming. I rarely see cane borer damage, but it is so minimal that it is not worth the time it takes to seal the ends of the canes of all my roses. You can do it if you have nothing better to do, but it isn't necessary.

Do I Really Need to Prune My Roses?

If you really want to grow great roses, YES, you need to. But don't make it into a bigger and more complicated project than it really is. The idea is to rejuvenate your roses.

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Tips for Planting Bareroot Roses

Kitty Belendez, Master Rosarian

It's that time of year again. Depending on where you live, bareroot roses might have already arrived at your local garden centers, and are just begging to be planted. For others, you might still be waiting for the snow to thaw. Some of us have ordered our new bareroot roses through mail-order catalogs, and many roses have already arrived, or are on their way. Time is of the essence, because once they arrive on our doorsteps these bareroot roses can't survive very long without being planted in soil.

New rose growers may be perplexed, or perhaps even fearful, about how to properly plant bareroot roses. But, it's not so mysterious, nor are there many secrets to it. So here goes—we will now explain bareroot planting in a few easy steps.

What and Where To Buy

First, you need to decide which roses you want and where to purchase them. Depending upon which region you live in, it might be getting a bit late (except for minis) to place mail orders through catalogs. If that is the case, you will need to purchase bareroot roses at your local garden centers and nurseries as soon as they arrive. Locate a good nursery that has a well-rounded selection of all types of high quality roses.

For Santa Clarita locals I recommend either Green Thumb Nursery in Newhall, or Otto & Sons Nursery in Fillmore.



The top growth is the grafted bud union where the hybrid rose is grafted onto the rootstock.

Would you prefer hybrid teas, floribundas, climbers, old garden roses, shrubs, or miniatures? What colors do you like? Is



These are the roots of the rootstock.

fragrance an important factor? Are you concerned about disease resistance? Do you have space restrictions that would require smaller bushes? These are some of the questions you need to ask yourself before going to the

nursery or ordering plants from a catalog.

When purchasing bareroot roses, make sure they are fresh. Make your purchases as soon as the bareroot plants arrive at the garden centers. Inspect the canes carefully. They should look green and healthy, and not dried up. But they should not be already leafing out. The best quality plants are #1 grade. The higher the number, the lower the quality. For example, a #2 bareroot rose is of fair quality and usually only has two canes; it costs less but takes much longer to mature. A #1 rose bush should have at least three nicely developed canes. Avoid roses with waxed canes as they may never grow. Avoid buying the leftover plants at the end of bareroot season, as they might have grown lots of foliage but no roots to support that foliage. By February (in SoCal) it's best to buy potted roses for planting into the ground or larger containers.

Where to Plant Them

Before you order your new roses or go to the nursery, you should have a good idea in mind as to how much space in your garden will be allotted to the new roses. Will other plants need to be discarded to make room? You don't want to be caught in the predicament of bringing home more roses than you have space for. Roses love lots of sun, although some can survive in partial shade.

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PLANTING BAREROOTS *from Page 12*

A rose bed that has morning to midday sun, with afternoon shade will provide protection from intense summer heat. Never plant roses directly underneath trees, because they will compete for nourishment and water, and the trees always win the competition.

Pre-Soak For Best Results

As soon as you bring the new bareroot rose bushes home, they must be removed from the package and soaked in water and a solution of vitamin B1 and bleach (one tablespoon of each per gallon of water). They should be soaked at least overnight, or for up to a week maximum. The bleach helps to sanitize the plant and may prevent diseases like root gall. The vitamin B1 helps to get the plant off to a quick start and avoid shock.

Start Them In Pots

I plant all my large bareroot roses in 5-gallon pots filled with a light potting soil for three to six months before planting them into the ground permanently. This gets them off to a fast start because the warmth of the sun radiates around the sides of the pot, which

stimulates fast root growth.

