

Patron Member of the American Rose Society

## A Message From Our President

By Ken Huff, [kenramona@cox.net](mailto:kenramona@cox.net)



### FEBRUARY - MONTH OF LOVE

According to those who keep track of greeting cards, the most sold are for Valentine's Day. The day goes back to Roman times but grew sweeter as the years went on. Chaucer and Shakespeare romanticized it in their work, and it gained popularity throughout Britain and the rest of Europe. According to some, without Valentine cards Hallmark would go broke. Last year its sales reached \$17.6 billion!

Okay, enough history. What I am really thinking about as I prune my rose bushes is not only the blood running down my arms but how much love is seen in those beautiful rose blooms. There is nothing like the beauty and scent of the rose. So, why would Ronald Reagan declare the rose as our national flower, except for its beauty and scent? So, as the pruning goes on, I'm listening to music on my cell phone and what comes up is the beautiful song being sung by Dick Dale....

If I could see the world  
Through the eyes of a child  
What a wonderful world this would be  
There'd be no trouble and no strife  
Just a big happy life  
With a bluebird in every tree

If I could see the world  
Through the eyes of a child  
Smiling faces would greet me all the while  
Like a lovely work of art  
It would warm my weary heart  
Just to see through the eyes of a child

I could see right, no wrong  
I could see good, no bad  
I could see all the good things  
In life I've never had  
If I could see the world  
Through the eyes of a child  
What a wonderful world this would be



This brought a real sense of joy to my heart as I continued to prune, knowing that in just a few short weeks these bushes will be loaded with lot of blooms, showing love to all those who pass by our homes. So, keep pruning with a song in your heart; then fertilize and water and joy will be leaping out everywhere!

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## A Very Successful Rose Pruning Demo!

By Elaine Ornelas, [cornelas1949@att.net](mailto:cornelas1949@att.net)

Once again this year, on January 11th, our society held its annual rose pruning seminar at the Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden in Balboa Park. But this time there were MANY more attendees! Beth Van Boxtel counted approximately eighty people which is more than we have seen come to this event in the



past. We believe it was due, in part, to more effective publication of the event.....on our website, on our Facebook page and in the San Diego Union Tribune, serving to reach more people. It was wonderful to see how excited and curious people were to improve their knowledge of how best to prune roses of all types.

Consulting Rosarians Gary Bulman, Sue Streeper, Jim Price, Bob Kolb, Deborah Magnuson, Ken Huff (pictured right), Bob Martin and Master Gardener Maria Mata were on hand to demonstrate pruning methods. Kirk Rummel (pictured



left) was also there to answer questions and encourage folks to sign up for membership in our society. If we have this much interest in the pruning demo next year, we will

definitely need more consulting rosarians to come and lend a hand! Please mark your calendar. It is usually the second Saturday of January.

Here are some frequently-asked questions from the attendees.

- Why do roses need to be pruned at all?
- Why do you prune a floribunda differently from a hybrid tea rose or a climber?
- When is the best time of year to prune?
- What does scale look like on the rose canes and what to do about treating it?
- How does mulch help a rose garden?
- What is a dormant spray?
- What is a bud eye and why do I need to prune slightly above it?

Here are a few pictures of the event. Hope you all are able to come next year! It is a valuable asset in your 'tool box' of rose-growing tips.



*Left: Sue Streeper 'armed for combat' and ready to prune climbers! Above: Maria Mata with a large group of onlookers. Right: Bob Kolb (in hat) discussing pruning methods.*



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*After I had assisted this nice couple with pruning this rose, I told them that they need to return to this bush in May to see the transformation because of their hard work.*



**Gary Bulman** (in red shirt) working hard to show how best to prune to these visitors.



**Bob Martin** (in red shirt), always the 'fountain of knowledge' on rose care, discusses pruning techniques with a visitor.



**Another well-attended SDRS event!**

## Speaker for February Program: Hudson Elliott

By Gary Bulman, [gossbulman@cox.net](mailto:gossbulman@cox.net)

Our meeting is on Monday, **February 24, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 101** of Casa del Prado in Balboa Park. We are privileged to have **Hudson Elliot** as our speaker for this meeting. Hudson has been working for the Armstrong Garden Center in Del Mar for the last thirteen years. He has many roses in his garden and has extensive knowledge of their care.

Hudson was born and raised in Arcadia, California only a few blocks from the Los Angeles County Arboretum. This wonderful garden had a major influence on him during his childhood. He started selling plants at a plant stand in his backyard at the age of seven! His mother passed on all of her extensive horticultural knowledge to him as he grew up. He came to San Diego in 1986 to study mechanical engineering at University of California, San Diego, but decided the outdoors was more fun! He started a landscape construction company in 1990 and he rediscovered his plant passion! He has been a licensed landscape contractor since 1992. He retired from the construction part of that career fourteen years ago to focus on consulting and the nursery business. He is also a California certified nurseryman and UC certified integrated pest management specialist. He does extensive consulting for backyard orchards.



We hope you all can come to hear Hudson. It promises to be a lively presentation!

Please note: this meeting will be held on the **fourth** Monday of the month. All other monthly meetings will be on the **third** Monday of the month.

### Pre-meeting Rose Care Program with Q&A

At 7:00 p.m. Deborah Magnuson, Consulting Rosarian, will be presenting a short program in the Consulting Rosarian Corner about successfully growing roses. Her 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. Parking is available next to the Casa del Prado or in the National History Museum's parking lot. 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.



*'Hula Hoop'*

# Pay Attention to Your Roses' Roots!

By Rita Perwich, Consulting Rosarian and Master Gardener [ritaperwich@gmail.com](mailto:ritaperwich@gmail.com)

*The care and attention a rose gets underground is even more important than the care a rose is given above ground.  
Sam Jones, Master Rosarian*

Everything we rosarians do in the rose garden is geared toward producing our best blooms possible. This month we focus on what lies 'down under' as our end goal of multiple cycles of gorgeous blooms depends upon the health of our roses' roots and the conditions they encounter in the soil.

## **The Root System**

Roots have two functions.

### **Anchor Roots**

The long, thick roots you see when you plant a bare root rose are the anchor roots. These roots will support the canes until the thousands of feeder roots develop. You want your planting hole to comfortably accommodate these roots, so dig a hole eighteen inches deep and twenty-four inches wide. Cut broken roots, but don't bend or shorten them to fit the hole. Irrigate deeply to encourage downward growth of these roots. This especially assists the plant in the summer.

### **Feeder Roots**

These roots are thin and fibrous. They absorb air, water and nutrients from the soil and provide nutrients in a liquid form to the plant so it can produce beautiful blooms and healthy foliage. These roots, which are fragile, grow best in a light, porous soil and can easily grow to a width of two to three feet. When you transplant a rose, dig a big rootball to avoid the shock which occurs when you break the feeder roots and impede water absorption to the plant.

