



ROSE HERALD

Meet in the Honor Garden

We'll dedicate a bench & plaque to Jane Melville on July 27, 2009



The Lawrence Scott Park Honor Garden has a new park bench. It was donated by Jane Melville's family and friends in honor of her outstanding service to the garden and the Tri-City Rose Society. This month we will dedicate that special bench and plaque. Tom Miles, Honor Garden Chairman, will show us what's new in

the garden, and dish up scoops of his old-fashioned freezer-churned ice cream. Water will be provided.

Bring a folding chair and a hat or umbrella for shade. Then again, we might decide to sit under a garden neighbor's sycamore tree.

Friends are welcome.

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This is Jane Melville, the fondly remembered rosarian whose memorial bench will provide a place to rest and admire the roses in the Honor Garden.

Photo sent by Doug Marks.



PRESIDENT RICHARD KERKOF

I just got back from the Missoula Rose Society's Rose Show. The trip to Missoula was great, the company and companionship of the members of the Rose Society was superb and the Rose Show was good. It was small but the blooms there were nice. The Tri-City Rose Society was well represented by the Brehms, Norma Boswell and the Kerkofs. With Rose Show judging behind for this season for me, I



SHARING NEWS AND VIEWS

turn my time and thoughts here in the Tri-Cities to our remaining summer meetings and the roses growing in my own yard. In June we had the great hospitality of Norm and Claudia Ferguson. I learn something at each of these meetings from the many pointers and tips each person shares about their roses. This month's meeting will be in the Honor Garden at

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MEETING TIME

Monday, July 27, 7:30 p.m.

(7:00 p.m. for garden tour)

HOW TO GET THERE

Lawrence Scott Park Honor Garden is in the east end of the park, off Quinault Ave. between Kellogg and Grant Streets in Kennewick. From the public parking lot by the tennis courts, take the walking paths to the right, directly to the garden.

Minutes, June 22, 2009

by Cyndy Sharer, Secretary

The TCRS met in the beautiful backyard of Norm and Claudia Ferguson in South Richland on June 22, 2009.

Richard Kerkof called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. The first order of business was to discuss moving the annual spring rose show to the first Sunday in June in hopes that the extra week plus good weather will provide more blooms for the show. It was moved and seconded to try this for at least next year. The motion carried.

It was mentioned that the *Tri-City Herald's* notice of our meeting gave the wrong date, and that probably contributed to having only 25 people at our June meeting.

There was discussion about the fact that Nor'East will no longer be selling miniature roses to groups at discount prices. What will our Rose Society do to replace that fund raiser? Alison Brendel will contact a possible source in Oregon and report back. Dorothy Campbell offered to hold a garage sale in her yard as she and Anne Muggli did a few years ago. The attendees gratefully accepted. Dorothy asked us to start saving good, gently-used items for this sale. The Fergusons said they had removed 11 cherry trees, two

sycamores, two bald cypress trees, 35 potentillas and more to make room for their collection of 400 roses. Some of the climbers were displayed against a backdrop of arborvitae; others were attached to the house. There were tea roses in very large pots, and a newly planted bed of miniatures replaced three ancient cherry trees. The south and west beds surrounding their swimming pool had plenty of shade from the arborvitae, which the begonias and impatiens appreciated.

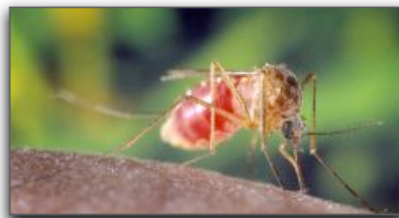
Norm demonstrated the use of two of his favorite tools—a set of grip and hold loppers. He has concluded that conduit holders (and an electric screwdriver) are the best way to secure climbing roses to the house. Norm uses a four-gallon backpack sprayer to fertilize the roses.

Dorothy Campbell moved that we adjourn the meeting and eat the delicious banana split dessert that was awaiting us. The vote was unanimous.

Many thanks to Norm and Claudia for having us at their home.

