



Rose Ramblings



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Yes! We Are Having a Rose Show This Year!

By Linda Clark, SDRS Rose Show Coordinator, linsline@cox.net

How happy are we that our rose show venue, The Ronald Reagan Community Center in El Cajon, is ready for our 94th Annual Rose Show and Auction, **April 30th - May 1st, 2022!** We are hopeful that our planning this year will result in a fabulous show and auction, remembering Bob Martin. Many of our prizes will go retro with his crystal trophies, and the auction will feature many of his roses, thanks to Dona and his family's generosity. Also new to the show schedule are two challenge classes, one named for Dick Streeper and one for Bob Martin. The Novice Class has been renamed as the 'John Lester Memorial Class' to honor John since his passing last year.

Our new look is free admission, so no tickets will be needed, however donations will be important and very appreciated. John Bagnasco from Cal Coastal Rose Society will be leading the auction efforts along with Bill and Elaine Ornelas. Our helpers will be looking for volunteers and we will keep you posted. There is so much to look forward too! So mark your calendars and care for your roses with zeal so you can win Queen of the Show!

Don't Be Afraid to Exhibit Roses at a Rose Show!

By Elaine Ornelas, ornelas1949@att.net

I remember the days when Bill and I first thought about exhibiting our roses. We watched as experienced rosarians patiently groomed their nearly-perfect roses for entry and we thought, "We will never be able to do this!" But then some very kind people came over and started helping us with the concepts of exhibiting and soon we were 'off to the races'! At first we focused on entering in the Novice classes and soon we won some awards there. We were so excited and soon we began to understand that this was another way to appreciate the joy of growing roses and to grow new friendships in the process. This April our monthly program will be focused on exhibiting in rose shows and there will be lots of experienced rosarians there to help. So come and see, and learn the best ways to show your roses at their best!

President's Message

By Deborah Magnuson, magnusonsd@sbcglobal.net



“Weatherwise it’s such a lovely day” was the phrase coming to mind quite often, from Frank Sinatra’s famous tune, as I approached my rose pruning chores this past month. Our beautiful San Diego January weather motivated me to get out in my garden almost daily without fail, and complete my pruning tasks of 100+ roses, including re-potting and/or transplanting twenty or so. For most of us, our homes and gardens are our biggest investment, and, if you are reading this newsletter, perfecting your rose garden is something you’ve been working on for some time. I know I have. Since the beginning of the pandemic, our gardens have been more of a refuge than ever. Maximizing their potential beauty by implementing well-thought-out changes now is satisfying and brings hope for enjoying the restorative beauty of nature now and in months to come. For me that included transplanting a mature rose tree from a spot that was too crowded for its canes to grow and fragrant blooms to be seen. Another large project was the removal of several overgrown, invasive plantings. Those spaces are now filled with several formerly root-bound potted roses that now have a better chance to more fully express their charm and beauty as the season unfolds. Our physical and mental health has never been more important, so if you’ve had similar plans on your to-do list, there is no better time than now to take action and enjoy physical activity in your garden and nature’s precious gift of fresh air.

A big THANK YOU goes to our many Consulting Rosarians and other experienced rose experts together with additional San Diego Rose Society members who were on hand to assist with our annual pruning demonstration. It could not have been a more beautiful day in the Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden in Balboa Park, and I think members of the public who attended thought so too. In addition to teaching how to best approach pruning, we all got a chance to answer lots of questions about fertilizers, diseases, pests, best watering practices, and where to purchase roses that will look as great. To all you ambassadors for the rose, your dedication and service is very appreciated. Also, special thanks to our dear member and Sustainable Rose Gardener Columnist Rita Perwich. She managed several event announcements getting publicity in the San Diego Union Tribune that contributed to the public turnout. Many of you know I am a proud member of the Rose Garden Corps. The following week an incredible 1,800+ roses were pruned thanks to the selfless service of many of them pictured here, and under the direction of the volunteer Rose Corps Management Team. It was awe inspiring witnessing such an accomplishment. Still in need of additional motivation to complete what you know needs to be done? If that’s the case I leave you with a bit of sage advice from the great Dr. Seuss, “You’re off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so..... get on your way.” I really look forward to seeing each of you soon, and hearing how your rose gardens are progressing. Have a blessed February!



Pruning of the Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden



2021 Annual SDRS Pruning Demonstration

By Kathleen Hider, kjhider@gmail.com

A new year has started and hopefully you are all nearly finished with pruning your roses to maximize the full bloom in the Spring! The San Diego Rose Society provided a pruning demonstration in the Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden where both the novice and the pro could get some ideas on where to make those cuts on our precious rose plants. The pruning demonstration occurred from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Saturday, January 8th this year. Experienced rosarians demonstrated pruning on different types of roses in several locations in the garden. Participants were then invited to try their hand at pruning roses in the garden. Rosarians were able to respond to questions about fertilizing, dormant spraying, watering, and just about every aspect of rose care! Many thanks to all of the people listed below who supported this event with their time and effort and shared their love of roses with others!

Christine and Rand Allan
Stan Berry
Steve Berry
Gary Bulman
Marcia Giles
Kathleen Hider
Ken Huff
Kathy Hunyor
Bob Kolb
Deborah Magnuson
Marilyn Cooper-Ongley
Patrick and Monica Powell
Kirk Rummel
Sue Streeper
Natalie Stout
Ruth Tiffany



Above from left: Rosarians Christine Allan, Natalie Stout, Stan Berry, Steve Berry, Marcia Giles, Rand Allan and Ruth Tiffany



Above: In red jacket, Kathy Hunyor giving directions



Above: In white jacket, SDRS President Deborah Magnuson demonstrates where to prune

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Above: In blue jacket, Gary Bulman demonstrates correct pruning technique.



Above: In white jacket, Christine Allan talks to large group of attendees



Above: Marilyn Cooper-Ongley and Ken Huff



Above: In center, Ruth Tiffany instructing on proper pruning technique.



