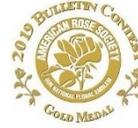




Rose Ramblings



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President's Message

By Deborah Magnuson, magnusond@sbcglobal.net



Let's take a trip down memory lane. Remember last month when many of us made New Year's resolutions? Studies suggest getting in shape and losing weight are the most common. If you think about it, that resolution parallels objectives for our roses through the process of pruning and removing all foliage. I hope as you read this message you are well on your way in honoring whatever resolutions you made, along with your rose resolutions, and can rejoice with me in completing this necessary work. If you have questions about the process, I encourage you to reach out to one of our consulting rosarians or other experienced San Diego Rose Society members. We have many. Our award-winning Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden in Balboa Park is completely pruned now, so you will not be disappointed in taking time to visit and examine how the various classifications of roses, including hybrid teas, floribundas, climbers, shrubs, miniatures, and David Austin English roses, have been pruned. There is much to learn through observation. Together with the application of our newly purchased fertilizers (with kudos to the dedication and determination of our wonderful Master Rosarian Ruth Tiffany in obtaining these products) the promise of lush, new growth will soon be here. As the famous English horticulturist Gertrude Jekyll so eloquently reminds us, "There is always in February some one day, at least, when one smells the yet distant but surely coming summer".

While our roses are resting and dormant, fortunately two special days of celebration this month each have a rose connection. As we take time to commemorate President's Day did you know our first president George Washington loved roses and was a rose breeder? The white Noisette 'Mary Washington' rose, named in honor of our first president's mother, is still in existence today and has a listing in the American Rose Society *Handbook for Selecting Roses*. We also have Valentine's Day when reportedly upwards of 110 million (mostly red) roses are purchased to present and share with those we love. While we won't have roses from our gardens ready this month, perhaps this year, during this pandemic, with so many still in isolation, wouldn't this be the perfect year to patronize our local florists with purchases of roses to share not only with loved ones, but others outside of our immediate sphere? Imagine how even a single stem of our national floral emblem left at the door of neighbors or friends on Valentine's Day could perhaps in a very small way ease the feelings of aloneness so many are experiencing these days. I am planning on executing this small act of kindness. Perhaps you can too. "A single rose can be my garden, a single friend, my world" according to author Leo Buscaglia. Wouldn't that be lovely? Happy February!

♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥

Update for SDRS Meetings and Some Exciting New Programs

By Elaine Ornelas, cornelas1949@att.net

To accommodate the COVID restrictions, we have been offering meetings and programs using our virtual tools like GoToMeeting and Zoom and it appears that they are being successful! On January 25th, Bob Martin gave a significant presentation on his publication *Horizon Roses* during which he displayed photos and descriptions of many new roses coming into the market and others that made high enough marks to be considered for the *Horizon Roses* Hall of Fame. Bob is such a gift to our society both for his knowledge and his willingness to share information. His presentation provided recommendations for those roses we might want to add to our gardens this month. There were 69 people who signed in to view his presentation on GoToMeeting proving that the application is easy to use and becoming more a standard for us to share information. We hope many more of you will use these opportunities to gather information from our program speakers using the virtual tools that we must use right now until we all come back together in more 'normal' times.

Monday, February 22, 2021 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

San Diego Rose Society Monthly Meeting (Virtual) Topic: David Austin & The Romance of English Roses

Presented by Suzanne Horn

Renowned rosarian Suzanne Horn will offer a presentation on the remarkable roses which have been created by David Austin. Suzanne is a passionate rose lover, exhibitor and educator and has won many trophies in rose shows. Her program will cover the history of David Austin roses and what makes them so desirable to rosarians. We will use the GotoMeeting application for this presentation.

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'Olivia Rose Austin'

Let's Talk Roses!

By Deborah Magnuson

January's 'Let's Talk Roses' Zoom meeting was an informative discussion about dormant spraying, February fertilizing, and getting a fresh new layer of mulch over our roses. These on-line Zoom meetings are especially geared to new members who have lots of questions about roses, but are open to all members, including our experienced rosarians who can add much to the conversation. Special thanks this month goes to Program Chair Kathy Hunyor for giving an orientation on the history of SDRS, kinds of activities to expect throughout the year, and a synopsis about the American Rose Society Consulting Rosarian Program and requirements. We also talked about some of our new rose purchases, and I shared my remarkable find of the fragrant pink rose *'Souvenir de la Malmaison'*, an 1843 Old Garden Bourbon rose discovered at one of our local big box stores, of all places. It is rated 8.6 in the ARS Handbook. I am fascinated with the history and story of roses and learned one of the Grand Dukes of Russia obtained a specimen of this rose from the garden of the Chateau de Malmaison located in the outskirts of Paris, for the St. Petersburg Imperial Gardens, hence the name. I decided that since my travels have taken me to St. Petersburg, this rose was naturally destined for my garden. Our next Zoom meeting will be in March, date and topic to be determined.



'Souvenir de la Malmaison'

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SDRS Monthly Meeting (Virtual) for March

Topic: History of Waterwise Botanicals Nursery in Bonsall and Specialty Roses

By Kathy Hunyor, jkhunyor@san.rr.com Program Chair

Tom Jesch of Waterwise Botanicals Nursery in Bonsall will give a presentation at our March monthly meeting on **March 15, beginning at 7 pm**. This will be a virtual meeting using the Zoom technology similar to that used for our monthly 'Let's Talk Roses' sessions by Deborah Magnuson.

Thousands of roses are grown every year at Waterwise Botanicals Nursery and they specialize in landscape roses (flowering shrubs), single petal roses, and some heirloom roses not found anywhere else. Tom's own single cultivar is 'Pink Cadillac'. The nursery's 20 acres is full of waterwise trees, shrubs, grasses, lilies, cacti, and bromeliads along with roses as well as demonstration gardens, ponds and a shade house.

Join us for this informative presentation!



'Pink Cadillac'

The Fertilizer is Almost Here!

By Ruth Tiffany, ruthsgarden@msn.com

Our long-awaited fertilizer delivery is scheduled to be delivered to my house on **February 1st!** Yay! Some changes due to backordered items will occur but I will keep you posted on those. Here are the dates for you to pick up your fertilizer:

FEBRUARY 1 2 PM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 2 8 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 3 8 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 4 8 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 6 8 AM - 5 PM
FEBRUARY 7 2 PM - 5 PM

- Remember--- I will help you load if you need help. Be patient if someone is ahead of you--the pick up of the various products, payment and loading can take a few minutes. I can take **cash, check or credit card**.
- If you can't make it to any of the pickup dates, let me know as soon as possible to set a time that works for both of us.
- If you are one of the 7 who ordered after the deadline, wait for an email from me about what is available. That will be toward the end of the pickup dates.
- Remember, if you renewed by January 15 you will be gifted a pruner or small bag of Magnum Grow from the SDRS....a thank you for your membership renewal.
- You may also pay for your San Diego Rose Society membership and renewal at the time of pick up.

Here are the directions to my house---

ROSEHILL GARDEN BY RUTH TIFFANY
6705 MAURY DR, SAN DIEGO 92119

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What To Do in the Rose Garden in February

By Elaine Ornelas, cornelas1949@att.net, and Bill Ornelas, bornelas1945@att.net, Consulting Rosarians

In 2020, we were all challenged with the COVID pandemic and the fears and restrictions that it brought. With the distribution of the vaccine, thank goodness we will get through this. One grace during that year was that we had our garden which provided a sanctuary and a respite, and a wonderful supply of rose blooms late into the year. I was able to bring in bouquets of quality blooms to bring happiness to our home, especially to my 97 year-old mother who lives with us.