Mosquito Spray—Worth a Try

From the Portland Rose Chatter



I was at a deck party awhile back, and the bugs were having a ball biting everyone. A man at the party sprayed the lawn and deck floor with Listerine, and the little demons disappeared. I filled a four ounce spray bottle and used it around my seat whenever I saw mosquitoes. And voila! it worked. It worked at a picnic where we sprayed the area around the

food table, the children's swing area, and the standing water nearby.

(Editor's note: I have not tried this although I have received several endorsements from people who have tried it. In these days of "Greenness" you might want to give this a try. I am not sure if Listerine would actually qualify as being "Green," but it would probably qualify as being non-toxic to human beings.)

From President Kerkof, cont..

Lawrence Scott Park where Tom Miles oversees a continually improving display of nearly 300 roses. We encourage all of you to come to this meeting as we present our newly accredited Consulting Rosarian, Tom Miles, with his official certificate.

As I was out looking around my garden, I noticed many new canes shooting up. To help them along, I will remember to fertilize and give plenty of water during these hot days of summer. I also noticed I need to be aware of scarring that may happen due to the winds we have experienced. I will be removing any older canes that may cross or could scar the new canes. I have also noticed I need to prune out some less productive growth that will not provide the best overall framework for my roses. I may need to add some stakes to help direct the growth of these new shoots. As you are on the go during these summer months, remember to watch for signals your roses may be sending out. Take time to look around your roses and enjoy their beauty.

Come around 7 p.m. on July 27 to stroll through the garden. Our business meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Bring a friend and a smile and share your love of roses with our members. I heard a rumor there may be some homemade ice cream at the meeting!



JULY IN THE ROSE GARDEN

by Norma Boswell, Consulting Rosarian

The second flush of roses is never as bountiful as the first; the flowers are never as big and beautiful. But they are colorful and deserve the best of care.

Rich Baer from the Portland Rose Society wrote about a summer pruning method designed to strengthen every bush that needs extra tender loving care. First, he removes just the dead bloom but none of the leaves. Then, day by day as he inspects his garden, he removes all the little shoots that grow in nodes where single leaves and three leaflet leaves attach, all the way down to a place on the stem which is strong enough to bear the next flower. At last, when he sees a vigorous shoot growing on a relatively thick, sturdy stem, he prunes directly above it.

Rich's methodical, slightly unorthodox pruning method keeps leaves on the bush for a longer time than if he simply followed tradition and cut immediately above the first five-leaflet leaf. Leaves are necessary to manufacture food and make a strong plant. Rich's pruning method is likely to invigorate new bushes and also help those that are slow to recover from winter damage.

Water Is the Most Important Fertilizer

Roses produce large quantities of food by photosynthesis. Carbon dioxide enters the leaves through microscopic pores called stomata, located on the bottoms of the leaves. When these stomata are open, carbon dioxide diffuses from the air into the leaves where it is converted into sugars.

It's true—sun, leaves and water work without human assistance to make sugars for our roses. However, rose growers feel like better caretakers when we test the soil and feed essential elements that have become depleted.

Even without helpful information from a soil test, I saw that nitrogen is needed in

my garden. A signal ("nitrogen wedge") appeared on some of the older leaves. This sign of nitrogen depletion resembles a chevron or a slice of pie in three colors: brown at the leaf tip, yellow in the middle and green at the base.

Nitrogen leaches through the soil quickly and therefore needs replacing when the rose grower desires green growth (more shoots and leaves). The most economical source of nitrogen is ammonium sulfate. As the name indicates, ammonium sulfate includes nitrogen and a bit of sulfur. This fertilizer is slightly acid, a plus in our alkaline desert soil. Roses prefer slightly acid soil.

Whether you add ammonium sulfate, 10-10-10, alfalfa pellets, blood meal, fish meal, kelp meal, compost, manure, or any other enrichment of your choice, it's important to *water before and after*. Water helps prevent leaf burn and conducts fertilizer down to the roots.