Above: SDRS Treasurer Natalie Stout showing good pruning technique



Above: Gary Bulman and Marilyn Cooper-Ongley talking to attendee

Speaker for February Program: Tom Cooney

“Why, When, and What to Spray in the Rose Garden”

By Bill Ornelas, SDRS VP, Programs, bornelas1945@att.net

Our meeting is on Monday, **February 28, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 101** of the Casa del Prado in Balboa Park. We are so pleased that our speaker will be Tom Cooney, traveling here from Orange County. Tom is an experienced rosarian and often speaks to rose societies, particularly covering the topic of how to treat fungal and pest problems on roses. He will discuss chemical safety and the safest chemicals to use. He will also review the usual suspects that need spraying.



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Tom is the current Consulting Rosarian Chair of the Pacific Southwest District. He is a top rosarian and educator, who has a special ability to convey plentiful information but to also keep it at an understandable level for newcomers. His presentations are also liberally laced with dashes of humor to keep them highly entertaining. He has presented successful programs for Consulting Rosarian seminars and schools on various topics, all of which were very well received.

Tom is a Master Rosarian and Horticulture Judge for the American Rose Society (ARS). He has been a Consulting Rosarian for 24 years and a Master Rosarian for 14 years. Tom was named the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian in 2017 for the Pacific Southwest District of the American Rose Society

Tom is the 8-term Past President of the Orange County Rose Society and Rose Show Chairman. Tom has been growing roses for over 40 years and is an accomplished rose exhibitor. He is the recipient of the ARS Bronze medal from the Orange County Rose Society

Tom writes monthly columns on horticulture for the Orange County Rose Society’s newsletter, the *Rose Gazette* and the Pacific Rose Society newsletter, *The Pacific Rose*, as well as writing individual articles for the newsletters of other societies.

Tom regularly speaks for various rose societies as well as the Fullerton Arboretum and Cal State Fullerton continuing education program in addition to various garden clubs and garden shows.

Along with his wife Miriam, he grows over 300 roses of all types in their lovely Aliso Viejo garden. We are honored that Tom and Miriam will be joining us for this informative meeting. We welcome them both!

The meeting will also include a raffle, introductions, and an update on rose society news. **There will *not* be a Silent Auction at this month’s meeting.**

The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. in Casa del Prado’s room 101 in Balboa Park.

Pre-meeting Rose Care Program with Q&A

From 7:00—7:30 p.m. Gary Bulman, Master Rosarian, will be presenting a short program in the Consulting Rosarian Corner about successfully growing roses. His program will be followed by a question and answer period to offer attendees a chance to have individual questions explored and solutions offered.

Directions to Casa del Prado, Room 101: The Casa del Prado building is immediately west of the Natural History Museum. Entrances to the Casa del Prado lead to an inner court. The rooms are accessible from the court. Room 101 is downstairs on the east end of the court.

Please Note: The SDRS monthly meeting for February this year is scheduled for the 4th Monday of the month instead of the usual 3rd Monday.

Balboa Park requires that masks be worn inside all buildings regardless of vaccination status. So masks must be worn for this SDRS monthly meeting in room 101.

To further protect our members there will be no coffee service. There will be water bottles available. Hand sanitizer will be available.

Fertilizer Delivery Coming Very Soon!

By Ruth Tiffany, ruthsgarden@msn.com

Hi Rose Lovers,

Several you have asked and I am sure all of you are wondering where is the fertilizer our roses need very, very soon? You know about the container ships stuck in various oceans?? And the supply chain issues we hear about and sometimes see in the grocery store?? It is happening in the fertilizer industry also. Even though we paid for the fertilizer in mid-December to get a mid-January availability, Grow More is giving us delay after delay.

At the time of this newsletter publication there is a probability that we may not receive our fertilizer order from Grow More until possibly the end of February or beginning of March.

Since we recommend that the first fertilizing of your roses occurs mid-February near Valentine's Day, if any of you have any leftover Bio-Start fertilizer from last year's order, you can go ahead feed your roses at that time. Otherwise, since roses don't really live by the human calendar, it will not hurt to wait until the shipment comes to apply the fertilizer then.

Meanwhile, get that pruning finished, clean the beds, check the watering systems, buy some new roses and plant them and stay healthy in the rose garden!

NOTE: As we get closer to the delivery date, and more updates about the delivery and pickup dates of the fertilizer are obtained, I will send out an email to those of you who have ordered fertilizer to give you information. Thank you for your patience.



The Last Blooms of 2021

By Elaine Ornelas, cornelas1949@att.net

I took a photo of a bouquet of some of our roses, the last of 2021. This photo was taken on December 31, 2021. We regularly fertilize with the fertilizer products available at our SDRS fertilizer sale and we believe the photo is evidence that regular feeding of roses will result in a long-lasting season of blooms, especially since we are in the mild San Diego climate. Hope all of you take advantage of the bonus of being an SDRS member having access to these fertilizer products and apply your first fertilizer in mid-February. We also hope that, you too will have a bounty of blooms lasting all the way to the end of the year.



Rose Terminology 101

By Rita Perwich, Master Gardener and Consulting Rosarian ritaperwich@gmail.com

Rose gardening articles often include botanical terms and rose jargon. Words such as ‘buds’ and ‘blooms’ are easy to understand. But what about ‘blindshoots’, ‘sports’, ‘hips’ and ‘suckers’? What do they have to do with roses? Here is a helpful guide.



Blooms

Number and Color of Petals Roses have from 4 to over 100 petals.

Single: a bloom with 4 to 8 petals.



*From left:
‘The Alexandra Rose’
and ‘Playgirl’*

Semi-double: a bloom, still showing stamens, that has between 9 and 16 petals.



*From left:
‘Flower Girl’ and
‘Jacqueline du Pré’*



Double: a bloom with between 17 and 25 petals.