But now we have a new year...2021! It even sounds wonderful to say! In our garden, we completed the pruning of our 125 roses during the last week in January and diligently cleaned up the debris, leaves and twigs around the base of each rose to prevent housing diseases in the soil. We also removed all of the leaves on the rose plants. We will then spray each rose plant with a dormant spray which, for us, is a combination of horticultural oil and copper fungicide, to help suppress diseases, insects and their eggs. Then we wait with anticipation for the first growth on the roses.

February is an exciting time for rose growers! There is so much expectation for a flush of new growth, with the delicate red leaves beginning to show. But also it is the beginning of a cycle of feeding, watering and fending off diseases and pests that might want to show up....feeding to provide all of the nutrients to create beautiful and healthy roses, consistent watering to moderate those surprise heat spells, and treatment for disease and pests that seek to damage or destroy our roses. The program needed to ensure all of these is sometimes challenging but worth the effort.

Providing nutrition for our roses is probably, except for water, the most important thing we can do to ensure the best plant growth and bountiful blooms from our roses. We begin our fertilization program on (or around) February 14th...Valentine's Day. It is a good way to remember that date. On that day we add our first batch of rose food consisting of Bio-Start, alfalfa meal and John & Bob's Soil Optimizer to each plant. We sprinkle 2 cups of Bio-Start around the base of each large rose. The Bio-Start is one of the products provided during our annual fertilizer sale from Grow More. We add 1 cup alfalfa meal to each large plant. We also add 2 tablespoons of John & Bob's Soil Optimizer to each large plant. For miniatures and smaller plants we use one-half of the volume of each of these three products. That mixture is scratched in to the soil. This is all watered in well by hand if rain is not anticipated. Then we add a 4" layer of mulch to moderate moisture. The mulch will eventually break down slowly, contributing to the nutrients of the soil.

This starts our fertilizing program. Because we exhibit our roses at rose shows, we probably have a more extensive program than others. But whether you fertilize with several types of fertilizers, organic or synthetic fertilizers or one all-in-one product, the important thing to remember is that roses require a healthy diet of nutrients to grow and perform well and produce those beautiful blooms we all love. However, there is such a thing as 'too much of a good thing' when it comes to fertilizers. (see Rita Perwich's article next pages) The approach we use in our garden is to stay with primarily organic products which will act more slowly than the chemical equivalents, but will contribute to the quality of the soil over longer periods of time and will feed the soil organisms. Once we have 4-6 inches of new growth we will ramp up our fertilizing program in earnest to boost growth and bloom development.

We will also keep watch for those pesky little bugs....aphids....who might like to feed on the new leaf growth beginning now. We walk through our garden each morning to observe for pests and disease. It is a good way to get an early start on management of these problems and to start preventative measures to keep them from getting out of control. For aphids we usually just 'squish' them gently or blast them with a water hose or use a mild soap solution.

We have an automatic watering system in our rose garden and we modify the timer setting based on the amount of rain we are receiving or expecting. We also have installed a drip system that we affectionately call 'Ring Around the Roses'. Around each rose we have a ring of small tubing that has pores in it connected to the larger supply tubing from the water source. This provides a good supply of water to the root system of the plant.

We hope that you too have completed the pruning of your roses and are looking forward to fertilizing them and watching for the precious new growth that will emerge!



*A November 2020 bouquet
from our garden*



When Less is More

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

The nutrients plants need to grow are available to them in a healthy soil. From time to time these nutrients need to be replenished. What, how much and when should we add amendments and fertilizers to our soil?

What to Add to the Soil?

Amendments such as compost and worm castings are added to our rose beds to improve the nutritional content, texture, structure, aeration, pH, water retention, drainage and microbial activity of our soil. Organic mulches we apply to the surface of our rose beds amend the soil as they break down.

Fertilizers are materials we add to the soil to supplement the naturally occurring nutrients in the soil. The label on a fertilizer will specify the three primary macronutrients nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium (NPK) and any other secondary and micronutrients contained in the package. A fertilizer can be chemically or organically based. For instance, the nitrogen in MiracleGro is provided by ammonia and urea. In an organically based fertilizer, the nitrogen is derived from blood meal, alfalfa, fishmeal or fish emulsion. Chemically based fertilizers are usually cheaper and provide rapid results, but they can burn our plants and their constant use builds up undesirable salts in our soil. Organic fertilizers have the advantage of improving the soil but the nutrients are slower to release as they need to be broken down by soil microbes for use by the plant.

How Much Should We Add? When Should We Add It?

A Basic Fertilizing and Amendment Regimen (BASIC) would include lightly scratching an organic granular fertilizer such as BioStart 3-4-3, Ada Perry's 2.5-2.5-1 or Dr. Earth 4-6-2 into the soil two or three times a year. The product label will specify the amount to use for each rose. The fertilizer is covered by a layer of compost and worm castings, and a 3-inch topping of an organic mulch. My favorite mulch is A-1 Lifelike 3/8" Screened Compost available at A-1 Miramar Soils. (9229 Harris Plant Rd. San Diego, CA 92145. Phone 858-974-3849).

The Basics-Plus Regimen In addition to BASIC, serious rose growers and exhibitors apply fertilizer every two weeks from March through mid-October. Products they might use and alternate include GrowMore SeaGrow 16-16-16, Neptune's Harvest 2-3-1, Fish Emulsion 5-1-1 and GrowMore's Seaweed Extract Liquified Organic Kelp 0.10-0-0.44

Could Less Be More?

My church planted a very lovely prayer garden three years ago. The garden features low maintenance plants such as grevilleas, leucadendrons, aloes, lavenders, rosemary, succulents and ornamental grasses. In a semi-circle in the center of the garden are six 'Secret' hybrid tea roses. This rose was selected for its beauty, fragrance, excellent disease resistance and its extremely frequent repeat-blooming qualities. I go to the garden weekly to deadhead the roses and check for pests. These roses are fertilized only twice a year: in early February and late June, I do the BASIC regimen to which I add two tablespoons of Osmocote 14-14-14 (a controlled release fertilizer) to each rose. The fertilizers are watered in and covered with worm castings, compost and mulch. Throughout the year these roses produce and produce a non-stop multitude of gorgeous blooms. I believe these roses perform even better than the more frequently 'fed' and pampered 'Secret' roses in my own garden. Gardens invite us to question and be curious: I had to ask myself whether there was something miraculous about the atmosphere of the prayer garden or was I fertilizing my roses too much? Could perhaps 'less be more'?



Above: The hybrid tea rose 'Secret' brings color, beauty and fragrance to the prayer garden at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

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'Secret' is an intensely fragrant hybrid tea rose. Its blooms are a creamy pink with a deeper pink edging along the petals. It has an excellent re-bloom and is disease resistant.

I sent soil samples from my garden for testing to *A & L Great Lakes Laboratories* lab@algreatlakes.com phone: 260-483-4759. The \$30 test results included a pH reading. (A soil pH test measures the acidity or alkalinity of the soil). The level of nitrogen in my soil was normal. The phosphorus and potassium levels in my soil were found to be in the very high range. Phosphorus stays in the soil a long time and plants do not need potassium in large quantities. Linda Chalker-Scott, Ph.D. from Washington State University Extension Service, states there is no scientific evidence that roses need high levels of phosphate or potassium and cautions that an over-abundance of nutrients can detrimentally impact our soil, disrupt mycorrhizal development and limit the uptake by the plant of other essential nutrients such as iron, manganese and zinc.