## **Healthy Soil is Crucial to Good Plant Growth**

A porous, organically rich soil encourages deep growth of the anchor roots and ample food, air and water for our roses' feeder roots. Soil contains important microorganisms such as bacteria, algae and fungi, but we need to periodically apply organic material such as compost, aged manures, humic acid and mulch into and onto our soils to ensure that the roots have the nutrients to provide our roses with everything they need to flourish. Mixtures of organic ingredients such as blood meal, bone meal, cottonseed meal, alfalfa meal, seaweed and fishmeal can be found in formulas such as Bio-Start, Ada Perry's Magic Formula, Mills Magic Rose Mix, Dr. Earth, BioSol or E.B. Stone. Add these to your soil this month following the instructions on the label. The microorganisms in our soil decompose these organics into a form that our plant roots can absorb for the plants' use. Loose organically rich soil also attracts and encourages earthworms which further benefit our roses by enriching the soil with their castings and opening up passageways for our plants' roots to grow.

Covering our soil with a three-inch layer of organic mulch protects our roses' roots and enhances their function by keeping the soil at a moderate temperature in hot weather and also holding in water. Mulch also keeps the soil texture looser allowing the feeder roots an expanded zone for growth with a resultant greater intake of nutrients and water for the plant. Don't walk on rose beds or tamp down the soil with your feet when you plant a rose as you want to avoid impairing the transfer of oxygen to the roots.

## **Grafted Roots or Own Roots**

Most of the roses you buy in the nurseries are grafted roses which are composed of two varieties. The canes on the rose bush are your desired variety, whereas the roots are from a rose that does well in our climate. The place they are joined is called the bud union. The plant takes its inherent qualities from the grafted cultivar, not the plant that was used for the roots.

### **Own-Root Rose**

Unlike grafted roses, the roots of own-root roses are the same variety as their flowering tops. Miniature roses, some shrub roses, many old-garden roses and hard-to-find roses are often propagated from cuttings and are shipped in bands or sleeves. You can order own-root roses on the internet from specialty nurseries such as Heirloom Roses, Rogue Valley Roses, High Country Roses and the Antique Rose Emporium.

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### Which Is Better: Own-Root or Grafted?

Grafting is the most efficient and least expensive method for growers to propagate roses. This method also produces a larger plant for the consumer to buy. The disadvantage is that grafted roses can sometimes put out growth from the rootstock below the bud union. This is called a sucker and must be pulled out to stop its growth. Growers in colder climates often prefer own-root roses as freezing temperatures can easily damage the bud union and leave only the rootstock. Some rosarians claim own-root roses are healthier than grafted roses as they are less susceptible to viruses that may be spread by rootstock in grafted roses.

### Different Rootstocks

In our region, the rootstock is typically *Dr. Huey* as it grows well in California and propagates, stores and ships easily. *Fortuniana* rootstock is used in Florida as it is tolerant to nematodes, a common pest in Florida. It is a very vigorous rootstock and performs well in warmer states like California. Because its roots extend farther out than other rootstocks, the result is a bigger rose with larger blooms and the added bonus of being resistant to root nematodes. You will not find roses grafted on *Fortuniana* in the nursery, but you can order these roses from specialty nurseries such as K & M Nursery and Cool Roses. *Multiflora* rootstock is often used for colder climates and not often used in California as it does not generally grow as well in our alkaline soil.

Our roses' roots are all important to the need for a large and continual supply of food, air and water. If your blooms are disappointing, go back to basics and check whether all is well 'down under.'



Roses grafted onto '*Dr. Huey*' rootstock  
Left: rose plants soaking in water for 24 hours before planting.  
Center: Showing bud union (arrow) of '*Dr. Huey*' rootstock below, and grafted rose bush above  
Right: Planting of '*Dr. Huey*' grafted rose.



A rose (left) grafted onto '*Multiflora*' rootstock, right.



A hybrid tea rose grafted onto '*Fortuniana*' rootstock

## **A Blast From the Past!** **Valuable Articles from Past Issues of *Rose Ramblings***

*(Editor's Note: Here is an information-packed article by Master Rosarin Sue Streeper from the December, 1999 issue of Rose Ramblings. It still has very pertinent information on successful rose growing techniques. Reprinted by permission of the author.*

### **Planting Plans**

By Sue Streeper

About mid December you will find bare root roses in the nurseries. December and January are prime planting times for roses. Here is what you should do to get them off to a good start.

First, buy your rose from a nursery that has taken good care of the plant before it becomes yours. The best source is a nursery that sells out of sawdust bins. You can also expect good results from mail-order bare roots from established rose companies who want happy repeat customers. Less satisfactory are the packaged rose plants sold in grocery stores, drug stores or some chain stores with nursery departments. Roots are severely pruned to fit into packages, and dehydration often occurs if the package sits on the shelf for weeks.

Whatever the source of the rose, it will benefit from a lengthy soak, top and bottom, in a large trash can of water. It should have at least overnight to hydrate, and even a week is okay. Don't plant a dried-out plant.

The hole you dig for your new rose should easily accommodate its roots. You will need a hole at least 14 inches deep and 18 inches wide. Mix three parts of native soil with one part of something organic like well-aged compost or bagged humus from the nursery. In the bottom of the hole spread a cup of superphosphate and a half cup of sulfate of potash. Don't take a chance with bone meal which is too basic

for our alkaline soils. Bandini packages both superphosphate and sulfate of potash in reasonable-sized bags. Walter Andersen has a complete line of all of the necessary fertilizers in many sizes. Over those chemicals spread a thin layer of your planting dirt to keep the roots from direct contact with them. Then put a mound of planting soil in the middle of the hole as a support for the rose plant whose roots you will spread over it.

Before planting the rose, make a new cut on each of the roots to stimulate new growth. Cut off any broken or too-long roots. On the top of the plant, prune back the stub of the root stock so that it is flush with the bud union. Cut off completely any spindly or broken canes, but wait to prune the good canes until the plant has shoots an inch or so long. Then prune to the best-growing buds with emphasis on the outside of the plant.

Once your plant is on the mount, fill in the hole with your organically-enriched soil. Pat down gently but do most of the soil settling by watering in the hole. Let your hose eliminate any air pockets in the planting hole. Make sure your rose is planted as high as possible. You need to have the roots covered, but the bottom of the bud union should be about four inches above the soil grade at the time of planting. Natural settling of the plant plus addition of mulch later on will make it hard eventually to keep the bud

union where it belongs—in the air and not buried. Water your new rose every two or three days for the first few weeks.

You should be rewarded for your efforts with a vigorously-growing rose bush this spring. You will get some growth out of the original canes, but your best growth will come as "basal breaks," canes right out of the bud union. At the end of the first year pruning time, hopefully you will have enough new basal breaks that you can prune away the original canes which were on the bare root plant. That's how your rose keeps renewing itself with productive new strong growth.

Don't feed your new rose until it has put out leaves, probably in late February or March. Then you can feed it along with your established plants.

**Planting from a can.** If you are planting in the ground a plant which you have previously grown in a container, here is the method which minimizes transplant shock. Dig the hole just a little larger than the plastic can in which the rose is growing, but to the correct depth. In the hole, place an identical empty can, fill in the spaces around it with soil, and water to settle the dirt. In a couple of days, remove the empty pot, carefully take the potted rose (pruned) out of its container, and fit it into the perfectly-sized hole. The rose won't miss a beat!