Reduce the Weedy Competition

Nothing competes with our roses for food, water and space like weeds do. Some seeds pop high and far. They hit our faces like tiny missiles and lodge in tall urns and pots. Left to reproduce unchecked, they make us feel like poor caretakers. A weedy scene suggests the need to hoe, dig and mulch.

Mulch Is Good for Conservation

Mulch, 3-4 inches thick, makes it harder for weeds to grow. It holds precious moisture in the soil, so less water needs to be used. Mulch consisting of light wood chips will slowly decompose, providing valuable organic matter. (Note: as it decomposes, wood mulch steals a bit of nitrogen from the soil. Therefore, add nitrogen along with the chips.)

Spray Water; Control Spider Mites

A forceful spray of water applied to the undersides of leaves every 3-4 days is an effective way to get rid of spider mites. They need leaves on which to breed. JUST S(PR)AY NO with your trusty water wand . . . and stay cool.

Tri-City Rose Society

Check page 8 for 2009 events from now through fall.

Check page 1 for this month's program and **page 2** for directions to our meeting place.

We welcome suggestions for speakers and programs. Contact Jim Campbell, 967-2606, scotch1943@verizon.net, or Harlow Young at 735-3481. Email harlow.young@conagrafoods.com.

TCRS meets 10 times a year on the 4th Monday of the month. Our year begins at Richland City Shop Complex. We visit public or individual gardens during the summer. We move to various inside locations in September and October.

We are a nonprofit educational society affiliated with the American Rose Society. Visitors are always welcome!

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viewing pleasure at

www.owt.com/rosesociety.



Part with Your 'Spice Twice'?

Harlow Young has a co-worker who is looking for a 'Spice Twice' rose bush. After many web searches, no sources for it have been found. If you own one that you are willing to part with, please let Harlow know (see p. 8). He or his co-worker will come and move it to a new home.

"Banana Split Supreme"

from Claudia Ferguson, served in her rose garden and shared with TCRS members by member request

Yield: 20 servings

Ingredients:

- 1 cup butter, divided
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 24-30 cream-filled chocolate sandwich cookies, crushed
- 3-4 medium firm bananas, cut into 1/2 inch slices
- 2 quarts vanilla ice cream, softened, divided
- 1 can (20 ounces) crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 jar (10 ounces) maraschino cherries, drained and halved
- 3/4 cup nuts, chopped
- whipped topping, optional

Preparation:

In a saucepan, combine 1/2 cup butter, sugar, milk and chocolate chips. Bring to a boil over medium heat; boil and stir for 8 minutes. Remove from heat, and cool completely.

Meanwhile, melt the remaining butter; toss with cookie crumbs. Line a 13 x 9 x 2 inch pan with foil; spray with Pam. Press cookie crumbs into pan. Freeze for 15 minutes. Arrange banana slices over crust; spread with 1 quart ice cream. Top with 1 cup of chocolate sauce. Freeze for 1 hour. Spread the remaining ice cream over dessert; top with pineapple. Freeze for an hour or so. Drizzle remaining chocolate sauce over dessert; top with cherries.

Remove from freezer 10 minutes before serving. Cut into squares; serve with whipped topping and nuts if desired.

Special Notes:

By lining the pan with foil, you should be able to lift the dessert easily out of the pan. Be sure to remove the foil before cutting. This dessert can be made weeks in advance. It can be cut into squares, individually wrapped in Saran and then placed into baggies, all ready to go.



Join the American Rose Society

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ARS Trial Memberships

At the ARS Board Meeting in Vancouver, the Board of Directors voted to expand

the Trial Membership Program. There will be three entry levels.

- We will continue offering a 4-month Trial Membership free to NEW members of the local rose society.
- All continuing members of a local rose society who are not ARS members are eligible for a 4-month Trial Membership in ARS for only \$5.00. Give it a try!
- Any member of the public who is
- not yet a local rose society member is eligible for a 4-month Trial Membership for only \$10.

To receive a Trial Membership, the President or Membership Chair of the local society will submit your name and contact information to Laura Pfender at ARS Headquarters, P.O. Box 30,000, Shreveport LA 71130-0030. Laura's email is laura@ars-hq.org

World Rose Convention

by Dale Akerstrom, Vancouver RS Pres.