A soil test is a good diagnostic tool if you are doing everything right but your roses are struggling to grow optimally. You may discover a soil deficiency or an excess of a nutrient. An incorrect pH can prevent plants from properly taking nutrients from even a nutrient-rich soil. (The ideal pH for roses is 6.0 to 7.0). Based on the results of a soil test you can apply fertilizers to your rose beds based not on a calendar regimen but on what your soil needs.

What Amendments and Fertilizers Should We Add?

Nitrogen should be added to the soil periodically as this macronutrient depletes quickly. Fertilizers high in phosphorus should be used with caution and preferably only when our soil needs it. Too much fertilizer can be a waste of time and money, and worse yet, could inadvertently harm our soil and our roses. When it comes to fertilizers, more is not necessarily better. Less can be more.

A Profile of Dave Bang

Gifted Artist, Photographer and Rose Hybridizer

By Elaine Ornelas, cornelas1949@att.net

How are rose hybridizers made? What causes them to give birth to a passion for creating new and beautiful roses for all of us to enjoy? Before we start exploring Dave's hybridizing journey, let's get acquainted with him. My husband and I sat down for two hours recently for a phone conversation with him and we uncovered the fascinating journey which Dave has had with roses. He was born in San Jose forty-nine years ago and has lived there all of his life (although he does not look his age!). As we look at his life you may begin to see how he developed his artistic background which has become part of his professional life as well as the type of roses he creates. Dave is actually an illustrator in graphic design. He is also a professional photographer. When he was very young his father gave him his first camera. As a family they traveled throughout the west, visiting many of the scenic national parks. In particular Dave fell in love, like so many of us, with Yosemite National Park and its beauty. Yosemite became his 'second home' and he would eventually travel there two to three times a month with his Olympus 35 mm camera taking photos of the incredible scenery.

Dave is also a gifted painter who was inspired to pick up a paintbrush for the first time when he saw Bob Ross on television. He painted in the Bob Ross style for many years in oils and as his paintings became more detailed he found that acrylic paints were best for his style of painting. He was also inspired by Stephen Lyman, an acrylic painter who was also inspired by the landscape of Yosemite. You can see Dave's rendition below of Lyman's famous painting *Warmed by the View* which Dave fell in love with when looking through Lyman's book *Into the Wilderness*.

Dave sent us a photo which his best friend, Sonya, took of his popular rose 'Swirly Pop', a beautiful yellow and orange striped miniature. He proceeded to create a painting of that photo. He sent both Sonya's photo as well as a photo of his painting of it to us and it was nearly impossible to detect which was which, his duplication of the original photo was so well done!



'Swirly Pop'



Here are several of Dave's paintings and photographs. For fun I am not identifying them as painting or photograph intentionally to see if you can determine which is which because I myself could not readily see the difference when Dave sent them to me. The code for their identification is on page 13. He is definitely a multifaceted artist!



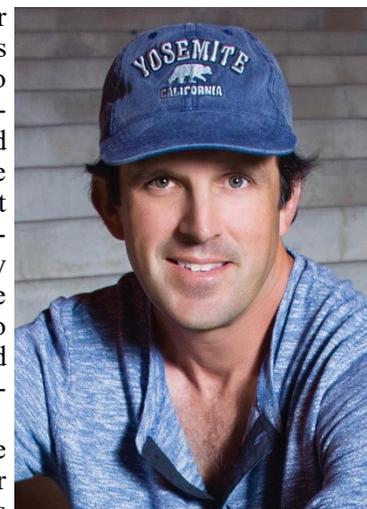
Cathedral Peaks

El Capitan



Half Dome campfire

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Lincoln



Mt. Clark

For Dave surprisingly his interest in roses began with a trip to a Home Depot garden department one day many years ago. He happened to see several roses there..... ‘Honor’, ‘Arizona’, ‘Don Juan’, ‘Frivolous Pink’ and he was drawn to the beauty of the blooms. He began to look at roses in other nurseries like ‘Black Magic’ and ‘Sheila’s Perfume’. He really loved the striped pattern of ‘Fourth of July’. He thought to himself, “I wonder if I could produce a bloom with the ‘Black Magic’ color and form, with white or yellow stripes”, and so the journey started.

Dave really did not know where to start with learning how to hybridize. But he realized that he would need to learn how to grow seedlings directly from the rose hip seeds that roses produce before adventuring into hybridizing. Early in his journey, he was volunteering at the Guadalupe Gardens in San Jose where he lived. The San Jose Heritage Rose Garden there is a unique botanical collection of antique and modern roses. After doing some research on growing seeds at the appropriate time of the year, Dave harvested hips from these roses, refrigerated them and planted the seeds from them. He found that if he refrigerated the hips in plastic Ziplock bags the hips would rot and it made quite a mess. So he began to refrigerate the hips in paper bags so that the bag wicks away any moisture from the hips leaving the seeds intact.

His method then was to plant the seeds in a clear plastic 20 inch by 15 inch by 12 inch container with 7 inches of soil and cover it with the plastic lid. (photo at right) The soil he uses is Bumper Crop from Master Nursery or Harvest Supreme. If he planted the seeds in December he placed the container in full sun; if planted in January he found that he has to constantly evaluate the containers based on air temperature and adjust their location to ensure the proper conditions.



After several years, he linked up with noted hybridizer Jim Sproul with whom he discussed the best methods for growing seedlings. Jim had built a 4’ x 20’ structure and placed it a greenhouse. Dave built something similar which was a 4’ x 8’ seedling bench and created a greenhouse with a metal scaffolding frame and Sun Selector UVA Clear Greenhouse Film 6 mil as a covering. The results were so much better with this greenhouse. The temperature outside can get into the nineties in the summer in San Jose and in the greenhouse they can be as high as 120 degrees with 60 percent humidity so Dave would vent the greenhouse in summer. The greenhouse is not the best environment to *sprout* seedlings since sprouting requires a cooler temperature, but it is very good for *growing* seedlings, where warmth and moisture are provided. In the winter he would dig up the seedlings and tag them. He would then place them in one- to three-gallon pots. (See the sequence in photos on the next page.)

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The Sequence of Growing Seedlings
(note the imbedded dates on the photos)
(clockwise from upper left)

- the new seedling bench
- seeds planted
- seeds sprouting
- getting bigger!
- and bigger!
- the first blooms
- seedlings are ready to be moved into larger pots



Dave bought a bouquet of 'Flash Night' and was drawn to the purity of the white in the stripes and the form. So he began by using 'Black Baccara', 'Black Magic' and various other rose varieties as seed parents to hybridize with. One of his most beautiful roses is 'A Night of Magic', the result of crossing the pollen of 'Flash Night' with 'Black Magic'. It is a striking climbing miniflora with variations of dark red with streaks and flecks of white and coral-pink. He also produced the very popular 'Swirly Pop', 'Swizzle' and 'Magical Moment', all from 'Flash Night' pollen. (see photos on next page.) And now Dave has successfully bred approximately 350 varieties of roses and has many more 'in the wings' ready to be released.

After breeding many beautiful roses the next big goal was disease resistance. One of the most pivotal points in Dave's rose breeding program in achieving this goal was when Jim Sproul gave Dave two key roses. 'Jolene Adams' for his red crosses and 'First Impression' for the yellow ones. These two roses made it possible to achieve the beautiful colors and now...disease resistance.