Soil Preparation & Planting

When you're ready to plant the bushes, dig a nice big hole for each bush, approximately 12 to 18 inches deep and wide. Roses love good soil so if your soil is too sandy or contains too much clay, you will have to amend it with a good planter mix or potting soil. Any brand will do. I buy whatever is on sale. Spread out the roots in the hole, toss in a handful of superphosphate (which is a good source of phosphorus for encouraging root development), and fill with a mixture of existing soil and potting soil. In warmer climates, do not bury the bud union—keep it above ground. In climates with freezing winters, you will do just the opposite: bury the bud union for winter protection. Water the plant well, and if the soil sinks a bit you may have to add a little more soil or mulch on top.

The Big Mound

If you are planting your bareroot roses directly in the ground while they are dormant, you should mound up the canes

of each bareroot plant with a light mulch, such as redwood compost, for several weeks. This will keep the canes from drying out, until the roots have a chance to establish themselves. The roots must be growing before they are able to support the growth of the foliage. You can practically cover the canes with compost. After several weeks, you can uncover the bushes, and spread the compost around the rose bush.

When To Feed New Rose Plants

You can feed your new bareroot roses when they begin to leaf out—this will be about four to six weeks after planting. Apply a well-balanced granular rose food, according to the package directions, spread around the base of each plant. Make sure the bushes have been watered well the previous day before fertilizing. For many large type roses, it can take two or three years for a bareroot rose bush to reach its fullest potential.



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM SCVRS WILD WEST CELEBRATION OF ROSES



PHOTO BY JERRY COWART

The SCVRS Board Members

Our November 2019 Annual Rose Show had to be cancelled due to the unexpected terminal illness of Bob Belendez. However, our wonderful SCVRS Board of Directors came to the rescue, under the leadership of Teresa Mathers, and produced an awesome Wild West Celebration of Roses instead of a competitively judged rose show. The folks at Hart Park, in particular our long-time friend Al Ewing were very supportive and helpful. Al invited the Artist Guild, and the Quilt Guild, to participate with their lovely works of art. Thankfully, the beautiful roses on display were provided from the home gardens of local rose society members since no competitive rose exhibitors participated. It was a beautiful and peaceful day.



PHOTO BY KITTY BELENDEZ

Plenty of Roses Fill the Hall



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The Jewels Among the Roses



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Bouquets of Roses and Hips on Display (white Fabulous! with its Hips)



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Al Ewing (center) from Hart Park Helped Organize the Celebration

2020 WILD WEST CELEBRATION OF ROSES

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Hand Crafted Western Hats on Display and For Sale

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Hand-Crafted Purses Made Out of Boots

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More Rose Specimens on Display

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Lots of Roses and Hand-Made Quilts on Display

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Jerry Mathers with Hand-Made Quilts Among the Roses

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Our Fantastic SCVRS Team Members Greeted Visitors

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Quilts, Art, and Roses

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Western Themed Photo Art by Jerry Cowart

2020 WILD WEST CELEBRATION OF ROSES



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'Ring of Fire' Hybrid Tea Rose



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'Alakazam' Miniflora Rose



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'Purple Tiger' Floribunda Rose



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'Marriotta' Miniature Rose



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'Queen of Hope' Miniflora Rose



PHOTO BY KITTY BELENDEZ

'Walferdange' Shrub Rose



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'Poppy' Miniflora Rose



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'Love Song' Floribunda Rose



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'Tattooed Daughter' Miniflora Rose



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'Stainless Steel' Hybrid Tea Rose



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'Not Flash Night' Miniflora Rose



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'Brass Band' Floribunda Rose



CONSULTING ROSARIAN Q & A

By Kitty Belendez, Master Rosarian



Rose enthusiasts often have questions about growing roses. If you have any rose-growing questions, please feel free to send an e-mail to me: rosextckb@aol.com

Pruning Roses

Q: When should I prune my roses? I live in zone 9, in Florida. Do I prune them in the fall or in the spring? I have heard arguments for both sides. – *Mary*

A: As I understand it, the climate and weather in Florida is somewhat different than California. Yes, I know that many people think that California and Florida are the same, but it is not. We get some freezing temperatures here in December and January. I can only tell you what we here in Santa Clarita, California do. I prune my roses back by 1/2 and remove all foliage in January. This will produce a blooming period in April. In the fall (end of August) I just trim them back about 1/3 (but do not remove the foliage) to encourage a nice blooming in October. I recommend that you contact a rosarian in Florida for the exact information for pruning roses in your particular location.