What a wild and wonderful week it has been. We have met old and new friends from around the globe, have heard and seen interesting and informative lectures and speakers, have gone on tours to beautiful gardens in Vancouver and Victoria, and have enjoyed social events with fun-loving rosarians.

As of this writing, it looks like the Convention will be a success in all aspects, including the financial one. Unfortunately that is not likely to be the case with the Festival, which will probably sustain a significant financial loss due to the low numbers of people who came to see the show (approx. 6000). Those who did come to the Festival had lots of positive comments about it—the expansive Rose Show, the Display Gardens, the goods for sale, and the ambiance....A wonderful saying I saw at the Festival by Anne Bronte said, "He who dares not grasp the thorn should never crave the rose." We dreamed big... "C'est la vie."



Interventions and Cures for Rose Garden Problems

Thanks to Rich Baer from Portland Rose Society

Blackspot

Circular black spots with feathery edges. Occurs during wet weather. For best results begin spray program in early spring as new growth appears. Alternate two types of sprays for best results.



- Ortho Garden Fungicide (Chlorothalonil) ++
- Bonide Fung-onil (Chlorothalonil 29.6%)
- Daconil Ultrex (Chlorothalonil wettable powder)
- Banner Maxx (14.3% Propiconazole)
- Bonide Infuse (1.55% Propiconazole)
- Mancozeb (Dithane 45, Fore)
- Immunox (Myclobutanil)
- Ortho Rose/Garden Fungicide (Funginex) **
- Rose Defense (neem oil) **
- Sodium Bicarbonate (baking soda) ** (Use every 7 days; add spreader/sticker such as SunSpray Ultrafine Spray Oil.)

Powdery Mildew

Mildew occurs when afternoons are warm, 70-80 degrees followed by cool nights.

- Immunox (Myclobutanil) ++
- Rally 40W (Eagle, Systhane) (contains Myclobutanil) ++
- Banner Maxx (Propiconazole)
- Ortho Rose Fungicide (previously Funginex)
- Erase (jojoba bean oil) This product claims to be an eradicant, working after the fungus has already appeared.
- Remedy (potassium bicarbonate)
- Sodium bicarbonate (baking soda) ** Follow directions as shown above under Blackspot.
- Daily late afternoon water washing of the foliage with emphasis on new top growth **

Rust

Small orange spots/pustules on the bottom of leaves in spring and summer; black pustules in the fall.

- Mancozeb (Fore, Manzate) Green Light++

- Bonide Mancozeb Flowable
- Ortho Rose/Shrub Disease Control
- Cleary's 3336 (thiophanate-methyl)

Spot Anthracnose

Seen early in the spring during wet weather; small, round black spots on the leaves



- Mancozeb (Dithane 45, Fore)
- Bonide Mancozeb Concentrate Flowable
- Immunox (Myclobutanil)

Downy Mildew

Blotchy, black smudges often with flat edges, usually on young leaves, followed by defoliation

- Ortho Garden Fungicide (Chlorothalonil)
- Mancozeb (Dithane 45, Fore)
- Alette ++
- Stature

Aphids & Most Other Insects

- Bayer or Ortho Garden Insect Killer ++
- Malathion 50 Plus
- Rose Defense (neem oil) **
- Safer Insecticidal Soap **

Insect treatment is very different from fungal treatment. We spray insects only when we see them, and we may use spot treatment. (We try hard not to kill off the beneficial insects.) With fungi, we spray before we see damage, because fungal sprays are designed to prevent, not cure.

Foliage-Eating Green Worms

Often found in rolled up leaves

- Bayer or Ortho Garden Insect Killer ++
- Thuricide, Bt **
- Hand removal when you see them **

Mites

Very small insect-like arthropods (spiders) which cause leaves to dry up and fall off in hot weather

- Hard spray of water over whole bush every other day, especially under leaves, in hot weather **



- Avid ++**
- Floramite (bifenazate)

Thrips

Tiny insects found between petals of the flowers. These insects cause brown petal edges and brown spots on petals.