*From left:
‘Fresh Pink’ and
‘South Africa’*

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Full: a bloom with between 26 and 40 petals.

From left:
'Excellenz von Schubert'
and 'Lavaglut'



Fully double/Very Full: a bloom with more than 41 and as high as 100 petals.



From left:
'Evelyn' and 'Yves Piaget'

Quartered: a bloom form in 100-petaled roses where petals are grouped into four more or less equal quadrants.

Blend: a bloom that has different shades of one color, or two or more different colors on the same flower.

Anatomy of the Bloom

Bud: an unopened flower.

Sepal: the leaflike green structure that encases the flower bud and then opens to reveal the petals of the rose. Roses usually have five *sepals*.

Calyx: Collectively the sepals are referred to as the *calyx*.

Bract: a leaf that looks like a green petal and serves to protect the opening bud but is not a sepal.

Pedicle: the short leafless stalk that supports an individual flower in a spray. A pedicle has no growth buds.

Peduncle: the term used for both the main stem of an individual flower and the main stem of a spray.

Spray: a group of blooms which arise from one peduncle and develop into many flowers on short pedicles.

Guard Petal: the outermost rose petals in a bloom. They are the first to open and may not be fully developed.

Reproductive Function of the Bloom

Boss: the cluster of *stamens* at the flower center.

Stamens: the male pollen-bearing part of the bloom. They are grouped in the center of the bloom around the *stigma*. Each stalk is referred to as a *filament* and is topped by an *anther* (which contains the pollen).

Stigma: the female flower part that receives pollen. It tops the *style*, a stalk-like tube rising from the *ovary* (in which seeds will form after pollination). Together the *ovary*, *style*, and *stigma* make up the *pistil*.

Hips: the seed-bearing fruit which develops when the petals fall off the bloom. Unsprayed rose hips are edible and rich in vitamin C.

Classification of Rose Plants and Blooms The American Rose Society organizes roses by their main groups: *Species*, *Old Garden Roses (OGR)* and *Modern Roses*. OGR rose classifications include but are not limited to *Albas*, *Bourbons*, *Chinas*, *Gallicas*, *Damasks*, *Portlands* and *Noisettes*. Modern Roses classifications include *Hybrid Teas*, *Grandifloras*, *Floribundas*, *Shrubs*, *Polyanthas*, *Minifloras*, *Miniatures* and *Climbers*.

Cultivar or Variety: a plant that is bred for specific characteristics such as color, fragrance and disease resistance.

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Frequency of Blooms and Other Bloom Terms.

Once-flowering: many OGRs such as *Gallicas* bloom only once a year.

Remontant: most modern roses are remontant or repeat flowering in 6-8-week cycles from spring to late fall.

Flush: an intense bloom period, with many flowers.

Self-Cleaning: flowers that naturally shed their petals when they are finished blooming as opposed to those that hold onto their spent blooms and require more bloom-by-bloom grooming.

Unusual Blooms.

Sport: a spontaneous mutation from the bloom of the parent plant, such as a difference in the color or number of petals. When propagated a sport retains the difference and gives rise to a new variety. A mutation in growth habit can result in a climbing rose developing as a sport of a bush rose. A sport can *revert* back to the same growth as its parent.

Phyllody or Vegetative Centers: leaf-like structures emerging from the center of rose bloom are caused by environmental conditions such as hot weather, water stress or insect damage.

Pruning and Planting.

Apical Dominance: Roses are subject to a growth phenomenon called apical dominance. A plant hormone called auxin in the tip (apex) of the cane suppresses growth from lateral buds further down the cane. Removal of the tip through pruning allows the lateral buds to grow resulting in a fuller plant with more blooms on the canes.

Lateral cane/growth: side branch of a main cane. Trained to grow horizontally, the top buds on climbing and rambling roses lose their apical dominance and send out lateral growth resulting in more blooms.

Bud Union: on a grafted rose, the swollen junction between the roots and the canes where the bud of the desired variety was inserted into the bark of the rootstock plant.

Bud Eye: the growth bud, found where the leaf joins the stem and from which new growth can emerge.

Deadheading: the action of cutting off spent blooms to encourage repeat flowering.

Disbudding: the selective removing of buds when they are tiny. Removing side buds around a hybrid tea encourages one larger bloom. Removing the central bud from a floribunda or shrub spray encourages the florets to open at the same time.

Thumb Pruning: facilitates keeping the bush open to air and sun. It is the removal of incipient inward growth with just your thumb and index finger.

Shovel Pruning: using a shovel to remove a disappointing under-performing rose from your garden.

Dog-legs: stem-on-stems which are generally thin and result in small blooms. We encourage larger blooms by pruning further down to a thicker stem.

Canes and Stems.

Cane: the stems of a rose. Main canes which grow from or very close to the base of the plant produce side branches or lateral canes.

Basal Break: desirable strong new growth that comes from the bud union and becomes a productive cane.

Pith: the soft creamy colored inner portion of the rose stem.

Cane Canker: also known as cane disease. It can be black, yellow, brown or purplish-red and blotchy. It must be cut out and removed immediately.

Dieback: a dead portion at the top of a stem which must be cut out.

Prickles: unlike thorns which are an outgrowth from the wood, a prickle originates from the epidermal cells covering the stems of the plant. Roses have sharp prickles not sharp thorns.

Tree Rose or Rose Standard: a rose cultivar budded onto a tall single bare understock stem. A rambler rose has long flexible stems. When it is grafted onto a tall understock stem, it is known as a *weeping standard*.

Leaves

Pinnately Compound Leaves: A rose leaf is pinnately compound. The leaflets are attached opposite each other and there is one leaflet on the end of the *petiole* so that the leaf always has an odd number, with either three, five or seven leaflets. A leaf with three leaflets is a leaf closest to the top of the flowering stem.