Misting Box

Q: I have been studying your plans for building my own misting box. Your pictures show the doors are made of plywood. Can the doors be made of corrugated plastic? Or will that be too much light for propagation of roses? Also, does the box have to be tightly sealed with the scalloped wood braces or can the corrugated plastic panel just be screwed or nailed directly to the frame? I notice that your misting box is against a wall. If I have my box away from a wall (free standing), do you think there would be too much light or

sun for the cuttings? – *Sunny, NC*

A: It is better to have the doors made of clear corrugated plastic. More light is better. My mist box doors are not solid plywood anymore. We have changed to the clear corrugation. No, the box does not need to be tightly sealed, as a little bit of air circulation is actually a good thing. Free standing is probably better than how mine is against a wall. Have fun with your new mister.

Growing Roses in Containers

Q: Hello Kitty, I wanted to let you know that I have thoroughly enjoyed your articles on fertilizing, floribunda growing and also your “quick fix” to container growing roses in a hot climate. I live in Granada Hills (SFV near Northridge) but have many square feet of concrete pool decking and very little ground area in which to plant roses (thanks to the refashioning of walls after the earthquake). The garden picture shown in the ARS April issue shows many plants in pots so it immediately caught my interest. When you have a minute, I would appreciate your help in the following container related questions on roses.

1) In the Pacific Southwest District bulletin you show the roses in 15-gallon containers but evidently, this is temporary until ground space is available. Does this mean you would not leave the floribundas in this size pot long term?

2) Over the years, I have grown various roses in 20” x 20” size pots but even Miracle Gro potting soil seems to compact after a year or two and the rose then seems to decline. Is this a soil or heat-related problem with them being on the deck?

3) I have had no luck with the Austin roses in pots over the last five years and am now into the Romantica roses. Do you think varieties such as ‘Traviata’ or ‘Eden’ can be grown in

20” plastic pots or am I really just wasting time and money at this point.

I need all the help I can get and so few articles are written addressing the problem of growing roses in containers in hot climates. Thank you very much for your time on these questions, and I hope you can let me know what your experiences have been. Thanks again and have a good day. – *Cynthia*

A: 1) I would much rather grow floribundas (actually all large roses) in the ground instead of in pots if I had the space. But, I don’t have the space. Some of the smaller floribundas can grow for several years in the 15-gallon pots. ‘Lavaglut’, ‘Trumpeter’, ‘Sun Flare’, and ‘Summer Fashion’ are ones that stay small. I like to grow them in pots for awhile before committing them to valuable space in the ground, because it gives me time to evaluate them. My favorites always get a space in the ground (eventually). Having the pots lets me get a head start on evaluation. 95% of my 100 miniature and miniflora roses are grown in 7-gallon pots, and they thrive. They need to be repotted occasionally.

2) I think it is a combination of both the soil and the heat, plus the varieties you are growing. 20” x 20” sounds like a really good size for many roses, and I am surprised that your roses are not doing better in them. That is much larger than a 15-gallon container. Some roses are just not suited for containers. My ‘Bride’s Dream’ HT almost died in a 25-gallon container. When she finally went into the ground she grew 7 feet tall. Make sure that the potting soil is not “too light” as the bushes will get rootbound too fast. The light mixtures often have too much perlite. You also might consider blending in some soil polymer into the soil mix which will help to hold water.

3) Most of the Austins are not suited for growing in containers, unless they are the very small varieties. I have successfully grown ‘Tamora’ and ‘Happy Child’ in 15-gallon containers. But the larger Austins are better when grown in the ground.