- Conserve SC (spinosad) ++ **
- Ortho Systemic Insect Killer (acephate)
- Avid ++ **

Midge

Dieback of many cane tips which turn black and become dry, which causes roses to fail to bloom

- Bayer Complete Insect Killer for Soil & Turf ++
- Triazicide (lambda-cyhalothrin)
- Nematodes **

KEY:

** Least toxic control method. When two are listed, one is a "non-chemical" approach.

++ Probably the most effective chemical product for the problem.

Rose Defense, an organic product, states that it controls almost all rose problems, both disease and insects.

Safer Garden Fungicide is an organic product that uses ultra-fine sulfur to control certain rose diseases.

Common Equivalents:

3 teaspoons = 1 Tablespoon
2 Tablespoons = 1 Fluid Ounce

Always read the package directions before using any garden chemical, because concentrations may vary from one manufacturer to another, and the recommended amount may vary for control of various pests.

For more information on a pesticide, call EPA's National Pesticide Telecommunications Network (800) 858-7378.



Nature

(Inherited characteristics)

or

Nurture?

(Environmental influences)

A question to ponder by Jo Angelos



Here it is the middle of July and once again I'm in the midst of the dreaded deadheading and weeding task. I think most of the stooping, kneeling and scrunching positions would surely impress many if not all yoga enthusiasts. While balancing and maneuvering through the branches, I found myself pondering the question, is it nature or is it nurture? Why do I love this so much? (Not specifically the deadheading - more so the subsequent enjoyment from the roses.) Do I take pleasure in this because of some innate programming my parents provided with specific DNA chemistry, or was I encouraged and reared in a way that promoted this interest? When it comes down to it, many of you might honestly say you have never had this question "pop up" while gardening. If that is the case, I challenge you to produce some valuable memories of the past, consider the way they have affected your life and create an opportunity to share with someone else.

I do have memories of some of my first dandelion picking adventures, and equally as memorable were those first Spring crocus that were so amazing; I didn't know they weren't supposed to be picked if they weren't in my yard. That was a very silly rule and it seemed like such a shame to let those beautiful flowers go to waste. My first memory of a rose bush was an early once blooming 'Harison's Yellow.' Although I did not realize it had a name, I do remember it alerted me to the fact Summer was not far behind - the shorts would soon come out of storage and the dreaded "summer haircut" was just around the corner. From this time on, my fascination and enjoyment of flowering plants has continued to grow, and maybe that is why I continue to this day to pick flowers and bring them indoors.

The age old question of which plays the greater role between nature or nurture has been discussed for centuries. Whether we want to question the scientific findings or argue the psychological points, all of us have the opportunity to thank the people in our lives who provided and nurtured our interests and encouraged our talents. Our lives were touched as others presented to us their passions of grooming and growing all living things - not exclusive to the outdoor garden. They stirred our enthusiasm for life and devoted their lives to make ours better. My Grandfather allowed me to help him plant his vegetable garden at a young age. Knowing what I know now as an adult, I was not good help to him but his patience nurtured a childhood curiosity into what would become one of my life-long passions.

It may be too late to personally say "Thank You" to many of those instrumental in our development. Most of my life was spent in the influence of my Grandmother who lived to be 97 years old. I realize she shaped my life and provided insight and hundreds of enlightening experiences, which I cherish. It is my hope this article will encourage you to show gratitude to the inspirational people of your past by encouraging you to cultivate their lessons in future generations.

I think Jane Melville, Leona Mattison and Vina Hudson, to name a few, surely smile on the Honor Rose Garden (especially while Tom Miles works in this unrelenting heat amidst the agricultural aroma of the Rose Tea.) And while Norma Boswell spends so much of her time writing, editing, printing the *Rose Herald* 10 months of the year for the past 23 years!

We have many members keeping our society strong, and our hats are off to them as we say "Thank You" for developing, cultivating and supporting our Rose Society and our community!