## Ring Around the Roses!

By Elaine Ornelas, [cornelas1949@att.net](mailto:cornelas1949@att.net)

With our climatic changes, unpredictable rain patterns and drought issues, my husband and I have been trying to maintain a reasonable irrigation system for our roses over these last years. We know that roses love water and do not do well without an ample supply. So early on, we tried manually watering with a hose. This worked fine when we first had six roses. But now we have 120 roses and hand-watering would take an enormous amount of time, not to mention effort in dragging the awkward hose everywhere!

So several years ago we installed a watering system using a series of small hoses with sprinkler heads attached obtained from Home Depot. The sprinkler heads only emitted water over about a 6 inches perimeter so several heads were needed for the larger roses. We also laid long, small diameter soaker hoses in the same rose beds to cover all of the bed area since we have some companion plants in with the roses. Most of the time I would still 'pre-water' with a hose to be sure the entire area around the rose was dampened so that the water from the sprinkler heads would saturate the soil sufficiently. But it was still a lot of effort.

During a visit with our good friends Robert and Kristine Russell at their home in Crest, we were talking about irrigation with them. I'm sure many of you are aware of the beautiful roses that the Russells produce in their garden, often winning high awards at the rose shows. Robert showed us the drip watering system he uses and we thought we could try it too. He also has a novel system where he adds a small amount of fertilizer to this drip watering system every time he turns on the irrigation system. But we just wanted to mimic his watering system first. It basically uses a similar tubing system as we were using but instead of the sprinkler heads, he uses small tubing attached to a ring of different small tubing that has small pores or emitters in it. So the ring surrounds the roses and reaches a larger area than just a single sprinkler head.



*Original sprinkler heads*

So we are in the process of changing over to the 'ring' system. Since we have just recently completed our yearly January pruning, I thought it would be interesting to share photos of the tubing system of the rings. It is fairly easy to do. We obtained the emitter tubing from Amazon. (Drip Irrigation Line 1/4" Tubing 100' roll, 6" Emitter Spacing 52 GHP, Color Black) Once the tubing is changed over to the new system, we will feed our roses for the first time in February and cover all of the tubing with four inches of mulch to conserve moisture. We will keep you posted on the success of our transformation!

(We know there are many other irrigation systems used by rosarians, like the popular Netafim system, but we are trying this one first to test for efficiency.)



*Completed ring apparatus*



*Ring attached to master irrigation tubing with small tubing*

*Emitter in small tubing of ring*





## Mulch! Mulch! Mulch!

By Elaine Ornelas, [ornelas1949@att.net](mailto:ornelas1949@att.net)

So often at rose care seminars and in discussion with consulting rosarians, we hear about the importance of adding mulch to our rose gardens. Why is that? What are the benefits of adding mulch? Mulching your roses helps to reduce water usage as it shields the ground from the effects of the hot sun, reducing soil temperature and evaporation. It also holds back the growth of those pesky weeds. The right type of mulch will break down over time to become compost, which will enrich the soil.

This month is a good time to add your mulch to your rose garden. We typically wait until after the first feeding in mid-February so that we don't have to pull back the mulch to add the fertilizer material. Add 3-4 inches of mulch around the individual roses or better still, over the entire rose garden. It will slowly break down and release nutrients as it does.

There are many types of mulch which can be purchased in bulk or by the bag. Here are some of the types of compost and the locations where they can be obtained which are used by our society's rosarians.

### Ruth Tiffany

Here is the Mulch information from Hanson's Aggregate-----

A-1 Miramar Soils 9229 Harris Plant Rd. San Diego, CA 92145

Office #858-974-3849

M-F 7am-3pm, Sat 7am-1pm, Sun Closed

A-1 Lifelike 3/8" Compost \$26.00 per cu yard

A-1 Lifelike 1/8" Humus \$32.00 per cu yard

Queen of Show Rose Mix \$70.00 per cu yard

Mics. Bags \$7.50 Each (holds 1-2cft)\*Customers are responsible for shoveling their own material

A-1 Slaughterhouse Canyon Soils 12560 Hwy 67

Lakeside, CA 92040

Office #858-547-2141

M-F 7am-3pm, Sat & Sun Closed

A-1 Lifelike 3/8" Compost \$20.00 per cu yard

A-1 Lifelike 1/8" Humus \$30.00 per cu yard

Queen of Show Rose Mix \$70.00 per cu yard

Mics. Bags \$7.50 each (holds 1-2cft)\*Customers are responsible for shoveling their own material

\*There will be a \$4.00 Environmental Fee added per truck load purchase. If you purchase our bags there will be no fee.

The A-1Lifelike 3/8" Compost is much better when used as a "Mulch" as opposed to raw wood or bark mulches as they contain coarse raw wood that draws nitrogen from the soil to help decompose.

The A-1Lifelike 3/8" Compost builds the soil and imparts beneficial microbes (that help reduce infestation of unwanted microbes as the beneficial microbes out compete unwanted ones] and add nitrogen to the soil, continuing to feed the soil. That is the best part about using it as mulch; it builds the soil that it is covering as it continues to decompose. When you start to see the bare soil underneath it, it is time to add more.

Linda Clark's husband, Ralph Reagan, was so nice last year to help with delivery of the Hanson compost described above and he is willing again this year to help. So kind! Here is his message to our members.

*"I am retiring so I would be willing to deliver 3 yard max loads of compost (two yards Queen of Show) in my small truck within a 5 mile radius of closest plant to members for \$100 + the cost of the materials. I know often folks cannot get a big ten wheel dump truck where they need it and it costs more!*

*Thanks,*

*Ralph*

*619-639-5769"*

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**Ken Huff and Gary Bulman**

“Ken and I get our mulch from Evergreen Nursery, 13650 Carmel Valley Rd., San Diego. The description is "planting mix & mulch bulk" at a cost of \$16.50 per yard and they will deliver for \$80.”

**Sue Streeper**

“I use Lifelike 3/8-inch screened compost from A-1 Soils. The cost per yard is \$20, and the delivery cost to El Cajon is \$165. The delivery cost will vary depending on the address to which it is delivered. There are two locations for A-1: Lakeside and Miramar. Mine comes from Lakeside.”

**Bob Martin**

“We use the Forest Mulch from Agri Services in Oceanside. <https://agriserviceinc.com/product-summary-pricing/>”

## Monthly Rose Care Advice and Practices for February from SDRS Consulting Rosarians

From Sue Streeper, [streeper@cox.net](mailto:streeper@cox.net) (Residence in El Cajon)

Now is the time to put the rose garden in growing mode, so watering will get pushed up to three times a week and fertilizing will start on Valentine’s Day.

From Bill and Elaine Ornelas [bornelas1945@att.net](mailto:bornelas1945@att.net) [cornelas1949@att.net](mailto:cornelas1949@att.net)

(Residence in Clairemont/Bay Park)

During the last week of January, we will complete the pruning of our 120 roses and will remove their leaves. We will also clean up the debris and leaves from around each rose bush and discard it. Then we will spray the roses with a dormant spray which, for us, is a combination of horticultural oil and copper fungicide. This is helpful in suppressing diseases, insects and their eggs. February is an exciting time when the roses enter into their growth cycle.