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Santa Clarita Valley Rose Society 27th Annual Holiday Party

Reported by Kitty Belendez

OUR ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY and POTLUCK DINNER

Despite predictions of 80% chance of rain, we lucked out and the rain didn't arrive until the party was ending. Although there was a huge downpour around 7:00 pm, by 7:30 the rain was over. Our hostess Suzanne Burlingham showed us the beautiful view from her hillside backyard pool where we could see westward coastal mountains, and if it had not been cloudy surely the sunset would have been spectacular. Suzanne had hosted our Holiday Party for several years in the past, but she had moved to this home just a few years ago. The party was low-key with no official business being conducted. It was nice to just relax and simply visit with everybody. There was ample yummy food to enjoy, thanks to all the members that brought their culinary delights.



Hostess Suzanne Burlingham (right) with member Kathy Perger.



Secretary Beverley Wexler, new members Emily Hopper with Eiman Adili.



Suzanne Horn, President Kitty Belendez, and Membership Chair Debbie Bragdon.



Members Phil and Rina Levy, and Special Events Coordinator Barbara Grimm.



Board Member Laurie Stone, Hospitality Donna Rodgers, and John Stone.



Board Member Charlie Maness, member Carol Poore, and member Henry LeBlanc.



Hostess Suzanne Burlingham, Programs Chair Doris Davies, and Jean Graham.



Rose Care Calendars

By Kitty Belendez

I developed the Exhibitor's Rose Care Calendar 26 years ago (January 1994 to be exact) and have updated and revised it every year since then. The Exhibitor's Rose Care Calendar began as my own personal garden journal that I kept to track everything I did in my garden way back when I was a newbie to roses (I was afraid I would ruin my roses). After several years of a handwritten diary, I decided to save time by putting it on my computer. Originally I had no plan to publish it, but instead had planned to use it for my own personal use. About the time I had finished the initial computerized calendar was when I started as bulletin editor of Rose Ecstasy so I decided to use it as "filler material." I've produced it every year since then.

I like to integrate a lot of organics with the chemical fertilizers that I use on my roses. The roses seem to love it. I'm certainly not a scientist but I just know what my roses like and what works for me. I try to follow the Calendar as much as possible but it doesn't always coincide with my personal schedule so some adjustments are made throughout the year.

Although roses do kind of shut down their blooming over the summer because of the intense heat, I have found that they are much healthier and ready to produce fall blooms if they are fed over the summer. If I don't continue to feed them over the summer (especially with my very sandy, alkaline soil which requires that I water daily) then roses will head into fall in a very chlorotic state.

Although not as hot as Palm Springs or Phoenix, my garden in Santa Clarita (semi-desert) can get quite hot ... up to 118 degrees in July 2018. Obviously, I can't change the weather, so bloom size is always a concern for me. It is one of my major handicaps in exhibiting roses. That's why I do everything possible to try and enhance the bloom size. Disbudding, thumb-pruning, hard pruning and thinning out the bush can help bloom size. The rose variety itself is a big part of the size equation. But weather is probably the biggest factor. I continue to use various "magic elixirs" on my calendar. The bottom line is that my rose bushes are healthy and huge, but I still wish the blooms were bigger. I don't think that will happen unless I move to San Diego.

My calendar is not law. It is just what I try to do for my roses. If I neglect to follow it exactly, oh well, it's not the end of the world. But, never neglect watering. I just strive to grow the best roses possible. That's all we can do.

Years later I decided to create the **Easy Rose Care Calendar** for those that only want to do the least amount of work to grow good roses, but are not interested in exhibiting. It is sufficient for growing good garden roses.



On Our Raffle Table

Our good friend at Kellogg has donated many bottles of Organic Plus Vegetable & Fruit Fertilizer to the Santa Clarita Valley Rose Society. This product can be attached to a hose and sprayed on your vegetables, fruit, and even roses. We will be putting some on our raffle table at every monthly meeting.

INGREDIENTS: Derived from sugar molasses and acidulated fish solubles. 4% nitrogen and 2% soluble potash.