If you have a chance to ponder and want to share your thoughts, memories or special words in next month's newsletter please send me an email (angelosfolk@verizon.net.) I will include whatever the page will hold. ☺



CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

A NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT BY JO ANGELOS



In several of the *Rose Herald* issues we have mentioned the practice of removing unproductive roses utilizing the term “shovel pruning.” As a novice rose grower those two words send chills down my spine – it is so harsh and permanent! I grew up in South Dakota where drought conditions, grasshopper infestations or hailstorms could wipe out entire crops and not show any mercy on flowers planted next to our home. Then a move to Wyoming where the bitter cold temps, strong winds and hail storms (measured in “depth” and often times shoveled) created risks for flower and vegetable gardens.

Upon arriving in the Tri-Cities a few years ago I couldn’t believe the rose “trees!” Where I came from, a rose bush seldom got 4 ft tall. Quickly wanting a part of this fabulous new world, I answered the call put out by Joan Monteith and her mother, Anita to help them downsize their rose and perennial garden. During the transplanting process I was concerned about getting enough root to create a successful transplant, Joan assured me, it would probably grow; and if not, I could “come back for more.” Sure enough, they grew and it has been a blessing. Water, weed and deadhead – no sweat! (ok, maybe a little)

As I continue in the novice stage of my rose growing experience, I have acquired a personal understanding of importance of placing the rose in the best location for that specific rose. Harlow Young shared last month about re-planting a few of his roses to a “happier spot.” While he did utilize his shovel pruning techniques, he also gave some of them a second chance. This is a perfect time of year to really look at the amount of sunshine and/or shade your roses are getting, the water supply and drainage and the growth of other plants (that might not have been that size last year.) Maybe some roses aren’t at their best for a reason that can easily be remedied. Watching growth from now through the early Fall might answer the question, “to move or remove?”

Last summer Joan alerted me to the fact I may have a microclimate in my yard. With some research I found a **Microclimate** is defined as: variations of the climate within a given area, usually influenced by hills, hollows, structures or proximity to bodies of water. While this can pertain to a large area, I downsized the concept and discovered one in my very own yard! I have a six foot cement block wall that runs the whole length of one edge of the yard. I have roses planted next to the wall and in a semi-circle around it. Once the roses began their third year they enclosed the area and soon I had a circulation problem. Not to mention, I found out the neighbor was watering his trees at night on the other side of the wall and the excess would spray over his small trees onto my roses, adding even more moisture to my “climate.” I had the perfect set up for powdery mildew and other issues. I have resolved most of them this year by transplanting several roses that helped to open the area and allow the necessary circulation. The neighbor’s trees have grown and solved the “over the wall” issue.



One of my polyanthas, *‘The Fairy.’* (shown on the right) had problems with powdery mildew (shown on the left) in its previous spot. Joan suggested my microclimate may be the culprit; I gave it a new open spot last Spring. That summer I didn’t have one bit of “the powder” and this year it continues to thrive. I am so thrilled I didn’t shovel prune, and all I needed to do was the necessary “Call before you Dig.”



In our society we have Rosarians ready and willing to answer our “call outs.” Many roses just need the proper place and a change in the current care to become what they can be and what you want them to be. Our Consulting Rosarian (CR) names, phone numbers and email addresses are listed on the following page. Contact them and they will gladly guide you through your problems, help you determine the best roses to plant for your area and ensure your rose growing success. Please make the call – save a rose – you’ll be happy you did.



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Mark Your Calendar

July 27, 2009 Garden meeting in the Honor Garden at Lawrence Scott Park. Help dedicate a new park bench to the memory of Jane Melville. Enjoy Tom Miles' hand-churned ice cream.

August 24, 2009

Garden meeting in the rose garden of Bob & Bridget Louie

(Check the Pacific Northwest District Newsletter and the *American Rose* magazine for other fall dates.)

September 28, 2009

Fall In-House Rose Show Challenge

October 26, 2009

Fall Banquet, Special Speaker Jack Kiley and Installation of Officers for 2010. This is our last meeting of TCRS until January.

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