Petiole: the stalk of the leaf to which the leaflets are attached. It is sometimes referred to as the *rachis*. Just like canes, the petiole or rachis is covered with an epidermis and may grow tiny prickles along its under side.

Leaf Scar: a mark left on the stem where the leaf detaches. There is a bud above every leaf scar.

Blindshoot: a stem that does not produce a bloom but instead terminates in leafy growth. It should be cut above one of the leaves.

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Roots

Own root: a rose propagated from a cutting so that both roots and stems belong to one and the same rose.

Rootstock or Understock: the roots of a rose that are grafted or budded with a bud from another variety. *Dr. Huey*, *Fortuniana* and *Multiflora* are the most commonly used rootstocks.

Grafted or Budded Roses: a rose that is grafted or budded onto a rootstock of a different variety of rose as opposed to growing on its own roots.

Scion: the portion of a stem that is transferred to the rootstock when grafting. This part will produce stems, leaves, and flowers.

Sucker: any growth arising from below the bud union on a grafted or budded plant. This growth is that of the rootstock rose and should be removed.

Pacific Rose Society's Annual Rose Auction

February 5, 2022

This auction offers an extensive collection of many types of roses. More than a 100 beautiful roses will be available. Come and select some that can enhance your rose garden. Here are some of the roses in the auction:

'Maurice Utrillo', HT
'South Africa', Gr
'Mr. Caleb', HT
'Ring of Fire', HT
'Butter Cream', MinFl
'A Night of Magic', Cl. MinFl
'Strawberry Kisses', MinFl
'Mango Blush', MinFl
'Swirly Pop', Min
'Sunny Sunday', HT
'The Iron Throne', HT
'Shannon Lanaya', HT
'Munstead Wood', Shrub



'Shannon Lanaya'



'Mango Blush'

'Bob Martin', Min
'Alakazam', MinFl
'Pretty Lady Rose', HT
'Legend', HT
'Molineaux', Shrub
'Forentina', Cl.
'Bees Knees', Min
'Elfinglo', Microminiature
'Erin Alonsa', Min
'Marriotta', Min
'Memphis Music', MinFl
'Life of the Party', Shrub

The **Silent Auction** begins at 10 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. A pot luck lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pacific Rose Society will be providing sandwiches and members will be bringing pot luck items. The **Live Auction** begins at 12:30 p.m.

The auction will once-again be located in **Ayres Hall at the Los Angeles Arboretum & Botanic Garden, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia 91007.**

Basic Rose Arranging Class

By Frank Brines, roseguy2000@aol.com

I recently sent emails to previous and current people interested in a basic arranging class to be given by me. If you signed up and didn't receive this email contact me via my email, roseguy2000@aol.com.

Bob Martin's Garden Roses

By Elaine Ornelas, cornelas1949@att.net

Since Bob's passing and with his family's permission, we have made great strides in having many of Bob's roses adopted by loving people who will care for them as their own. But since Bob had over 650 roses in his garden, there are still quite a few that can be dug up and adopted. If you are interested in one of these roses, please contact Beth Van Boxtel via email at bethpaige@gmail.com.

The Roots of the Problem

By Geri Minott, amgm1431@pacbell.net

My new bareroot roses are warming themselves in black pots absorbing the warm sunlight—what there is of it—until mid April. By then they will have enough of a root ball to take up lodgings in the ground, hopefully in a spot free of **tree roots**.

How far can tree roots go (including passing under buildings)? Well, eucalyptus roots go at least 120 feet, pepper and sycamore, farther than that. Palm trees? They grow much farther and thicker than people think. For palm tree roots, rose roots are merely a weaving loom through which they string their warp and the weft and choke the rose. Wisteria roots are as thick and invasive as many trees, and bamboo is the fastest-growing invader.

When I get a call to help someone's dying roses, I always take a sharp shovel. While a gardener assures me that



trees couldn't be the problem, I just keep digging down to show that they certainly are—until the owner gasps at those underground woody vipers squeezing out their rose roots. Seeing is believing, so I am including recent photos here. One shows palm tree roots which took two hours of work to extract from a rose planted seven feet away. The next shows the actual freed roots of that rose. Another shows some sycamore roots that a mini rose had to contend with.

Tree roots are long, fast-growing, and thorough. I left a potted rose 30 feet away from a California pepper tree for three months. When I tried to pick it up to plant it, the tree roots had invaded the pot and encircled the rose thoroughly. Pots on the ground aren't the answer. Cloth barriers won't last. Tree roots will grow down under a barrier, or even a big barn, and grow back up to find a garden with water.

What can the rose lover do? Grow them in pots that are not on the ground. Place the pot either on a patio or on something to raise it at least two inches off the ground. Roses and gardener will be much happier.

*Above: Palm tree roots tangled among rose roots
Below: Rose roots freed from palm tree roots*



Above: Sycamore tree roots entangling rose roots

What To Do In the Rose Garden in February Advice From Our Consulting Rosarians

Falling into February

Christine and Rand Allan
Residence: Mt. Soledad, CA

Yes, you may be “falling down tired”, having pruned all your roses in January; but wait and see what is going to happen in February. Your rose garden is nicely pruned, cleaned up, and freshly mulched. Perhaps you’ve had time to spray Neem Oil on your pruned roses to deter pests and disease, promoting healthy growth. Now is the time to continue to show your roses some love.....how appropriate, with Valentine’s Day this month!

We hope you ordered your rose fertilizer through Ruth Tiffany. There has been a significant delay in delivery due to shipping issues. After you have picked up your fertilizer and supplements, please make a point of applying them appropriately. Thereafter, for the next four months, we fertilize every two weeks. The “inspections” in the rose garden continue this month for pests and diseases, and this month’s inspection also includes “thumb pruning” any interior facing growth, in particular with hybrid tea variety roses. Thumb pruning is simply removing with your thumb the small interior bud-eye growth as it begins to emerge on the canes facing towards the inside of the rose bush. Winter once again has had a mixed bag when it comes to the weather, and in particular the rain we receive. For now, we have our irrigation system turned back on watering to three times a week for ten-minute cycles. This is important when fertilizing your rose garden—water your rose garden immediately prior to applying your fertilizer. It will make the soil more receptive to nutrients disbursing them to the root structure.