Around February 14th, we will add our first batch of rose food consisting of Bio-Start, alfalfa meal, and John & Bob’s Soil Optimizer. We will then lay down a 4” layer of mulch which is a good material to stabilize soil moisture. It will also break down slowly, adding to the nutrients of the soil. This is watered in well if there is not enough rain at that time. Now we get to watch and wait for our first emerging sprouts to appear! Exciting times!

From Christine and Rand Allan, [callan@san.rr.com](mailto:callan@san.rr.com) (Residence on Mt. Soledad)

By February, we have completed the pruning of our roses (we barely made it by February 1<sup>st</sup>). It is always tricky trying to time the pruning of our roses to coincide with the SDRS rose show because it always depends on the weather. The show is scheduled for the first weekend in May and we exhibit our roses there, which would be our first bloom of the season. We also make sure that our roses have plenty of mulch. Then we look forward to the middle of February when we show our roses some love on Valentine’s Day by giving them their first fertilizing. We wait to see the first leaf bud eyes starting to put forth some leaflets. It is also time to thumb prune the interior facing bud eyes that have also developed leaflets. We fertilize our roses every two weeks between the middle of February and May. Our fertilizing regimen uses the famous Grow More products which SDRS sells as part of their annual fundraiser. (Thanks again Ruth Tiffany!). Our fertilizing process includes placing one cup of BioStart on each full-grown rose (less on miniatures), then working it into the soil making sure the ground is already moist. Then we add a combined solution of one-half cup Magnum Grow, two tablespoons of fish emulsion, and two tablespoons of seaweed extract to a two-gallon bucket of water. Each rose receives their own bucket of that water/fertilizer solution. We continue with our same watering schedule of three times a week for a ten-minute cycle using our automatic drip/bubbler watering system.

## It's Still Membership Renewal Time!

By Kirk Rummel, [knrummel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:knrummel@sbcglobal.net)

With the holidays nearly over it is time to renew your membership with our San Diego Rose Society. We had a wonderful year with good programs, important information shared, a wonderful Christmas party and above all, good fellowship with our friends. We can expect next year to be as great so renew as soon as possible. To remind you, some of the welcome benefits of belonging to our society include the following:

- ◆ Nine information-packed issues of our famous **Rose Ramblings** publication
- ◆ General meetings (usually the third Monday of the month) of the SDRS with **excellent programs**
- ◆ Sharing your **common interest in roses** with other rose lovers
- ◆ Participation in the SDRS **Little Rose Shows** to display and learn more about showing your roses
- ◆ Access to the annual rose **fertilizer sale** with substantial savings on the fertilizer
- ◆ Several SDRS events during the year including the annual **rose pilgrimage** to interesting garden locations
- ◆ **Rose pruning demonstration** at the Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden in Balboa Park the second Saturday in January
- ◆ **Rose care seminar** offered once per year
- ◆ **Pot-luck gatherings** prior to rose society meetings twice a year
- ◆ An annual **rose show** held in May when roses are at their prime bloom
- ◆ The annual **holiday luncheon** held in December gathering fellow rose lovers together
- ◆ Chance to win established rose plants and other items at a **raffle** at monthly meeting for only one raffle ticket
- ◆ So much more!

Some renewals are coming in but we need to get straight at the beginning of the year. So, renew now to keep these benefits and if reading this without being a member, please sign up.

We've included a membership form with this edition of the newsletter so print it out, write a check and mail it to our post office box which is PO Box 86124, San Diego, CA 92138 before you forget! If none of your information has changed, you need not fill in the form but send the check marked clearly that it is for MEMBERSHIP. Or bring your dues to the next meeting.

Finally, please give some thought to the level of membership you select. For all the benefits of membership we enjoy, please think about raising the level of your membership so we can feel comfortable with our financial situation.

***This is Your Society!***  
***Come and harvest all of the benefits of being a  
member as well as volunteer for one of the many  
events.***

***It's Great to Belong!***

## Wow! Over 27 New Members in January! Welcome!

In our last issue of *Rose Ramblings* we welcomed one new member. In this issue we are saying hello to **thirty-six** new folks! Undoubtedly this has been due to our highly successful rose care seminar and then our annual rose pruning demonstration in Balboa Park. I think most of you have joined after attending one of those activities. It appears about eleven people joined at the seminar and at least nine from the pruning event. So....without further bragging about how good our society is let us welcome the following folks:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Amy Gailey                | Joan Dolasinski            | Vladimir Vooss             |
| Gary Collins              | Dee Hyding                 | Martin Wai                 |
| Cristina Moyer            | Linda Freeman              | Cam Tran                   |
| Constance Schmitt Newgard | Louise Conway              | Beverley Altman            |
| Louise Ojeda              | Lisa Perkis                | Gretchen von Helms         |
| Susanne Esparza           | Mary Magnuson              | Denise Jenkins             |
| Renee Santos              | Nicola Suttner             | Kathleen Cole              |
| Richard Lesser            | Nguyen Nhan                | Nancy Hoffman              |
| Kristy Higdon             | Audrey Andrade             | Wanda Bass and Harry Doyle |
| Susan Sterling            | Helen Van Boxtel           | Eleanor Stephenson         |
| Joe Mosher and J-Fee Lin  | Valerie Stephenson         | Maria Barry                |
|                           | Clara and Larry Hieshetter |                            |

### AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY TRIAL MEMBERSHIP

The American Rose Society is now offering a four-month trial membership for only \$10 to anyone who is interested in becoming members of our organization. Most ARS members are home gardeners who enjoy growing roses and want to expand their knowledge of rose culture.

#### Four-Month Trial Members receive:

- Free advice from Consulting Rosarians. The ARS Consulting Rosarians program connects members with expert rosarians that provide free assistance with your rose questions.
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## ‘Heroes Unite!’

### SDRS Rose Garden at the 2020 Del Mar Fair

By Zella Burk, [zellaburk@gmail.com](mailto:zellaburk@gmail.com)

This year’s 2020 San Diego County Fair theme is ‘Heroes Unite’. The goal for landscape gardens is to recognize local horticultural heroes. This year’s SDRS garden will honor Mr. Dick Streeper (1932-2014), The Rose Man, for his visionary leadership establishing the Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden in Balboa Park, creating the Rose Garden Corps to care for that garden, writing a column for the San Diego Union Tribune teaching the home rose gardener, and being a leader and awarded member of the American Rose Society and San Diego Rose Society.

This year the 2020 SDRS landscape garden will consist of past 2019 roses fostered one last time by Mrs. Sue Streeper. The garden design of two intersecting rings should be completed and submitted to the fair by March 7, 2020. A few potted roses will also be featured with a watering drip system. Banners depicting projects Mr. Streeper worked on in his ‘Rose Man’ career will be highlighted on the backdrop. Night time lighting will add beauty for evening visitors.

The following dates are set by the fair for set up and teardown:

Landscape set up: May 16 - May 31

Judging: June 1

Open fair dates: June 5 - July 5. CLOSED MONDAYS

Bloom N Art Garden Party: June 6-7

Teardown: July 6 - July 9

Normally members are encouraged to volunteer as docents to help staff the SDRS fair landscape exhibit, answer questions and talk about roses. This year, as in the past, it would be beneficial to have docents inside the O’Brien Exhibit Hall on flower show days. This year Tuesday and Friday flower show dates would offer a great opportunity to talk roses with the visiting public. Please consider volunteering at the fair.