EASY ROSE CARE CALENDAR

The Minimalist Approach for Southern California

For Those Who Only Have Time to Do the Bare Minimum Necessary
For Their Roses to Survive and Grow Satisfactorily

By Kitty Belendez, Master Rosarian, Santa Clarita, California

January 2020

JANUARY	Prune rose bushes about 1/2 in height. Remove all foliage. Spray with a dormant spray when finished pruning. Clean up all rose debris (foliage, petals) and discard in trash. Plant new bareroot roses. Water roses if no rain.
FEBRUARY	Apply mulch around each bush. Apply Preen granules (on top of mulch) to prevent weeds. Water roses as needed.
MARCH	1st Week: Apply 90-day slow-release fertilizer 14-14-14 or 10-10-10. If no rain, water roses as needed. 3rd Week: Spray fungicide to prevent mildew.
APRIL	Apply insecticide IF needed for aphids or other bugs. Wash down foliage twice a week to prevent spider mites, prevent mildew, wash off aphids. Keep roses watered as needed; don't let them dry out.
MAY	Keep roses watered well throughout the month. Remove spent blooms to encourage new blooms. Make sure automatic sprinklers are working and set properly.
JUNE	Apply mulch around each bush. Apply Preen granules (on top of mulch) to prevent weeds. Keep roses watered well throughout the month. Apply 90-day slow-release fertilizer 14-14-14 or 10-10-10. Wash down foliage twice a week to prevent spider mites, prevent mildew, wash off aphids.
JULY	Keep roses watered well throughout the month, potted roses watered daily if necessary. Lightly trim spent blooms, but don't trim off foliage. Wash down foliage twice a week to prevent spider mites, prevent mildew, wash off aphids.
AUGUST	Keep roses watered throughout the month; water potted roses daily if necessary. Wash down foliage twice a week to prevent spider mites, prevent mildew, wash off aphids.
SEPTEMBER	1st Week: Trim off spent blooms to encourage fall blooming. Apply 90-day slow-release fertilizer 14-14-14 or 10-10-10. Keep roses watered as needed.
OCTOBER	1st Week: Spray fungicide to prevent mildew. Spray insecticide IF needed. Keep roses watered as needed.
NOVEMBER	If no rain, water roses twice a week, or as needed.
DECEMBER	Plan for new rose purchases.

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2020 EXHIBITOR'S ROSE CARE CALENDAR