February is the month which brings the transformation of your roses emerging from dormancy to fresh, healthy growth by the end of the month. Then your roses will be ready with exhibition-quality blooms for our San Diego Rose Society Rose Show at the end of April/beginning of May. Linda Clark works very hard in planning and organizing this event. Remember.....all of us started out as novices exhibiting our roses, and we want everyone to feel comfortable to participate this year. There is going to be a program at the April meeting demonstrating techniques in grooming roses for exhibition.

Preparing for the Big Bloom!

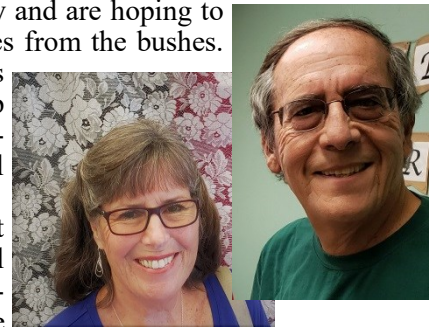
Bill and Elaine Ornelas
Residence: Clairemont/Bay Park

Like many of you, we have been actively pruning our 150 roses in January and are hoping to complete that task in the next two weeks including the removal of all of the leaves from the bushes. Equally important, we will be cleaning up all of the debris under our rose bushes including dead and diseased leaves, twigs, and weeds. After pruning and cleanup we spray with a dormant spray to help suppress fungal spores that have overwintered, scale and other insect eggs and larvae. We use a mixture of horticultural oil and copper fungicide.

When the fertilizer is available at our annual sale we will apply our first fertilizer of Bio-Start and John & Bob’s Soil Optimizer. It is important that the soil around each bush is damp. If not you will need to water the soil well before fertilizing. We sprinkle 2 cups of Bio-Start around each large bush. Bio-Start is one of the products available at our annual fertilizer sale from Grow More. We also add two tablespoons of John & Bob’s Soil Optimizer to each large plant. For miniatures and smaller rose plants we use half of this volume of each of these two products. These two products are then scratched into the soil gently around each bush. All of this is followed by a good watering if a good rain is not anticipated. We have an automatic watering system on a timer which can be adjusted depending on the amount of rain we receive. Then mulch! I cannot emphasize how important this step is. Mulch helps to moderate the soil temperature, retain moisture, discourage weeds and will eventually will break down into the soil, providing additional nutrients. We apply 4 inches of 3/8” Lifelike Mulch from Hanson’s A-1 Soils.

Because we are exhibitors of roses at rose shows, our program of fertilizing is probably more extensive than for most rose growers once the new growth begins to emerge. But whether you provide your roses with the Grow More products from our fertilizer sale, organic or synthetic products, or the all-in-one products available at big box stores or local nurseries, it is very important to feed your roses for the best plant growth and bloom development.

Most important is to look forward with anticipation of a beautiful 2022, full of bounties of roses....for rose shows, for dinner tables and to share.



February 2022 Membership News.....In With a Roar!

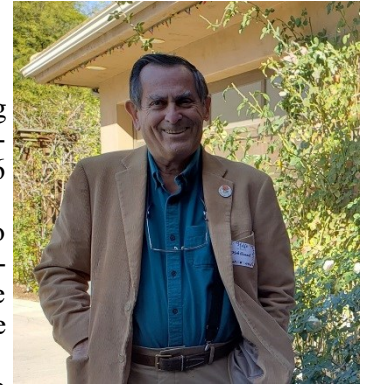
By Kirk Rummel, Membership Chair, knlrummel@sbcglobal.net

Well, we have really got this year off to a great start. At a well-attended pruning demonstration at Balboa Park last month a big bunch of people decided to join our society and learn even more about roses. Wow! We keep breaking our past records! The 16 new members is indeed the biggest increase anyone can remember.

However, we really need our existing members to renew now! There are two reasons we have to set a **February 15th cut-off date for renewals**. First we need to renew our insurance with the American Rose Society and we want to make sure everyone is covered. The insurance people require individual names. But we don't want to include those people who don't really wish to continue their membership.

Second, we are planning a fresh new directory of our membership and want to make that as accurate as possible. After the pandemic, during which we couldn't get together, we really need this complete reference source so we can contact members as needed for events.

So, let's continue this good start to the new year by extending a warm welcome to these new members:



Courtney Donadio
Mike Tice
Cecilia Silva
Pamela Thiessen
Christel Jones
Megan Kim
Katee Noblitt Ohlendorf
Suzanne Dixon
Aleta Deddeh
Mary Fellars
Belia Douraghi
Dawn Johnson
Lori Roads
Lori Estrada
Eileen Zuniga and Greg Locke
Stephanie Hall
Ariel Davalos
Marcia Isakari

Welcome Friends!



The membership form can be

ted using this online link:

<https://www.sandiegorosociety.com/join>

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(Editor's Note: Several of our SDRS members have inquired as to how to become a Consulting Rosarian. Below is a document and link sent from Tom Cooney, PSWD Chair for Consulting Rosarians.)

How to Become an ARS Consulting Rosarian

Tom Cooney, Consulting Rosarian Chair of the Pacific Southwest District, pswdcr@att.net

What is a consulting Rosarian?

Consulting Rosarians (CR's) and Master Rosarians (MR's) are persons knowledgeable in the culture of roses. They serve the American Rose Society (ARS) in a variety of capacities. The CRs and MRs are the ambassadors and representatives of the American Rose Society (ARS). They represent the ARS in direct interactions with the public.

What are the qualifications to be a Consulting Rosarian?