Over the years Dave has realized that people who obtain roses are frequently frustrated by the amount of care that might be required to combat pests and diseases. So he has set out to produce roses that are, at a minimum, powdery mildew free. We all know how frustrating powdery mildew can be in our rose garden so his effort to minimize that factor in the roses he hybridized was important to him. Many of his roses also have good resistance to black spot and rust.

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'Flash Night'



'A Night of Magic'



'Black Magic'



'Swirly Pop'

THE DAVE BANG ROSE COLLECTION



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SWIZZLE

Thornless Mini Spray

THE DAVE BANG ROSE COLLECTION



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MAGICAL MOMENT

Thornless Miniflora Climber

At some point Dave began to entertain the idea of marketing his roses, since he was becoming more and more successful in the production of some with beautiful striped patterns and colors that he had not seen on the market. Unfortunately his journey into this marketing realm has been fraught with challenges. So many suppliers of roses, especially miniature and miniflora roses have left the business and most of the roses that Dave hybridizes are of these two types. Examples of defunct companies which did produce miniature roses are Tiny Petals, Nor'East and Sequoia. Sadly rose suppliers in general have been suffering for several reasons, but many have difficulty because the market for roses that require minimal care has been rising. He was able to link with Jacques Ferare from Star Roses who is the contact for that company responsible for new rose evaluations, but that effort did not come to fruition. Marketing is a challenging effort for rose hybridizers as many of the big companies have their own in-house hybridizers. After several other efforts with other rose suppliers that did not succeed, in 2019 Dave was able to come to a successful arrangement with our friend Jim Mills of K and M Roses in Buckatunna, MS. Jim has become a friend to many of us for his honor, dignity and help in providing us with roses, especially ones grafted onto a very significant rootstock, 'Fortuniana'. This rootstock is so valuable to us in the southwest United States because it endures the hot, dry weather we frequently have. Jim and Dave have made a very solid arrangement and now many people from all over the United States are obtaining Dave's roses from Jim. And everyone has such positive comments about his roses and their beauty. Here is the link to K and M Roses if you would like to obtain one of them: <https://www.kandmroses.com/>. K and M Roses also has a listing on Facebook of Dave's roses that they are offering. <https://www.facebook.com/kandmroses>. Dave has also posted most of his available roses with photos on Help Me Find Roses <https://www.helpmefind.com/rose/plants.php>. We would like to see some of the other large rose suppliers like Weeks, Jackson & Perkins, and Star Roses carry Dave's roses so if anyone has contact with these suppliers, please pass the word along.

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THE DAVE BANG ROSE COLLECTION



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CAPTIVATING

Thornless Mini Spray

Also, Dave has expressed some frustration to us about one particular habit that all of us have experienced. If a rose is patented, it is illegal to reproduce it via cuttings or any other method for 20 years when the patent expires unless permission is obtained from the person holding the patent. Obtaining a patent for a rose or any plant is an arduous and long process and many roses are not patented. And so people are more than willing to take cuttings from a non-patented rose and create plants, by rooting them, for themselves and their friends and families. Hybridizers will be paid a royalty for each of their created plants sold by the rose supplier, even though that amount is usually very minimal.....often less than one dollar. But when one of us creates ten rose plants to share from one that we have purchased it immediately cuts some of the profit that would have gone back to the hybridizer. It becomes quickly apparent that a rose hybridizer will never be able to thrive from or live off of the profits he makes from a rose supplier. But Dave says he would at least like to be able to pay for the supplies, fertilizers, soil, and other needs required for him to continue to hybridize roses since folks are expressing such a desire for him to do so. Without these key ingredients, he will not be able to continue to produce these remarkable roses. It is an unfortunate practice that many of us have participated in. But perhaps now knowing how it affects the actual producer of the roses we love, maybe we can alter that practice and more often actually buy the plants directly from the supplier.

During our conversation with Dave, we asked him "So what are your favorite roses that you have hybridized?" He had to think a long time before answering implying that there were so many! But here are several of his favorites: 'Captivating' a pink and yellow striped miniature that is essentially thornless, 'Angel Kisses', a floribunda that is almost all white with dainty pink edges, 'Unfailing Love', a scarlet and white striped miniature with white reverse, 'Dottie', a very dark almost black and white striped miniature named for Dave's mother, and 'Eyes of Fire', a miniature with yellow petals with red edges. They are all powdery mildew free with good resistance to rust and black spot, always a plus. Two of our favorites of Dave's roses are 'Strawberry Kisses', a red, pink and white striped miniflora and 'Mango Blush', an orange and coral-pink blend with a 'blush' of lavender around the older petals. Both of these have very good exhibition form lasting forever and are disease resistant!

It is nearly impossible to determine where Dave's journey will take him. My husband and I met him at an ARS convention when it was held here in San Diego in 2014. We have fostered a friendship with him over the years and he has been an enormous help to us and mentored us in the areas of seed sprouting, rose hybridization, and in other areas of growing roses. When he returned for another convention here in 2018 he was able to come and visit our garden and we were able to show him one of his 'Strawberry Kisses' plants that he created which we love. The plant was up to head-level and he was pleased that it was thriving and producing such beautiful blooms. We wish him well and hope that his hybridizing career continues on a successful path and we also hope that many of you are able to obtain his roses. They will be a striking addition to your garden.



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Mini Spray

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STRAWBERRY KISSES

Miniflora

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Miniflora

Be A Part of the Rose Garden Corps....Keeping the Balboa Park Rose Garden Beautiful!

By Kathy Hunyor, jkhunyor@san.rg.com

For those of us who have our own rose gardens at home, we all know how much work and love it takes to maintain those gardens and encourage them to flourish with their most beautiful blooms. So you can imagine how much effort it takes to beautify our landmark garden in Balboa Park, the Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden, founded by our beloved friend, Dick Streeper. The City of San Diego Park staff members perform many of the maintenance tasks but the intricate care needed to fine-tune the pruning has been adopted by the Rose Garden Corps. This is a fun-loving group and is always welcoming of new members. It is a worthwhile cause to maintain this jewel of our city. So sign up if you would like to be a part of the group.

Purpose of Position:	Help beautify the Rose Garden by giving your time to the Rose Garden Corps (RGC).
Description of Duties:	Perform physically active Rose Garden maintenance (deadheading roses, removing dead/diseased leaves & dead wood, weeding, raking, fertilizing, pruning). Notify leaders of irrigation issues Work in assigned work areas Assist in other Rose Garden projects, as requested.
Time Commitment:	Work on Tuesday or Thursday mornings for 2 -3 hrs, between 9:00 – 12:00 Work as a volunteer 3 – 4 times per month Attend monthly meetings (third Tuesday of month @ 9:15 a.m.), to receive direction for work assignments and then work in the garden following the meeting.
Qualifications:	Minimum age requirement is 18 years old. Some gardening experience with roses, desired Ability to bend and stoop Bring clippers, gloves, hand shovel/weeder & bucket
Job Risk Assessment:	See Volunteer Job Risk Assessment from S.D. City
Immunizations:	Current Tetanus Immunization recommended
Benefits/Training Opportunities:	A RGC Leader will provide training & follow-up Learn new rose care skills/information Stay fit and active Enjoy the beauty of the rose garden Sharing S.D. goodwill with park visitors
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You can see from the photos how much fun folks are having! The Rose Garden Crops members are hard at work spending about 1 week pruning the roses and cleaning up the weeds in the garden. 17 new roses will soon be added including seven Windermere roses.