By Kitty Belendez, Master Rosarian, Santa Clarita, California

<p>JANUARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Buy & Plant</u> bareroot roses. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Start Pruning</u> roses; <u>plant</u> bareroot and mound new plants. Apply kelp & fish meals in hole. Propagate rose cuttings. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Dormant spray</u> all pruned rose bushes. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Mulch</u> heavily with <i>Gromulch</i>, or compost. <p>Complete all pruning and bareroot planting by end-January.</p>	<p>FEBRUARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Buy</u> potted mini roses online. Finish mulching. <u>Apply Preen</u> to prevent weeds. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Apply</u> 1 cup of alfalfa pellets per bush (1/2 cup for minis). <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Feed</u> Granular rose food. 1/4 cup per bush, 1 TB per mini. <u>Apply</u> snail bait if needed. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish Fertilizer 5-1-1, kelp, Epsom salts, and <i>SuperThrive</i> Repot root-bound potted roses. 	<p>MARCH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 8-10-8 or similar. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> Fish Fertilizer 5-1-1. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Feed</u> 90-day Slow Release Fertilizer such as <i>Osmocote</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish, iron chelate, zinc, epsom salt, kelp, <i>SuperThrive</i>. <p>Disbud side buds daily on blooms. Spray IF needed to prevent mildew. Spray IF needed to kill insects. Buy potted roses at local nurseries.</p>
<p>APRIL Peak Spring Show Season!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 8-10-8 or similar. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> Fish Fertilizer 5-1-1. <u>Spray</u> for spider mites <i>if needed</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 8-10-8. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish, iron chelate, zinc, epsom salt, kelp, <i>SuperThrive</i>. <p>Disbud & deadhead daily. Spray IF needed to prevent mildew. Spray IF needed to kill insects. Buy potted roses at local nurseries.</p>	<p>MAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 8-10-8 or similar. <u>Spray</u> for spider mites <i>if needed</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> Fish Fertilizer 5-1-1. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 8-10-8 or similar. <u>Spray</u> for spider mites <i>if needed</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish, iron chelate, zinc, epsom salt, kelp, <i>SuperThrive</i>. <u>Apply Preen</u> to prevent weeds. <p>Water roses. Disbud & deadhead daily. Spray if needed to prevent mildew/insects.</p>	<p>JUNE 2nd Cycle Show Season!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 8-10-8 or similar. <u>Spray</u> for spider mites <i>if needed</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> Fish Fertilizer 5-1-1. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Spray</u> for spider mites <i>if needed</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish, iron chelate, zinc, epsom salt, kelp, <i>SuperThrive</i>. <p>Water, water, water! Experiment with hybridizing & budding. Use Water Wand daily for spider mites. Remove spent blooms but not foliage.</p>
<p>JULY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Feed</u> 90-day Slow Release fertilizer such as <i>Osmocote</i>. <u>Spray</u> for spider mites <i>if needed</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> 1/4 cup kelp meal.* <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Feed</u> Fish Fertilizer + iron. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Apply</u> 1/4 cup dry organics.* <p>*<i>Combo organic meals recommended.</i></p> <p>Wash rose bushes with Water Wand daily. Water plants well! Remove spent blooms but not foliage.</p>	<p>AUGUST</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Spray</u> for spider mites <i>if needed</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Apply</u> 1 cup alfalfa pellets per bush (1/2 cup for minis). <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Spray</u> for spider mites <i>if needed</i>. <u>Apply Preen</u> to prevent weeds. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish, Epsom salts, kelp, <i>SuperThrive</i> & apply <i>Gromulch</i>. <p>Wash rose bushes with Water Wand daily for spider mites. Water, water, water!</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Trim</u> 1/3 off of rose bushes for fall blooms; pick up debris. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> Fish Fertilizer. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 8-10-8 or similar. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish, iron chelate, zinc, epsom salt, kelp, <i>SuperThrive</i>. <u>Apply</u> snail bait if needed. <p>Water roses. Disbud & deadhead daily. Spray as needed to prevent mildew. Spray as needed to kill insects.</p>
<p>OCTOBER Fall Rose Shows!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 8-10-8 or similar. <u>Spray</u> for spider mites <i>if needed</i>. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Feed</u> Fish Fertilizer 5-1-1. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Feed</u> Soluble 8-10-8 or similar. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Feed</u> Fish, iron chelate, zinc, epsom salt, kelp, <i>SuperThrive</i>. <p>Water roses. Disbud & deadhead daily. Spray as needed to prevent mildew. Spray as needed to kill insects.</p>	<p>NOVEMBER Fall Rose Shows!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: <u>Santa Clarita Rose Show</u> Keep roses watered if no rain. Decide which roses to buy. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Perform soil test</u> to determine pH level; <u>apply</u> lime or sulfur, if needed. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Order bareroot roses online</u>. Repot root-bound potted roses. Dig out sick/old/tired roses. 	<p>DECEMBER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 1: Finish planning which roses to buy, and which roses to discard. Dig out sick/old/tired roses. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 2: <u>Pay</u> Santa Clarita Rose Society renewal membership dues. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 3: <u>Repot</u> root-bound potted roses. <input type="checkbox"/> Wk 4: <u>Enjoy</u> the holidays! <p>NOTE: If any month has a 5th week, it may be used as a rest period. ☺</p>

Suggested formulas PER GALLON of water:

- 1 tsp Powder: GrowMore Iron or Zinc
- 1 TB Soluble: GrowMore or other brands
- 1 TB Liquid: Fish fertilizer
- 1 tsp Liquid: Kelp
- 1/4 tsp Liquid: SuperThrive

Liquid or dry application PER LABEL:

- 1/4 cup Dry Granular rose food; Epsom Salts; kelp
- 1 cup: Alfalfa pellets without additives