We do need a 2020 docent administrator to recruit volunteers, manage time slots and distribute fair pass documents.

Any members interested in building, maintenance and teardown are also needed to make this garden happen. Interested parties please contact **Zella Burk**. 619-606-5121 [zellaburk@gmail.com](mailto:zellaburk@gmail.com).

## Did You Know?

By Elaine Ornelas, [ornelas1949@att.net](mailto:ornelas1949@att.net)

**Gophers love roses!** Well, they actually love EATING rose roots. Once these pesky little creatures start eating the roots the plant itself will start failing with leaves falling and the canes dying. So what to do!?! Many methods have been tried. Poison bait, flooding their tunnels with a hose, gassing them, killing them with spring-loaded traps, cayenne pepper, castor oil, noisy, vibrating devices, planting gopher spurge plants, smoking them out, placing the car’s exhaust down their tunnels, inviting owls or other predators into the yard, hiring professional exterminators are all methods that have been tried with some level of success. I was recently sent a video of a man setting off some kind of explosive in a gopher hole, nearly blowing himself, his dogs and his yard to bits! I guess we really have issues with these little rodents.

For my husband and me, since we live on a canyon, we have had our issues with gophers. As much as we try not to exterminate any form of wildlife, we do not have much sympathy for gophers because of their destructive habits. We have terminated a few using a trap that is very effective in exterminating them quickly and mercifully. After their demise we toss them into the canyon and the predatory birds are grateful to have them. We really don’t like to use poison bait.

But we have found one of the most effective deterrents is a gopher basket made of small diameter chicken wire or hardware cloth (wire) (pictured right). We form a basket-shaped wire structure and place it in the hole that has been dug for a new rose. The rose plant is placed in it and the soil packed in. Another method we use is to place the same type of chicken wire all over the bottom and up the sides of new raised beds that we are making. This serves the same purpose by discouraging gophers from entering where any roots are. There are also gopher baskets available commercially. (pictured left)

We wish all of you luck in combating these little furry creatures! Hope that the baskets work for you!

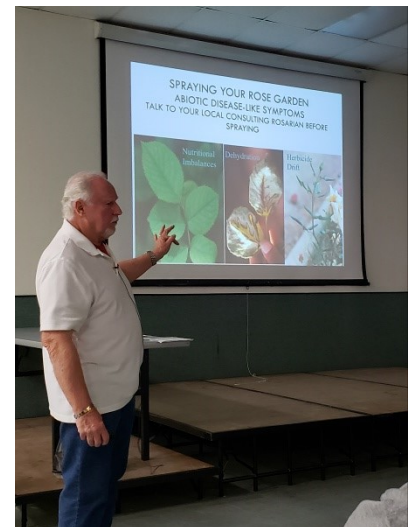
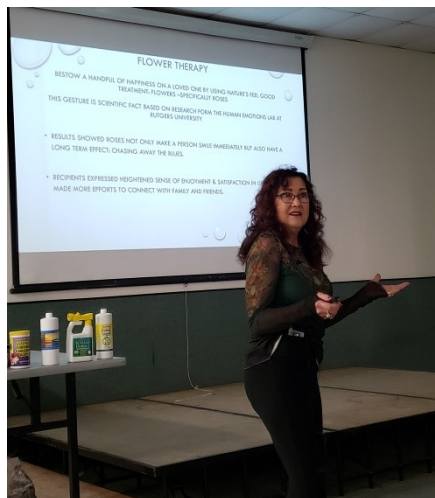
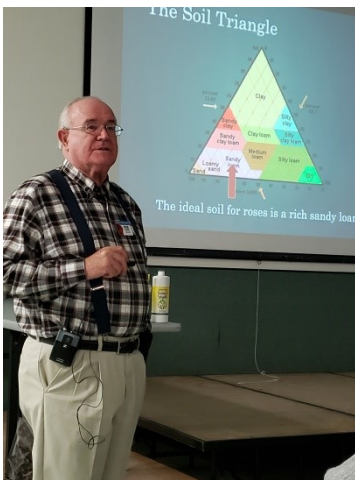


# SDRS Rose Care Seminar

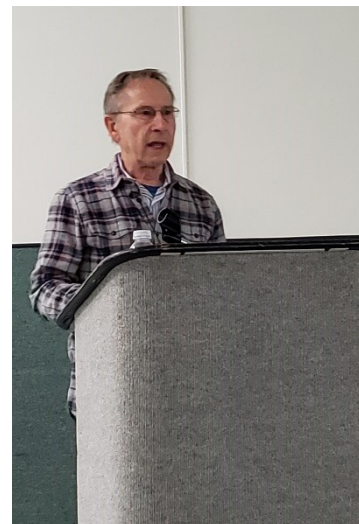
By Elaine Ornelas, [cornelas1949@att.net](mailto:cornelas1949@att.net)

On January 4th, after much planning by Gary Bulman and Steve Berry, our society hosted a Rose Care Seminar in room 101 at Casa del Prado in Balboa Park. This event was resurrected after several years of our not hosting one. But it was well worth the wait and was very well attended. Again, the use of social media and other means of publication assisted in getting out the word that this was to be a valuable seminar to rose lovers.

ARS President **Bob Martin** started off the seminar with an excellent presentation about choosing the right location for planting a rose bush, USDA zones, soil nutrient balance, and various rootstocks. **Ruth Tiffany** gave a talk on fertilizer and the values of choosing the right one for the needs of roses. This is Ruth's specialty and she is considered an expert on the topic. She also presented information on the values of mulch, as well as a balanced disease and pest control program. Consulting Rosarian **Tom Cooney**, visiting from Alisa Viejo, CA, offered comprehensive information on disease and pest management. He had useful photographs of the various disease and pests that can adversely affect roses, and the best control measures for them, including important safety aspects. **Frank Brines** gave information on his own personal journey into rose growing, including his involvement with the Temecula Valley Rose Society's Rose Haven Heritage Garden. **Gary Bulman** gave a comprehensive demonstration of how to pot or repot a rose. He then proceeded to take many folks over to the Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden to do a hands-on demonstration of rose pruning techniques. It was indeed a comprehensive and informative seminar and well-received by the attendees. Hope everyone gets a chance to join us for next year's seminar.



*Clockwise from upper left:  
Bob Martin, Ruth Tiffany,  
Tom Cooney, Frank Brines,  
Gary Bulman*



## Creative Use of Roses: Rose Water

By Kristine Russell, [ruslranch@cox.net](mailto:ruslranch@cox.net)

I don't know about you but in January when we prune our roses it makes me a little sad. I know it's necessary but I do miss the blooms for a couple months. So, I thought to myself – the last bloom of the season needs to be put to use! After all, the petals have no residue on them since we have not been spraying.

This is a perfect time to gather our last petals and make homemade rose water, rose oil, rose lemonade, and rose scones! Over the course of the next few months I will share how I make these products starting with the rose water!