Bob Kolb



Deborah Magnuson



Still more to do!!!



Kathy Hunyor



Pruning complete! Job well done!

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- The photo of 'Swirly Pop' is on the left and Dave's painting of that photo is on the right.
- Left is a photo of Cathedral Peak by Dave; center is a photo by Dave of El Capitan; right is a painting by Dave of a Half Dome campfire

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- Top is a painting by Dave of a Lincoln; below top is Dave's painting of Mt. Clark's stormy clouds

Shrub Singles

By Robert B. Martin Jr., ARS President and Master Rosarian, petrose@aol.com

Following last month's discussion of the floribundas in our garden classified as either singles or semi-doubles, I move this month to a collection of shrubs, also classified as either singles or semi-doubles. To remind the reader, a "single" is a rose with 4-8 petals, in theory a single row of petals. A rose with two rows of petals, i.e. 9-16 petals is a "semi-double". I commented last month on this oddity of that nomenclature and will have nothing more to say about that.

I have also commented previously on the term "shrub", a term applicable to any rose and as informative as calling a rose a "plant". In doing so, I mentioned that the American Rose Society Board of Directors, acting on my initiative, has recently sought to make better sense of the modern shrub classification based upon growth habit and other horticultural characteristics. As a consequence, modern shrubs in the future will be divided into three classes: (a) English-Style roses; (b) ground cover roses; and (c) landscape shrubs. The latter, "landscape shrubs" is exemplified by 'Knock Out' and its progeny that imply free flowering roses of single, semi-double or double form sold and planted in multiples for landscape applications typically requiring reduced care and displaying excellent disease resistance.

Before there was 'Knock Out', indeed when roses were wild, there were free flowering roses of single or semi-double form that today continue to be highly useful for landscape applications. We grow a few and will start there, beginning with the rugosas.

Rosa Rugosa

Author Suzanne Verrier, once said, "Ask the impossible and the answer is: grow rugosas." Verrier, a native of Maine, as well as a nursery person and garden designer, for many years sought to popularize rugosas, especially because of their hardiness and disease resistance. In her excellent book, "Rosa Rugosa", she presents a collection of rugosas and rugosa hybrids, their history and their impact on rose breeders both of the past and of the present.

Rosa rugosa was cultivated in the Far East for a thousand years before the rest of the world became aware of it. When rugosas were finally brought to Europe, they were criticized for their coarseness and lack of refinement. A hundred years passed before major breeding with rugosas began. Around the turn of the century, new rugosa hybrids were developed in France and Germany and North America. Breeders crossed *R. rugosa* with just about every variety of rose available. Unfortunately, many of the results of these crosses are lost. Later crosses, however, have survived and are well known to the modern gardener. Wilhelm Kordes' *R. kordesii*, one of the most important parents of hardy roses, was derived from rugosa stock. Felicitas Svedja relied heavily on rugosas to develop the Canadian Explorer series. Even David Austin has used rugosa roses in the development of his English Roses.

Henry Mitchell, in his forward to "Rosa Rugosa", summed up the qualities of the rugosa with the words:

"No perfume of any kind surpasses the scent of some rugosa roses... and even those that are less powerfully fragrant... are still far sweeter than most flowers... the wrinkled leaves of this group of roses are ornamental and for the most part healthy, and the plants have the exceptional merit of being more at home in the North than the South... Some of the rugosas, not all, bloom off and on through the summer and early fall. In general they never get mildew and rarely black-spot, and if they do, it does not affect their abundant flowering."

Of all the rugosas, our clear favorite is the species rose, *Rosa rugosa alba*, of which we grow two good size specimens. Originating in Japan, and cultivated prior to 1799, *Rosa rugosa alba* produces medium (3-inch) single white flowers with yellow tufted stamens among dark green wrinkled leaves. In fact, the name rugosa derives from the Latin, *rugosus*, which translates as "full of wrinkles". Also, *alba* is Latin for "white". The blooms have a moderate, spicy fragrance and offer a modest repeat in the fall. The large, round bushy plant grows easily to 6x4 feet in Southern California and is very bristly. The foliage is known for its cleanliness, resistance to disease, hardiness and tolerance to adverse conditions, including exposure to sea salt.

Rosa rugosa alba is a beautiful rose, well worth growing in the garden, and a fine show rose as well. As an added bonus, *Rosa rugosa alba* produces an abundance of large round bright tomato red hips as winter approaches.



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Rugosas tend to come in a limited range of colors. *Rosa rugosa* is red and is often sold as *Rosa rugosa rubra*, the term *rubra* in Latin meaning “red”. As a plant *Rosa rugosa rubra* is altogether like *Rosa rugosa alba* only in a different color. Another very nice medium red rugosa is one that I grew in Pasadena for a number of years called ‘Hansa’. Introduced in the Netherlands, circa 1905, ‘Hansa’ is an upright medium shrub of perhaps 5-feet in height bearing large mostly double (17-25 petals) blooms with an awesome clove fragrance and decorative winter hips.



One of the better known light pink rugosas is ‘Dagmar Hastrup’, also known as ‘Fru Dagmar Hastrup’, discovered in Denmark, circa 1914. A classic single with strong fragrance, it features attractive fall color foliage and large scarlet winter hips. ‘Dagmar Hastrup’ was more recently used by Meilland International to breed ‘Raspberry Rugostar’, a deep pink Hybrid Rugosa.

introduced in the U. S. by Star Roses in 2003. I have had occasion to comment in the past on the penchant of the marketing folk at Star Roses to attach cutesy names to roses and ‘Raspberry Rugostar’ is one of the worst examples with someone thinking it clever to combine the classic term “rugosa” with the brand name of the roses offered by the company. Be that as it may, ‘Raspberry Rugostar’ is a pleasant enough rose in our garden, minding its manners as a fairly low growing spreading shrub producing large, single (4-8 petals) deep pink blooms. The low-growing habit is inherited from its seed parent, ‘Flower Carpet White’ making for a plant that might even be thought of as a ground cover rugosa. The rose requires absolutely no attention; in fact the wrinkled leaves of rugosas resent being sprayed.



Perhaps the most unusual color for a rugosa is yellow, and being a fan of yellow roses, we grow the best yellow rugosa, ‘Topaz Jewel’, bred by the legendary Ralph S. Moore and introduced in 1987. A cross of one of Moore’s yellow miniatures, ‘Golden Angel’ × ‘Belle Poitevine’, a pink rugosa from 1894, ‘Topaz Jewel’ makes a medium upright bush with large light buttery blooms that tend to span the petal range from semi-double to double. The blooms have a pleasant fragrance and the bush repeats nicely through the year. Ours is in an out-of-the way spot with some shade where it requires little maintenance and is content with being left alone.

Rose Spinosissima

Turning to a different kind of shrub, we grow some family members of the species *Rosa spinosissima*, also known as the Scotch rose. The Latin term, “spinosissima” means “the most spiny,” which is descriptive of its abundant prickles and bristles. Used in cultivation primarily for a hedge or landscape shrub, *Rosa spinosissima* is a once-bloomer bearing simple 3-inch single white blooms on a rugged bush of moderate size. Known for at least 300 years, the rose is also known as *Rosa pimpinellifolia*, an equally challenging mouthful of syllables.