Per label: Gardner & Bloome; Kellogg's; Osmocote; Preen

Per label: *Spinosad*; *Imidacloprid*; Bayer Advanced 2-in-1

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Read the labels carefully
- Use only as label directed
- Measure correctly
- Wear protective clothing
- Wear mask & gloves
- Clean up after use
- Don't spray when windy
- **Store & lock chemicals away from pets & kids**

MEASURES

- 1 TB = 3 tsp
- 1 oz = 2 TB
- 1 cup = 8 oz
- 1 cup = 16 TB
- 1 qt = 32 oz
- 1 qt = 64 TB

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READ & FOLLOW PRODUCT LABELS CAREFULLY!

SCVRS 2020 Rose Society Calendar

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD ON SUNDAY UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE.

January 5, 2020 (Sunday)

Executive Board Meeting (Invitation Only)
At the home of Kitty Belendez

January 11, 2020 (Saturday):

One-on-One Rose Care Consulting
at Green Thumb Nursery, Newhall
10 am to 2 pm

SCVRS Rosarians will assist customers with Questions & Answers and assistance with bareroot rose selections. SCVRS members will be given a 10% discount card good at Green Thumb Nursery (Newhall) for the entire year, including purchases made this day.

January 12, 2020: Meeting / Annual Rose Care Seminar

1:30 to 3:30 PM, At Historical Saugus Train Station, Hart Park
Speakers: **Mike Wronkowski (from Green Thumb)**
Topic: **"Winter Rose Care"**

February 9, 2020: Meeting

1:30 to 3:30 PM, At Historical Saugus Train Station, Hart Park
Speaker: **Sue Diller & Barbara Schneider**
Topic: **"How to Make Floral Arrangements"**

March 8, 2020: Meeting

1:30 to 3:30 PM, At Historical Saugus Train Station, Hart Park
Speaker: **Laurie Mazzella-Bennett of Star Roses**
Topic: **"New Rose Introductions"**

April 5, 2020: Meeting

1:30 to 3:30 PM, At Historical Saugus Train Station, Hart Park
Speaker: **To Be Announced**
Topic: **To Be Announced**

April or May 2020: TENTATIVE GARDEN TOUR

Time & Date: **To Be Announced**
Location: **To Be Announced — Looking For a Garden!**

May 3, 2020: Meeting

1:30 to 3:30 PM, At Historical Saugus Train Station, Hart Park
Speaker: **To Be Announced**
Topic: **"To Be Announced"**

June 14, 2020: Meeting

1:30 to 3:30 PM, At Historical Saugus Train Station, Hart Park
Speaker: **Burling Leong**
Topic: **"Breeding Roses"**
Election of Nominating Committee for 2021 Officers

July 12, 2020: 1:00 p.m. Board Meeting & Rose Show Planning Meeting

Held at the home of Kitty Belendez in Saugus to finalize all the details for our annual rose show. We'll finalize the rose show schedule, review the trophies, and judges luncheon.

July or August: Nominating Committee will meet, TBD

August: No regular meetings in August

FALL: Executive Board Meeting / Date, Time, & Location TBA, If needed.

September 13, 2020: Meeting

1:30 to 3:30 PM, At Historical Saugus Train Station, Hart Park
Speaker: **To Be Announced**
Topic: **To Be Announced**

October 11, 2020: Meeting

1:30 to 3:30 PM, At Historical Saugus Train Station, Hart Park
Speaker: **Peter Alonso**
Topic: **"Rose Propagation"**
Announcements of 2020 Officer & Board Nominations

November 7, 2020: Santa Clarita Valley Rose Society Rose Show — Details To Be Announced

November 8, 2020: Meeting

1:30 to 3:30 PM, At Historical Saugus Train Station, Hart Park
Speaker: **Baldo Villegas, Entomologist**
Topic: **Bugs & Diseases**
Election of 2021 Officers & Board Members

December 13, 2020: Annual Holiday Party & Installation of Officers/ Begins at 4:30 PM. Location to be announced. Details in the November newsletter. SCVRS members and their guests only.

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