Rose water is not only amazingly fragrant but also extremely versatile. It can be used in baking, skin care tonic, perfume, cooling mist, linen freshener....the possibilities are endless. Rose water has abundant antioxidants that help strengthen skin cells and rejuvenate skin tissues. The aroma of roses is a powerful mood enhancer and has calming properties.

Here is my recipe for Rose Water:

- ◆ Take equal of parts of water and rose petals (2 cups of water to 2 cups of rose petals) and place them in a pan.
- ◆ Cover the pan with a lid and bring to a boil. Once the water boils lower the flame and allow the water to simmer until all the color of rose petals is gone and the petals are pale.
- ◆ Let the water cool completely and remove rose petals with a sieve or strainer.
- ◆ Store the rose water in refrigerator.

The rose water lasts for weeks in the refrigerator and I have successfully frozen the rose water up to a year. I always have a batch of rose water around! Use as a refreshing spray, pour rose water in a little spray bottle, keep in refrigerator and use it daily on your face, mist pillows, even a little in your bath.

I hope you enjoy your rose water as much as I do mine!



*Kristine Russell and her prize-winning entry at the recent Desert Rose Show*





## A Walk in Our Garden: Hybrid Tea Newcomers

By Robert B. Martin Jr., ARS President and Master Rosarian, [petrose@aol.com](mailto:petrose@aol.com)

*“Find time to feed your soul.”*  
~ Anne Morrow Lindbergh

In the last two installments I introduced you to the established hybrid teas in our garden, including our exhibition “bankers”, i.e. hybrid teas that have proven to be capable of providing consistent contenders for the show tables. Concluding my discussion of hybrid teas, I turn to those hybrid tea newcomers in our garden which appear (or in some cases are certain) to have the potential of becoming bankers in the future.

### **Horizon Roses**

I have found that one of the great joys in growing roses is the discovery of something new. Like other exhibitors I am always looking for that hot new exhibition variety that will rise on to the trophy tables. Exhibitors are not alone in this regard. Everyday gardeners look forward each fall to the rose catalogues and updated web pages that bring photos of beautiful new varieties they must have for their gardens. One of the pleasures of breeding roses is in seeing that first bloom on an exciting new one-of-a-kind offspring of selected parents. Even enthusiasts of Old Garden Roses enjoy rose “rustling”, searching cemeteries and abandoned homesteads to find lost roses that can be new again.

For exhibitors, the best source of knowledge about new roses is an annual publication called *Horizon Roses*. Now in its 36th year, *Horizon Roses 2019* is the latest compilation of comments by the nation's top rose exhibitors on the exhibition potential of the newest hybrid teas, floribundas, miniflora and miniature roses. For most exhibitors, it has long been considered the indispensable guide to buying new show roses.

To illustrate its breadth, *Horizon Roses 2019* contains 1,371 reports by 97 reporters from 24 different states on the exhibition potential of 233 roses introduced in the last five years. The reports include 52 new roses not mentioned in prior issues. All comments are candid and reported in the words of the reporter. Supplementing the comments are individual color photographs of 195 roses, in line with the text.

*Horizon Roses 2019* is available in electronic format for Kindle, as well as a print version that can be ordered from Amazon.

*Horizon Roses* considers a rose “new” if it has been introduced or otherwise became generally available in the U.S. in the last five years. Those roses considered to have exceptional merit and potential are then added to the *Horizon Roses* “Honor Roll” consisting of roses that have received high ratings in past issues of *Horizon Roses* by exhibitors from a wide cross section of the country.

### **Honor Roll Newcomers**

Turning to the new and relatively new hybrid teas of promise in our garden, there are several that have already made the *Horizon Roses* Honor Roll. The first of these is ‘**Crescendo**’, a 2016 addition to the Honor Roll. ‘**Crescendo**’ is a pink blend HT introduced in 2011 by Jackson & Perkins. It was hybridized by Keith Zary from a cross of ‘Gemini’ × ‘New Zealand’. The rose was introduced in Nashville to honor the Nashville Symphony Orchestra. ‘Crescendo’ was Keith Zary’s third Honor Roll winner, joining his hybrid teas, ‘Gemini’ and ‘Veterans’ Honor’.



In our garden we find ‘**Crescendo**’ to be very similar to ‘Gemini’. As an aside, I have found that the offspring of ‘Gemini’ are often quite similar and in some cases nearly indistinguishable from ‘Gemini’. And like ‘Gemini’, the bloom form of ‘**Crescendo**’ is soft and the petals prone to spotting. Individual blooms cut for show therefore require early cutting and opening indoors. Nevertheless, the form is there and the stems and leathery foliage are adequate to push an excellent specimen on to the trophy table. And, like ‘Gemini’, ‘**Crescendo**’ makes compelling sprays.

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Another hybrid tea in our garden that has already reached the Honor Roll is **'Mr. Caleb'** a 2017 addition. **'Mr. Caleb'** is a medium red hybrid tea introduced in 2012. It was bred by Fred Wright from a cross of two Honor Roll hybrid teas, **'Gemini'** × **'St. Patrick'**, and was reportedly named after his grandson. It produces large solid red blooms that are perfectly round, perfectly formed, and of good size. The bush itself has semi-glossy, dark green foliage, and grows at an unhurried pace that will reward the patience of the exhibitor.



*'Mr. Caleb'*



*'Sunny Sundays'*

The most recent addition to the Honor Roll is **'Sunny Sundays'**, added in 2019. **'Sunny Sundays'** is a yellow-blend hybrid introduced in 2014. It was bred by John Smith from a cross of the hybrid teas, **'Gemini'** and **'St. Patrick'**, both Honor Roll roses and the same cross as **'Mr. Caleb'**. This is the third rose hybridized by John Smith to reach the Honor Roll, following previous honorees, the hybrid teas, **'Randy Scott'** and **'Snuffy'**.

In our garden, **'Sunny Sundays'** is distinguished by its rich blend of color and outstanding form. The bush is nice and vigorous, building with each bloom cycle and producing individual blooms on good stems. Blooms tend to fade in the hot sun and benefit from some shading or being allowed to open indoors.

### Orange is the New Blue

Looking ahead to future editions of *Horizon Roses*, I see one exceptional rose destined as an automatic addition. That one is **'Ring of Fire'**, bred by my friend Chris Greenwood in 2017. **'Ring of Fire'** is a hybrid tea with vibrant orange blooms of great substance derived from its pollen parent, **'Marilyn Monroe'**. Its seed parent, **'Hotel California'** contributes wide petals that enhance its near perfect hybrid tea form. The bush is a strong, upright grower and well productive of bloom on long straight stems. In Southern California it laughs at heat and has already won multiple Queens of Show locally as well as in other areas of the country. It is quite simply one of the best hybrid teas ever and a must-have for anyone who wants to show roses.



*'Ring of Fire'*

Another newer orange rose of merit is **'Zach Nobles'**, an orange sport of **'Let Freedom Ring'** discovered by the outstanding exhibitor Satish Prabhu and named after one of his grandsons.



*'Zach Nobles'*

In our garden it is a newer bush growing well on **'Fortuniana'** and so far is in every respect like **'Let Freedom Ring'** except for the color. That means it should show very well, but now has the misfortune of being overshadowed by the vibrant orange **'Ring of Fire'**. You should have room for both.