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We do not grow *R. spinosissima*, but do have a few modern descendants of note, headed by **'Frühlingsmorgen'**, which from the German translates as "Spring Morning." A pink blend Hybrid Spinosissima bred by Wilhelm J.H. Kordes II of Germany circa 1941, the rose is a fairly typical Spinosissima tracing from crosses involving hybrid teas and *R. spinosissima*. The single blooms of **'Frühlingsmorgen'** are a pleasing pink with a cream center appearing only in the spring. A pleasant enough rose that requires minimum care, even in a less favorable location, **'Frühlingsmorgen'** is best known to modern rosarians for its use by Sam McGredy IV in the development of his "hand-painted" series of roses. His first release in this series was in 1971 with 'Picasso', with red blooms edged with silver white. In truth, the "hand-painted" look wasn't what Sam was seeking; his original objective in using **'Frühlingsmorgen'** was to obtain the hardiness and strength of *R. spinosissima*.



'Frühlingsmorgen'

A better known descendant of *R. spinosissima* is **'Golden Wings'**, technically a modern shrub bred by Roy E. Shepherd of the U. S. and introduced in 1956. A fairly tall and upright bush that we have up against a chain link fence, **'Golden Wings'** produces very large pale yellow single blooms with deep orange red stamens. **'Golden Wings'** was bred from 'Soeur Thérèse', a classic hybrid tea/Perentiana crossed with a *R. spinosissima* seedling. It is in all respects a classic Spinosissima and well worth growing in your landscape.



'Golden Wings'

Less obvious as a Spinosissima is the delightful rose, **'Jacqueline du Pre'**, a white shrub bred and introduced in the U. K. by R Harkness & Co. Ltd. in 1988. A cross of the excellent pink floribunda, 'Radox Bouquet' × 'Maigold', a Hybrid Spinosissima from 1953, **'Jacqueline du Pre'** presents large, single white blooms with distinctive bronze stamens similar to those found on the single hybrid tea, 'Dainty Bess'. A repeat bloomer on a modest bush, **'Jacqueline du Pre'** also has a strong, lemony, musk fragrance. I particularly like this rose because of its association with cellist Jacqueline du Pré of my generation who died prematurely at age 42. Her recording of Schubert's Trout Quintet remains my favorite classical work, illustrating her fierce attack and rugged determination that is brought to mind by her namesake rose. Ours incidentally grows intertwined with a blue clematis of unknown name that Dona bought. The combination is quite striking.



'Jacqueline du Pre'

Rosa soulieana

Turning to an even more obscure shrub, we consider **Rosa soulieana**, a species rose said to have been discovered circa 1895 by Father Jean André Soulié, perhaps guided to the discovery by a miraculous vision. The rose itself is not much to look at; in fact I have never actually seen a live example of it. Photos, however, disclose a tall, arching bush heavily armed with prickles that produces small single white blooms in large clusters once a year in the spring. HelpMe find says the blooms have a strong, cinnamon fragrance.



'Rosa soulieana'

Tom Carruth tells an interesting story of how he came across a hybrid of *Rosa soulieana* left over in the greenhouse when he took over the breeding responsibilities for Weeks. The breeding of this hybrid was reportedly ('Zorina' × [*R. soulieana* × 'Europeana']) × 'Sunsprite', thus mixing *Rosa soulieana* with three floribundas. Use by Tom of this interesting hybrid of *Rosa soulieana* resulted initially in a delightful but somewhat unmannerly tall-growing yellow blend shrub named 'Flutterbye', introduced by Weeks in 1996 and grown by

me in a previous Pasadena garden. 'Flutterbye' produces clusters of single blooms in a multitude of colors, primarily yellow, with touches of gold and red. Another of the early introductions using this hybrid is one that we continue to grow known as **'Be-Bop'**, a red blend shrub introduced by Weeks in 2003. **'Be-Bop'** presents a modest rounded bush that produces clusters of single blooms red and yellow, with a yellow eye and a yellow reverse. The foliage of **'Be-Bop'** is nice, semi-glossy, and clean, making for a beautiful plant.



'Be-Bop'

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Continuing his work with the hybrid of *Rosa soulieana*, Tom Carruth released in 2005 one of his most unusual single shrubs, this named **'Paul Ecke, Jr.'** after the nurseryman credited with bringing the poinsettia to prominence in the U.S. **'Paul Ecke, Jr.'** produces very unusual single mahogany/orange red blooms with velvety brown edging. It is a tall growing upright plant which we grow both as a bush and as tree rose. The foliage is dark green and glossy. In addition to the hybrid of *Rosa soulieana*, the breeding of **'Paul Ecke, Jr.'** is a hodge-podge of a number of roses from different classes including the floribunda, **'Playboy'**; the single red climber, **'Altissimo'**; the miniature, **'Santa Claus'**; and the floribunda/shrublet, **'International Herald Tribune'**.



'Paul Ecke, Jr.'

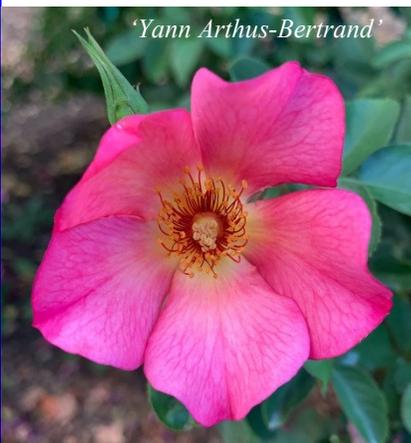
Tom Carruth's subsequent use of the hybrid of *Rosa soulieana* resulted in many more extraordinary roses, including the classic yellow floribunda, **'Julia Child'**, discussed previously in this series of articles. Subsequent generations also included Tom Carruth's great grandiflora **'Wild Blue Yonder'** which heralded the beginning of Tom's Purple Period of rose breeding, also previously mentioned.

Modern Landscape Shrubs

Although not his own hybrid, Tom Carruth was also responsible for the introduction in the U.S. of another important landscape shrub, **'Flower Girl'**, a light pink vigorous shrub that makes massive sprays of small soft apricot pink semi-double (8-15 petals) blooms that fade to white, presented on long slender arching stems. **'Flower Girl'** was bred by Gareth Fryer of the U. K. and introduced in the United States by Weeks in 2000. **'Flower Girl'** was bred from a cross of the miniature rose **'Amanda'** × **'Fairy Snow'**, a 1979 polyantha from Harkness. But for its tall arching growth, **'Flower Girl'** might well pass for a polyantha for its smallish blooms. Once upon a time we had a specimen of **'Flower Girl'** on a six-foot tree that was a sight to behold when in full bloom.



'Flower Girl'



'Yann Arthus-Bertrand'

Also of unusual color is an exceptional rose that we first acquired many moons ago from the defunct Ashdown Roses in South Carolina, then overseen by my continued friend and internationally known rosarian, Paul Zimmerman.

That rose is **'Yann Arthus-Bertrand'**, an orange-pink shrub bred by Alain Meilland and introduced by Meilland International of France, around 2006. The bush itself is tall and upright, notwithstanding the claim on HelpMeFind of a height of 28" to 35". The single (5-petal) blooms of **'Yann Arthus-Bertrand'** are difficult to describe being a coppery pink suffused with cream, a creamy center and red stamens. **'Yann Arthus-Bertrand'** is a blooming fool in the spring with a subsequent repeat of much less enthusiasm. The rose was named in honor of the photographer, reporter and ecologist Yann Arthus-Bertrand.