Any member of the American Rose Society qualifies to be a Consulting Rosarian provided they meet the following:

1. Are at least 18 years of age.
2. Have been a regular or associate member of the American Rose Society for two consecutive years.
3. Should have email, if possible.
4. Are an active member of a local rose society.
5. Have grown a variety of roses for at least five years.
6. Are knowledgeable of equipment and materials related to rose culture.
7. Are willing to attend an approved ARS School for Consulting Rosarians and completes and passes an open book exam based on the material contained in the Consulting Rosarian Manual with a score not less than 75%.
8. Sends a completed CR Candidate Form to the candidate's District CR Chair at least thirty days before the CR School.
9. Attends all programs presented at the school.
10. Knows and are willing to live up to the Consulting Rosarian Code.

What is expected of a CR after they receive the CR designation?

The CR Designation is not an award. It is a call for service to the ARS CR program. A CR must be willing to do the following.

1. Is willing to attend no less than one Consulting Rosarian School/Seminar every four years or accrue four Continuing Education (CE) credits (one, of, which, is, chemical, safety), in four years by attending seminars approved by the National CR Chair or accrues Continuing Education credits by attending four seminars/ programs approved by the District CR Chair with one being Chemical Safety.
2. Is expected to complete a Roses in Review report yearly.
3. Is expected to complete a CR activity report form if requested by the District CR Chair.
4. The Consulting Rosarian should not wait to be asked but should share knowledge voluntarily and willingly help others.
5. The rose garden of any Consulting Rosarian should be open for all to enjoy and admire, and the roses should be of the quality to inspire and encourage others to grow roses.
6. Regardless of the approach a Consulting Rosarian takes in their own gardens, it should involve a decision-making Integrated Pest Management process to take the appropriate action, whether it be with synthetic chemicals, natural chemicals, or no chemicals. It is essential for a CR to be knowledgeable and supportive about all methods when dealing with other rosarians

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What are some of the duties of a CR?

The ARS Consulting Rosarian Program is a mission to inform the public of the joys of growing roses. **As a CR your mission, should you choose to accept it, is:**

1. To have the right attitude
2. To deal with the public
3. To help new rose growers
4. To Support the American Rose Society
5. To Support local rose societies.

6. Basically, to be an ideal Consulting Rosarian

So, what is the Ideal Consulting Rosarian?

The ideal consulting Rosarian is an asset to the local society, the district organization, and the ARS! We all **work together Hand in Hand** *in inspiring a love and appreciation of roses, their culture and exhibition.*

Here is a link to the Consulting Rosarian Candidate Form from the PSWD district website:

https://www.pswdrose.org/files/ugd/357b21_08d02b9e1b06496f8071a7e869c960bf.pdf

This is a list of the upcoming 2022 CR School Schedule. Those seeking to become a Consulting Rosarian must send a completed CR Candidate Form to the Candidate's District CR Chair at least thirty days before the CR School. Existing CRs may accrue Continuing Education credits by attending these CR seminars. Candidates will receive a link to the exam after they have completed the classes.

Date & Time	Topic	Speaker	Registration Link
Feb 5, 2022 11 AM PST	CR Mission & Ethics/ Soil & Water	ARS President Diane Sommers & Bill Kozemchek	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5388979586790894352
Feb 12, 2022 11 AM PST	Fertilizer	Brenna Bosch	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8936092058932427023
Feb 19, 2022 11 AM PST	Insects and Diseases	Baldo Villegas	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5776709168192698382
Feb 26, 2022 11 AM PST	Chemical Safety	Don Swanson	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2639094408659674125
March 2-3, 2022	Online Exam	Opens 3/2/2022 at 8 AM CST & Closes 3/3/2022 midnight CST	

My War With the San Jose Scale

By Geri Minott, amgm1431@pacbell.net

When I sprayed regularly with horticultural oil, I saw no scale on my roses. Then I switched to chemical sprays. Those got rid of other rose problems but I didn't notice the buildup of scale which today is epidemic in the garden. I now fight it with two items which I took out of the horse's tack room: oil spray and a hoof pick. I'm winning!

Neem is the current gardener's go-to for many plant ailments. I keep that and also a light cade oil mixture on hand to treat fungus irritations on horses. I'm using it now to wipe out scale. There's a catch: oil works IFF (if and only if) used at regular intervals. I used three-day intervals, though longer would probably work.

The scale has to be sprayed *when* it is migrating and is not under its shell. Although the handbooks tell you that they move from late spring through fall, *this is San Diego*. We just videoed one under our microscope "on the crawl" in January. If there are a thousand new scale insects emerging on a cane, they don't all move on the same day or week, so repetition of application is the key. For that reason, I don't use pesticides for scale. Organophosphates work, but repetition of them creates worse problems

Some chemicals on the market claim to "control" scale. Control means the product knocks off a few. That doesn't solve the problem. Some heavily marketed products claim to kill scale, but if you stay informed with ARS broadcasts or publications (or even just your own experience), you know these just don't do enough. Scale has an armored covering. You basically have to smother it when it's vulnerable, and oil works best. Either we smother the scale, or the scale eventually smothers the rose plant. That being said, I'm careful not to apply any oil while the direct sunlight is on the plant. It can burn a little. To get into the crevices where scale attaches, I prefer to use a paint brush for thorough application. One female insect can give birth to hundreds, and males can fly, so I go for total annihilation.