### Family Ties

Turning to the rest of our encouraging newcomers, we have **'Sister Ruby'**, a hybrid tea introduced in 2012 and somewhat overlooked at the time, perhaps because of limited availability. **'Sister Ruby'** was bred by Fred Wright from a cross of the Honor Roll roses, **'Gemini'** × **'Moonstone'**. I first encountered it at the Carolina Top Gun conference in 2014 where the awesome specimen in the accompanying photo won an undisputed Queen.

Thereafter introduced to our garden, **'Sister Ruby'** has proven to be a vigorous upright grower that produces many beautiful white edged distinctive pink-lavender blooms framed by dark green foliage. The centers tend to be somewhat flat, and occasionally muddled but when they are good they are very, very good.



*'Sister Ruby'*

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'Sister Ruby' was apparently named after the breeder's sister, as was 'Sister Jane', which did not perform well in our garden. Another of the family is, however, showing promise, that being '**Brother Hugh**', a pinkish hybrid tea



with a white reverse that is now entering its third year in our garden. Thus far, the bush has displayed slow growth with only an occasional bloom. The blooms, however, are very attractive with encouraging spiral form and perfectly round, albeit on the small side. I continue to believe it will be a show rose when it starts to grow. '**Brother Hugh**' was also bred by Fred Wright, this from a cross of the hybrid teas 'Here's Gert' × 'Paradise', the latter a 1975 classic from Weeks.

'Here's Gert' also features in the breeding of Fred Wright's '**Loving Mom**', an apricot blend hybrid tea introduced in 2016. Now entering its fourth year in our garden, I had seen enough to give it a place in the ground last year, whereupon it has sat idly for the year contemplating I suppose its new environment. Although registered as an apricot, I'm seeing more of a pink

blend, cream with a blush pink edge. Initial blooms are nicely sized and formed but I am hoping to see a lot more of them this year after '**Loving Mom**' settles in.

I found it amusing that 'Here's Gert' was bred by the outstanding hybridizer Eddie Edwards and named after his mother, following which Fred Wright used it as a mother to produce his own '**Loving Mom**'.



We also grow one of the last introductions of Eddie Edwards before his retirement: '**Jewel Grace**', a pink blend hybrid tea introduced in 2012 from a cross of 'Veteran's Honor' × 'Marilyn Wellan', the latter a hybrid tea also bred by Eddie Edwards and named for my dear friend Marilyn Wellan, a past President of the American Rose Society and Gold Honor Medal recipient. In our garden '**Jewel Grace**' makes a well-shaped upright bush of languid but steady growth that is well productive of individual blooms. The dark pink and yellow bloom color is exceptionally rich and the excellent form is sharp and queenly. The stems are strong, straight and the foliage leathery.

### A Mother of My Roses

My discussion of mothers and family ties leads me to conclude this installment with a look at a rose that has been the mother of many of the roses that I have bred, and one I continue to use. That rose is '**Anne Morrow Lindbergh**', a pink, white and yellow blend hybrid tea. In our garden it is a huge upright bush on 'Fortuniana' with dozens of canes producing an abundance of classic high centered formed blooms with beautiful iridescent seashell color. For show purposes, the petals are very tender and are difficult to groom without splitting. It also does not refrigerate well and requires near perfect timing to get it to the show table.

The strength of '**Anne Morrow Lindbergh**' is as a mother. It is the mother of the great show rose, 'Gemini', which is why I selected it for use in breeding. It was also used as a seed parent in the production of the hybrid teas, 'Vanilla Perfume' and 'Diana, Princess of Wales', the namesake of the mother of the future king of England.

'**Anne Morrow Lindbergh**' as a seed parent produces large abundant hips, each of which contain large seeds that are relatively easy to handle. As a seed parent, it takes pollen easily and the seeds have a high rate of germination. But best of all, it produces multiple outstanding offspring of various colors.



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'Anne Morrow Lindbergh'

One of my earliest crosses was of 'Anne Morrow Lindbergh' x 'Glowing Amber' which produced my white floribunda, 'Pasadena Star'. A later cross of 'Anne Morrow Lindbergh' x 'Fairhope' produced the minifloras 'Butter Cream' and its sister seedling 'Peter Cottontail'. A cross with my rose 'Bolivar' produced the floribunda, 'Peachy Cheeks'. Subsequent crosses with the floribunda 'Julia Child' produced an abundance of offspring, including the floribunda, 'Escondido Sunset'; the shrub, 'Ruth Tiffany'; and the minifloras, 'Angel Grace', 'Bronze Medal' and 'Coconut Shrimp'.

The breeding of 'Anne Morrow Lindbergh' itself is something of a mystery. The 1993 patent application discloses that it was bred by the late William A. Warriner, from a cross of two unnamed seedling varieties known only as "78-5563" x "75-3762". It was originally introduced in 1993 in Australia and named 'Melinda Gainsford', after a well-known Australian athlete. Some clue as to the parentage of those varieties is suggested by the roses selected as "comparators" in a comparative trial conducted in Australia from October 1993 – April 1994. There the comparators were 'Pristine' and 'Princess De Monaco', either or both of which could plausibly have played a role in the genealogy of 'Anne Morrow Lindbergh'.

Curiously, I had a hand in the naming of the rose, 'Anne Morrow Lindbergh'. In 1993, while then with the Pasadena Rose Society I was approached by one of our members who was a publicist for the then 87-year old Anne Morrow Lindbergh. She told me that Anne Morrow Lindbergh loved roses and was willing to lend her name to a suitable rose, notwithstanding that she had never previously permitted her name to be used as an endorsement of any product. At my suggestion she contacted Jackson & Perkins Co who, liking the idea, presented photos of three ready-to-introduce roses for consideration. I selected the one with the seashell-like colors as being the most appropriate and Jackson & Perkins Co. introduced it into the United States in 1994 as 'Anne Morrow Lindbergh'. As a reward, I received a bush of the newly named variety.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh herself was born in 1906 in Englewood, New Jersey, and met Charles Lindbergh, the famous aviator in December 1927 when she was a 21-year-old college senior. After the tragic loss of their kidnapped first-born son, Charles, Jr., the couple moved to England in late 1935 mainly in an effort to protect their next child, Jon. Having moved back to the United States in 1939 they had four more children and many grandchildren with Charles passing away in 1974 and Anne in 2001.

During her lifetime Anne Morrow Lindbergh became a successful author, writing more than two dozen works of praise and poetry, including five volumes of her own diaries. Best known was her book, "Gift from the Sea", published in 1955. It remained on the nonfiction bestseller list of *The New York Times* for 80 weeks, 47 weeks at number one and sold 5 million copies during its first 20 years in print. Among the many well-known quotations from the book is one that speaks I believe of roses:

*"Arranging a bowl of flowers in the morning can give a sense of quiet in a crowded day—like writing a poem or saying a prayer. Among the most important times in one's life is when one is alone. Certain springs are tapped only when we're alone. The artist knows he must be alone to create, the writer to work out his thoughts, the musician to compose, the saint to pray. Find time to feed your soul."*

## Weeks Roses Available!

By Linda Clark, [lincline@cox.net](mailto:lincline@cox.net)

Weeks Roses has kindly donated 15 roses to the San Diego Rose Society. These will be given to members for only a \$25 donation (or more if you feel generous!). I am potting these bare root roses for everyone. These will be available for sale at my house on a first come, first service basis until they are gone. It will be variety of 'Queen of Elegance', 'Love at First Sight', and 'Celestial Night'. The proceeds will be used for the SDRS rose show awards this May. So send an email to me at [lincline@cox.net](mailto:lincline@cox.net) to let me know which roses you would like to have and we can arrange a pick-up date and time. They will move fast so call soon!