I have a long-standing prejudice in favor of bloom production over foliage, no matter how disease resistant, so landscape shrubs as a general rule are pretty much "ho-hum" to me. For example, I have never been moved to grow **'Knock Out'** since its resistance to black spot is of little interest given that we rarely see blackspot in our dry Southern California gardens. I did grow Tom Carruth's much superior **'Home Run'**, bred by Tom from **'Knock Out'** and once described by me in a program on new roses as "Knock Out with a bloom." Tom at the time was in the back of the room and I recall hearing a distinct chortle from him at my description.

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That said we do grow a few landscape shrubs that have something in the way of blooms to recommend them. These include **'Lady Elsie May'**, an orange-pink shrub bred in Germany by Reinhard Noack, son of Werner Noack of 'Flower Carpet' fame. A 2005 AARS winner, **'Lady Elsie May'** is a bush of modest height, perhaps 3-4 feet with continuous clusters of attractive clean orange-pink semi-double (9-16 petals) blooms on a plant with dark green, iron-clad foliage. I grow **'Lady Elsie May'** at the unwitting encouragement of my next-door neighbor who is a fine rosarian and has a large specimen at the end her of driveway. I had admired her rose for some time, not thinking to ask what it was, until Bruce Monroe, our national chair of judges commented on her bush during a tour of our garden and identified it for me as **'Lady Elsie May'**.

There is, incidentally, some dispute on whether "May" is properly spelled "Mae", with various press releases at the time of introduction suggesting the latter is correct. The official registration with the ARS is in fact "May" and I stick with that until proven otherwise. My research online to identify a rose person with either name has proven fruitless and I have no idea of its namesake.



'Miracle on the Hudson'

Those interested in the knockoffs of 'Knock Out' should take note of **'Miracle on the Hudson'**, a medium red shrub bred by the amateur Robert Neil Rippetoe of the Palm Springs area from a cross of his shrub 'Lyn Griffith' × 'Home Run'. **'Miracle on the Hudson'** is a fairly compact but well-branched shrub that produces nicely sized mostly single blooms of a velvet red, similar in color to the classic Hybrid Tea 'Mister Lincoln' but without the fragrance. The bush itself is very disease resistant, including resistance to powdery mildew that too often afflicts roses resistant to blackspot. The name, **'Miracle on the Hudson'** was chosen by Pat Henry of Roses Unlimited to honor the heroic Captain Chesley B. Sullenberger, as well as the crew and passengers of US Airways Flight 1549, who in 2009 were the survivors of what is considered the most remarkable emergency landing in aviation history.

Concluding this installment, I turn to another red single, this called **'Screaming Neon Red'**, bred by the irrepressible Ping Lim and introduced in the U.S. in 2013. Having seen photos from rose shows of some very impressive winning sprays, I contacted Ping who helped me make arrangements to bring the rose into our garden. Still new, **'Screaming Neon Red'** presents a bushy, compact disease-resistant shrub with smallish 2-inch or so single red blooms with a gold eye, appearing as yet in small clusters. Also known simply as "Screaming Neon" the red is quite bold and distinctive so I am optimistic about its future. **'Screaming Neon Red'** was a winner at the Biltmore Rose Trials as well as the trials of ARTS, the American Rose Trials of Sustainability, a ho-hum set of trials focused on identifying generally unattractive roses with superior blackspot resistance.

This concludes our walk through the single and semi-double shrubs in our garden. With the next installment we will look up, this to the large flowered climbers in our garden.



'Lady Elsie May'



'Screaming Neon Red'

The Joy Of Growing Roses (in San Diego)

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The Joy Of..... Before the advent of Google, one of my favorite cookbooks was *The Joy of Cooking*. If I couldn't find what I needed anywhere else, it would be in that book. As a child, my brother and I searched high and low in our house for the book, *The Joy Of Sex*, hidden by our parents.

Talking about **The Joy of Roses** isn't a repository of all things rosy or titillating info and pictures. For me talking, thinking, sharing, and dreaming roses is about happiness, delight, great pleasure, jubilation, triumph and exultation. Wow, big words--can anything really live up to those giant descriptions? Yes, growing roses in San Diego fills all those words with meaning.

In the year 2020, because of no fall rose shows, I did not cut back my roses by one third in August. By December the roses were so big and overgrown you could hardly know a house was hiding behind all those bushes. I got a bit tired of that and my gardener had some time, so my roses were initially pruned before Christmas. Since then, I have been doing what I call "fine pruning" which is cutting out deadwood, opening centers, cutting to out-facing buds and generally cleaning up the beds. It takes me a long time to do all that. Here it is end of January and I still have a couple of beds to fine prune. What is exciting to me is the new growth I am seeing in the beds pruned early.

Two and four inches of new leaves and some new basal canes are starting on some of the bushes. Thank You San Diego. This is the essence of hope, joy, and anticipation for me. The roses have not been fed for several months so the only nourishment has been watering and some rain, but these bushes are working fast to bring out new growth and new blooms.

Yes, I have had to deal with spider mites and chilli thrips this past year as well as lingering powdery mildew, rust and a bit of black spot. That just means this ideal place to grow roses is not without some challenges. For me, those challenges are fully outweighed by this almost instant gratification of seeing new growth so fast and so beautifully. I remember growing roses in southern Oregon and waiting and checking and watching for months for new growth. Often then to lose the new growth to the usual late freezes.

Here in San Diego, we don't prune roses in January to assist in dormancy, because roses in San Diego never really go dormant. As I have proven we could prune in November or wait until March. Or prune different beds throughout the year as Linda Clark does sometimes. The most important thing is that we DO NEED TO PRUNE SOMETIME. Pruning is our most primary way of communicating with our roses. It tells them to start some new growth, to point that growth in a certain way, to not continue to expand dead areas, to let in more sunshine and circulation, and to stop any susceptibility to disease and pests. When you see bushes that give a few roses and then just sit and wait--WHAT WE GOT HERE IS FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE.

Roses in San Diego can be so incredibly prolific that they (bless their ever-giving hearts) appreciably shorten their own lives by their constant output of roses. You know to generate new canes there must be a fertile spot on the bud union. When all the best spots have been used, the bud union becomes unable to produce new growth. In essence, roses in San Diego can actually bloom their hearts out for us. This means a rose may not live as long in San Diego as in other climates. The best part about that is, we now have a spot for a new rose (hint, hint--if you are finding some "one-cane wonders" in your pruning saga a new rose may be coming in your future). I will be replacing several with striped Dave Bang roses which I am super excited about.

A Joy of Growing Roses (in San Diego) is being able to find roses in nurseries almost twelve months a year. If you go to some of the best nurseries such as Kniffings, Walter Andersen, Armstrong, Mission Hills, or Hunter's you will find super choices to expand your garden and replace roses as needed. This is also a great time of the year to look at rose catalogs and mail order websites. My favorites are K and M Nursery in Buckatunna, MS with great own root Dave Bang roses and many HT & Fl on Fortuniana, as well as Heirloom Roses and Rogue Valley Roses in Oregon.

Talking about roses is what the San Diego Rose Society is all about. I miss our regular meetings sooooo much. The Little Rose Show is where so many of us have learned with wonderful mentors how to show our amazing blooms. The raffle is where we could find roses others want to share or rose related finds. The pilgrimages, is where we found the time to non-stop talk about and visit roses. The speakers taught us so much about growing roses. The rose friends were always willing to share new ideas, techniques and insights. We have been able to "meet", sort of, with GoToMeeting and that is great but not the same as in person. Surely we can meet together again sometime in 2021.