Our home roses got covered with San Jose scale like it was a second skin. When I was desperate to save a valued rose ('Exotica') which I thought I had lost, I stripped off all the scale by hand with my fingernails. That took a while, but then I was surprised to see that rose come back happy with new green canes. The scale had knocked the rose down, but their removal prevented it from being "out." This year I went after scale on all of the roses. I pruned off all but the best canes on each bush and pursued the scale with my new super weapon, a **curved horse hoof pick**, which I used as follows:



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I took about fifteen minutes to scrape the scale off the remaining canes with the flat end of a horse hoof pick and then to clear it out from around the thorns with the blunt tip of the hoof pick. This didn't injure the canes, and the hoof pick kept my hand away from the thorns. Hoof picks are available on the internet but be sure to obtain one that does not create lesions on the rose canes. Considering the cost of roses, fifteen minutes was a small price for giving a troubled rose a new start. Climbers took longer, but I got aggressive and pruned off all but a couple of their very newest canes before treating. I found it therapeutic to wipe out an insidious enemy by the hundreds of thousands and relieve the roses. Since some of the scale were too small to see. I followed up the work with an oil spray.

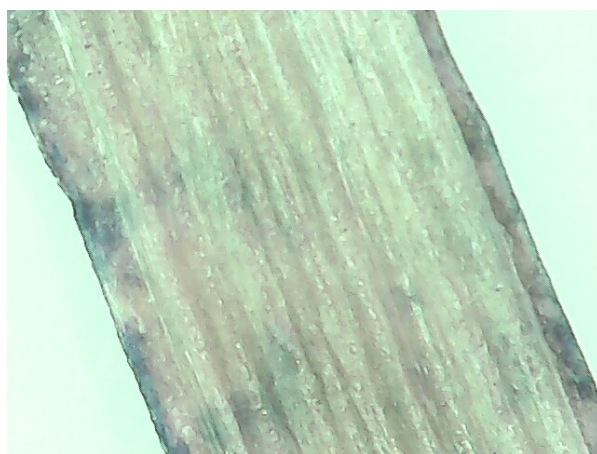
One photo here shows the scale, adult and small, male and female, in various stages of development. Only one stage matters to me: dead. The damage and discoloring from the scale will still be visible on the cane after removal, but the destructive action of the scale, which sucks the life out of a rose plant, is gone. Scraping scale doesn't seem crazy at all when a rose bush becomes reinvigorated. There are roses which have so many thorns that scraping isn't practical. 'Gemini' is one. The oil coating, however, will work. This year I am starting the campaign right after pruning. Total annihilation is the goal!



A tip of a ball point pen is on the bottom right. Female scale are round and males are oval in shape. Females here still have babies close by.



Some legs are visible on this scale.



Magnified 400X this photo shows the inside of the rose cane's outer layer. All the reddening is scale damage.

Jerry Mathers: The Boy, The Man and The Rose

By Elaine Ornelas, cornelas1949@att.net

By now, almost everyone in the 'rose world' is aware of the untimely passing of our good friend and rose mentor, Bob Martin, in November of 2021. But we joyfully remember Bob as he left an enormous legacy of rose knowledge including presentations, articles and individual consultations with so many of us. With his family's permission, we were able to 'adopt out' many of the roses from his home garden as well as rescue many rose-related items and computer files from his home as we were confident that he would want us to continue on with that body of knowledge.

One of the items that I found tucked away in a bookcase was a signed, original photograph from Jerry Mathers thanking him for a rose which Bob named after him. For those of us 'oldies but goodies' you will remember Jerry Mathers from a television show, *Leave It to Beaver*, which ran between 1957 until 1963. Jerry played an adorable character named 'The Beaver' Cleaver, and the show was based on his world as seen from a child's point of view during that era.

Bob's rose introduction for Jerry was a yellow blend striped sport of the 'Chihuly' rose. He named it in honor of and at the request of The Beaver himself. He had a photo of 'Chihuly' and 'Jerry Mathers' on the same bush. He said: 'The sport repeats and propagates true, and to verify that it is a sport I put the question to Tom Carruth, the hybridizer of 'Chihuly' who confirmed 'Jerry Mathers' is a sport that has dropped the distinctive orange suffusion of 'Chihuly', thereby making it predominant color yellow. Jerry and his lovely wife Teresa, an accomplished rosarian and photographer, loved it.'

Happily, Jerry Mathers was present at the 2018 ARS Convention when our society hosted here in San Diego. He attended the auction of roses at that event and was so happy when someone bid on the 'Jerry Mathers' rose. Thank you, Bob, for perpetuating a fond memory!



Clockwise from upper right: Photo of Jerry Mathers as 'The Beaver' with note to Bob and Dona Martin; 'Chihuly' bloom and blooms of its sport 'Jerry Mathers' on the same bush; Jerry Mathers with John Bagnasco at the 2018 rose auction; photo of Jerry Mathers and his wife Teresa at the 2018 ARS National Convention



66th Annual Pacific Southwest District Convention & Rose Show will be hosted by Pacific Rose Society on April 22, 23 & 24, 2022

Pacific Rose Society will be hosting the 2022 Pacific Southwest District Convention, and all rose enthusiasts across the District are invited to attend this premier rose event. Headquartered at the newly remodeled Courtyard by Marriott in Monrovia, convention goers will have the opportunity to wine and dine along restaurant row on Huntington Drive, shop at Armstrong Garden Centers (across the street), tour the lovely Arboretum and Botanical Gardens in Arcadia, along with visiting with rose friends from around the district. The convention features a fabulous rose show at the Los Angeles County Arboretum on Saturday, an Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, and a district meeting/breakfast on Sunday morning.

Registration Required – \$60 per person before April 1, 2022 (\$70 thereafter). Basic registration covers entrance to the rose show, judging, exhibiting, and meetings for Horticulture Judges, Arrangement Judges & Consulting Rosarians. There are additional costs for the Welcoming Party (\$15), Judges' Luncheon (\$25), Awards Banquet (\$60) & District Breakfast (\$25). All events will be priced separately on the registration form.

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 22, 2022:

Welcoming/Cocktail Party (cheese, crackers & crudites) Dressy casual. **\$15 per person.**

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022:

The Rose Show – Always the highlight of any PSWD convention, the Rose Show on Saturday, April 23rd will be presented at Ayres Hall at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia. The Pacific Rose Society's annual show is always a superior event with a huge show schedule and it is coupled with the numerous District Challenge Classes. Also featured at this show will be an expanded Arrangement section plus a Photography division. **All exhibitors and judges must be registered for the convention.**

Horticulture Judges, Arrangement Judges & Consulting Rosarians Meetings.