## You ask.....Where does that good coffee at the monthly meetings come from?

By Kirk Rummel, [knrummel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:knrummel@sbcglobal.net)

The coffee has been supplied from a company formed by the grandson of Kirk Rummel. Kirk the third (or Trey as a nickname) founded the company several years ago and only employs felons who have completed their sentences and are trying to reestablish a productive life. Cafe 504 is a small company based in Texas. They make premium mineral-infused coffee that directly supports small farmers in Honduras through their partnership with World Vision. Each bag purchased provides clean water to Honduras and creates lasting sustainable opportunities for Honduran farmers.

Trey sends his grandfather more than he can use and the rose society gets the rest. Try it and see if you like it. If you are interested in the work they do or would like to order some coffee visit [Cafe504.com](http://Cafe504.com). (My grandson is there!). Also check out the World Vision WASH program on their web site.

Above all, come to our meetings, learn about roses, meet new and old friends and try the coffee.



## Thank You!

By Linda Clark, [lincline@cox.net](mailto:lincline@cox.net)

I would sincerely like to thank everyone at the San Diego Rose Society for their generous gift to me of a CRG restaurant gift card at the last monthly meeting. This was to thank me for hosting our 2019 annual holiday party at our house. I was happy to host the party as all of you filled our home with warmth and love during the holiday season. Again, thank you so much!

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## 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:

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| Armstrong Garden Centers | <a href="http://www.armstronggarden.com">www.armstronggarden.com</a>         |
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| Hunters                  | <a href="http://www.huntersnursery.com">www.huntersnursery.com</a>           |
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| Heirloom Roses        | <a href="http://www.heirloomroses.com">www.heirloomroses.com</a>             |
| Burlington Roses      | <a href="http://www.burlingtonroses.com">www.burlingtonroses.com</a>         |
| Antique Rose Emporium | <a href="http://www.antiqueroseemporium">www.antiqueroseemporium</a>         |
| Roses Unlimited       | <a href="http://www.rosesunlimitedsc.com">www.rosesunlimitedsc.com</a>       |

## Event Calendars and Web Sites

### San Diego Rose Society Calendar of Events

2020

February 4, 2020, 7:30 pm: SDRS Board Meeting

\*February 24, 2020, 7:30 pm: SDRS Monthly Meeting

March 3, 2020, 7:30 pm: SDRS Board Meeting

March 10, 2020: Open Gardens—Bob and Dona Martin; (more details to come)

March 16, 2020, 7:30 pm: SDRS Monthly Meeting

April 19, 2020: Open Gardens—Ruth Tiffany and Sue Streeper; (more details to come)

May 2-3, 2020: SDRS Annual Rose Show, Ronald Reagan Community Center, 195 E. Douglas Ave., El Cajon, CA. (more details to follow)

May 16, 2020: SDRS Annual Pilgrimage (more details to come)

\*Note: The January and February meetings are held on the 4th Monday of these months because of the holidays. All other meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month. No meetings are held in July & August.

### Local/Regional Rose Events

2020

February 22, 2020: Consulting Rosarian School/Seminar; hosted by the Phoenix Rose Society; Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, AZ; contact: Gerry Mahoney at [xrose3@cox.net](mailto:xrose3@cox.net) or Dave Mahoney at [space.man@cox.net](mailto:space.man@cox.net)

April 11 & 12, 2020: Horticulture Judging Seminar and School hosted by Pacific Rose Society; Lecture Hall, Los Angeles Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA 91007 (more details to come)

April 18, 2020: Las Vegas Valley Rose Show; hosted by Las Vegas Valley Rose Society;

April 24-26, 2020: 65th Annual Pacific Southwest District Convention & Rose Show; hosted by the Pacific Rose Society; Monrovia, CA; contact: [www.pacificrosesociety.org](http://www.pacificrosesociety.org)

May 2, 2020, 1 pm to 4 pm; South Valley Rose Society Rose Show hosted by the South Valley Rose Society; University of Nevada Extension, 8050 Paradise Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89123; contact: Judith Kafantaris [judithkafantaris0625@gmail.com](mailto:judithkafantaris0625@gmail.com)

June 5—July 5, 2020 (closed Mondays): San Diego County Fair; Flower Show exhibition dates: June 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30, July 3

### National Events

2020

June 17-21, 2020: ARS spring National Convention & Rose Show; hosted by Pikes Peak Rose Society, Hotel Elegante, 2886 South Circle Dr., Colorado Springs, CO; contact: Diana Kilmer [originalsbydiana42@verizon.net](mailto:originalsbydiana42@verizon.net)

### Other Local Gardening Events

2020

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

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

### Useful Websites and Links

San Diego Rose Society ([www.sdrosesociety.org](http://www.sdrosesociety.org))

American Rose Society ([www.rose.org](http://www.rose.org))

American Rose Society Pacific Southwest District ([www.pswdroses.org](http://www.pswdroses.org))

Help Me Find (roses) ([www.helpmefind.com/rose](http://www.helpmefind.com/rose))

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

## New Process for Contacting Consulting Rosarians

By Elaine Ornelas, [ornelas1949@att.net](mailto:ornelas1949@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 receive 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 new 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.

**New SDRS email address: [sandiegorosesociety@gmail.com](mailto:sandiegorosesociety@gmail.com)**

### Consulting Rosarians for San Diego Rose Society

| Name                          | Area           | County<br>Location |
|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Christine Allan               | La Jolla       | W                  |
| Steve Berry                   | San Diego      | C                  |
| Frank Brines                  | San Diego      | E                  |
| Gary Bulman                   | Escondido      | N                  |
| Linda Clark                   | La Mesa        | E                  |
| Frank Hastings                | El Cajon       | E                  |
| Ken Huff                      | Escondido      | N                  |
| Bob Kolb                      | Sunset Cliffs  | W                  |
| John Lester                   | Tierrasanta    | C                  |
| Deborah Magnuson              | Clairemont     | W                  |
| Carl Mahanay                  | Imperial Beach | S                  |
| Dona Martin, Master Rosarian  | Escondido      | N                  |
| Bob Martin, Master Rosarian   | Escondido      | N                  |
| 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                  |
| Sue Streeper, Master Rosarian | El Cajon       | E                  |
| Ruth Tiffany, Master Rosarian | San Carlos     | E                  |

### In Our Thoughts and Prayers....

Please keep Tom Cooney in your prayers as he is successfully recovering from a heart attack and the procedure to insert a stent into the blocked artery.

Also, Patrick Powel suffered a stroke in January and is recovering well enough to come to the last SDRS monthly meeting. He is taking it easy. Please keep him in your prayers as well.



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