Awards Banquet \$60.00 (beef, fish, chicken buffet) *SUNDAY, APRIL*

24, 2022:

President's Council Meeting

Annual District Meeting & Breakfast - \$25.00 per person

Headquarters Hotel – Please make your hotel reservations directly with the Courtyard by Marriott located at 700 W Huntington Drive, Monrovia CA 91016 at (626) 357-5211. Convention room rate is **\$149.00 per night**. Be sure to book early to guarantee your room.

Event Calendars and Web Sites

San Diego Rose Society Calendar of Events

2022

February 1, 2022: SDRS Board Meeting via Zoom

February 28, 2022, 7 p.m.—10 p.m.: SDRS Monthly meeting; Casa del Prado, room 101

March, 1, 2022: SDRS Board Meeting

March 21, 2022, 7 p.m.—10 p.m.; SDRS Monthly meeting; Casa del Prado, room 101

April 5, 2022: SDRS Board meeting

April 18, 2022, 7 p.m.—10 p.m.: SDRS Monthly meeting, Casa del Prado, room 101

April 30-May 1, 2022: San Diego Rose Society Rose Show with CCRS Save the Roses! Auction; Ronald Reagan Community Center, El Cajon, CA

Other Local and Regional Gardening Events

2022

February 5, 2022: Pacific Rose Society Annual Auction; 10 am-5 pm; Los Angeles Arboretum, 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, CA, 91007

April 22-24, 2022: 66th Annual Pacific Southwest / District Convention & Rose Show; Courtyard by Marriott in Monrovia; <https://www.pswdroses.org/calendar>

San Diego Floral Association Calendar <http://www.sdfloral.org/calendar.htm>

San Diego Botanic Garden Calendar <https://www.sdbgarden.org/events.htm>

Useful Websites and Links

San Diego Rose Society (www.sandiegorosesociety.com)

American Rose Society (www.rose.org)

American Rose Society Pacific Southwest District (www.pswdroses.org)

Help Me Find (roses) (www.helpmefind.com/rose)

Rose Show Results (<http://www.roseshow.com/results/>)

In Our Thoughts and Prayers.....

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers as they have been recovering from illness, injury or are recovering from surgery.

- ◆ Carl Mahanay
- ◆ Margie Curtis
- ◆ Maria Mata
- ◆ Christine Allan



Process for Contacting Consulting Rosarians

By Elaine Ornelas, cornelas1949@att.net and Beth VanBoxtel, SDRS webmistress

The listing below for consulting rosarians is also listed on the San Diego Rose Society's website, including phone numbers and email addresses. Our website is a public domain and can be viewed by everyone and is intended to be that way so that the public can harvest useful information about growing roses. However the email address can be accessed by 'web crawlers' and can be used to generate spam emails and spam phone calls. Listing emails and phone numbers is not a good idea with today's data breaches. So our board has decided, at our webmistress' encouragement, to not post emails and phone numbers.

So the procedure for contacting consulting rosarians is to use a generic contact email address, listed below. Once the user accesses this email the message goes directly to the webmistress who will forward the email on to the appropriate consulting rosarian. Hopefully this will prevent any adverse conditions which might have resulting from having the emails and phone numbers posted readily.

SDRS email address: sandiegorosesociety@gmail.com

Consulting Rosarians for San Diego Rose Society

Name	Area	County Location
Christine Allan	La Jolla	W
Steve Berry	San Diego	C
Frank Brines, Master Rosarian	San Diego	E
Gary Bulman, Master Rosarian	Escondido	N
Linda Clark	La Mesa	E
Ken Huff	Escondido	N
Bob Kolb	Sunset Cliffs	W
Deborah Magnuson	Clairemont	W
Carl Mahanay	Imperial Beach	S
Soledad "Rita" Morris	San Diego	C
Elaine Ornelas	Clairemont	W
Bill Ornelas	Clairemont	W
Rita Perwich	Coronado	W
Jim Price	San Diego	C
Dwyn Robbie, Master Rosarian	Del Mar	W
Robert Russell	Crest	E
Natalie Stout	Kensington	C
Sue Streeper, Master Rosarian	El Cajon	E
Ruth Tiffany, Master Rosarian	San Carlos	E
Beth Van Boxtel	Encinitas	N

List of Nurseries for Roses

Here is a list of nurseries which some of our rosarians commonly use to obtain roses.

Some of these are local and some are some distance from San Diego or are for on-line ordering only.

LOCAL:

Armstrong Garden Centers	www.armstronggarden.com
Walter Andersen	www.walterandersen.com
Kniffings	www.kniffingsnursery.com
El Plantio Nursery	www.elplantationnursery.com
Hunters	www.huntersnursery.com
Evergreen	www.evergreennursery.com
Waterwise Botanicals	www.waterwisebotanicals.com

NOT LOCAL, OR FOR ON-LINE ORDERING ONLY:

K and M Roses	www.kandmroses.com
Regan Nursery	www.regannursery.com
Wisconsin Roses	www.wiroses.com
Palatine Roses	www.palatineroses.com
Angel Gardens	www.angelsgardens.com
Laguna Hills Nursery	www.lagunahillsnursery.com
Plant Depot	www.plantdepot.com
Rogue Valley Roses	www.roguevalleyroses.com
Green Thumb	www.greenthumb.com
Cool Roses	www.coolroses.com
Otto & Sons	www.ottoandsons-nursery.com
Heirloom Roses	www.heirloomroses.com
Burlington Roses	www.burlingtonroses.com
Antique Rose Emporium	www.antiqueroseemporium.com
Roses Unlimited	www.rosesunlimitedsc.com

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