The Joy Of Growing Roses (In San Diego) can be about greed, hoarding or collecting. I actually have the greatest affinity for the word collecting. My brother believed that if you had more than three of any one thing and put those three items together, you could call it a collection and thus eliminate the need to think of those other two words and what they mean. I think Bob Martin would agree. He has some great collections of Polyanthas, "Dwarf" roses, David Austin roses, etc.

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A big **Joy Of Growing Roses (in San Diego)** is belonging to one of the largest rose societies in the nation and receiving the award-winning newsletter put out by Elaine Ornelas. An amazing learning tool for novice and experienced rose growers alike, our newsletter gives us so much expert advice, beautiful photos and stories.

One **Joy Of Growing Roses (in San Diego)** is about sharing and showing. After this last horrid year of isolation, I am so anxious and hopeful that we will have a different experience in 2021. That we will have a rose show combined with a district meeting this year. I don't think we will have a San Diego County Fair this year and that makes me sad but I am hopeful we will have some fall shows to take our roses to and that we will see an American Rose Society convention and presidential installation the end of September. I will have an open garden this year on the weekend of April 18 (masked and distanced as needed). I hope some other of our members will be able to open their gardens this year. It is so much fun to wander around someone else's garden and ohh and awe at their beautiful roses. As soon as the roses bloom, I will start putting bouquets on the retaining wall for neighbors and passerbys to take and enjoy.

A **Joy Of Growing Roses (in San Diego)** is the fun of our annual fertilizer sale. Being a procrastinator at heart, it is really great to plan and execute the feeding of these givers of blooms. They give so much to me that I want them to have the richest menu I can give them. Knowing I will have enough nutritious food for them for the entire year is a great satisfaction. Getting a chance to see society members and talk roses is an added boon. Even here we have Covid-related challenges. I have been informed by Grow More that some of our ordered items are on back order. I had hoped to have the shipment delivered on January 27 for immediate distribution but because of the backorders, have postponed that date to February 1 in hopes the backordered items will have arrived. That is still plenty of time to give our roses their first organic food on February 14—'Love Your Roses and Feed Them Day'.

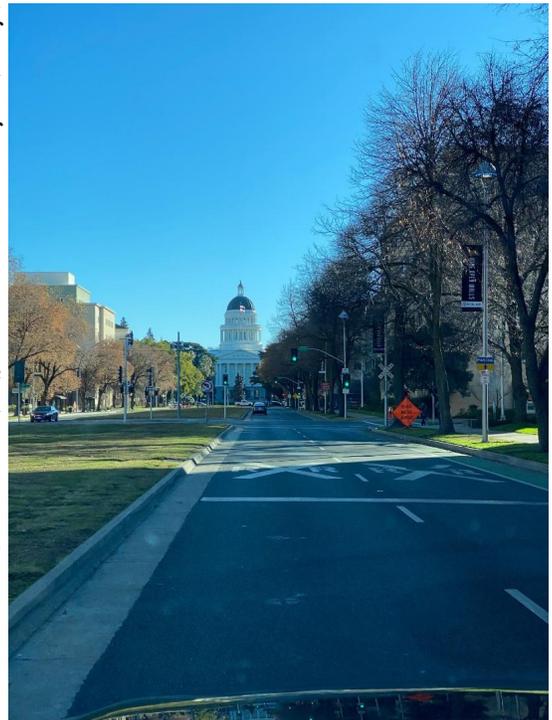
Rose Garden at the Capitol in Sacramento

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During a recent visit to Sacramento I stopped by the garden at the Capitol. The garden is the largest of the 17 projects on the historic California State Capitol grounds. This is a Victorian-style rose garden, to match the Victorian architecture of the state capitol. There are elegant entrance arbors, benches, a Peace Pavilion for events and ceremonies, and a water conserving fountain. The garden was planted in 2003 and spans almost a half acre. There are 717 rose plants and 177 different varieties of roses. The garden is a popular gathering place for weddings, quinceañeras and civic activities, as well as a magnet for photographers. The garden was voted #7 Best Public Rose Garden in the USA out of 130 + and was given a Best of Sacramento Award in 2018.

The name of the garden is the **Capitol Park World Peace Rose Garden**. It was founded by TJ David and his wife Sylvia Villalobos. TJ David was about 75% done with pruning of the garden when I was there, and he was pruning alone! I am inspired by his commitment and dedication to this garden.

Another rose garden TJ David created was at the Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site, in Atlanta, Georgia. That's where King was born, where he worked and where he's laid to rest. He and Coretta Scott King share a tomb. When you look through the roses, you see a fountain, and then you see the tomb. Off to your right you see the Ebenezer Church right behind the garden, then the visitor center, which has a lot of artifacts and a lot of history on Dr. King's movement of peace through non-violence. Right across the street is the birth home.



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This spring and summer should be a great time to visit this capitol garden because it will be in full bloom. It is located in downtown Sacramento in State Capitol Park, 14th Street, near L Street. Parking is metered street parking and admission is free. I hope all of you are able to visit this garden, another treasure of California.



TJ David



In Our Thoughts and Prayers....

Please lift up your healing thoughts for the following people in our rose family.

Virginia West: We are happy to learn that Virginia is now 44 days from her bone marrow transplant as part of her treatment for her cancer diagnosis and she reports that she is doing well. She has to still travel to the City of Hope for evaluation twice a week.....a 246 mile round trip. She is being supported by her loving husband, Mark. She even ventured out to shop for a wig and here is a photo of her and her new 'look'. We ask for blessings for Virginia as she continues her walk to recovery.



'Farmer Bill' Tall: Although not a member of our rose society, Farmer Bill was known to many of us who visited City Farmers Nursery here in San Diego. Many of us have visited the nursery to purchase fertilizers and plants, and to visit the nursery which was more like a country park. On January 26th, at the age of 64, after a six year, extraordinary and uphill battle against cancer and liver failure, Bill Tall passed away. He was at home, surrounded by the ever-present sounds of the nursery; the background music of a life well lived.

And we especially send our protective thoughts and prayers to all of the **doctors, nurses and other caregivers** who are placing their lives at risk in caring for any of us who are stricken with the COVID-19 virus infection. Bless you all!

Great Membership News !!

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

Wow! I thought our seventy-nine new members last year was good and here we are with thirteen new members in the first eighteen days of January 2021! Renewals from our existing members are coming in strong as well. I'm sure that both were accelerated with our bonus offer of your choice of either a set of Corona pruners or a container of fertilizer when placing a fertilizer order. By the time you are reading this the eligibility window will have closed so I hope you were included in the bonus.

The distribution of the bonus items will occur at the fertilizer distribution site (Ruth Tiffany's garage) beginning on February 1st when the Grow More fertilizer is delivered there. If anyone has a real problem getting to Ruth's place please email or call/text me and maybe we can work something out.

So, we now can welcome our new members. When we finally meet again we can all share a smile. Welcome!

**Talina Lindsey
Lynn Hunter
Scotchie Harrington
Kelli Richardson
Susan Fox
Chris Carnes
Laura Hershey
Christian Williamson
Elise Haar
Kelli & Mark Weitzel
Laura Terry
Marta Phillips
Brent and Jackie Blum
Jennifer Ramos
JoAnn Padgett**

The membership form can be completed and payment submitted using this online link:

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

Or you can complete the paper membership form included in the this issue of *Rose Ramblings* and send a check to our Post Office BoxP.O. Box 86124, San Diego Ca. 92138-6124.





San Diego Rose Society
2021 Membership Application/Renewal

Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

(PRIVACY POLICY: Your information will never be released to entities other than the San Diego Rose Society and the American Rose Society, and will only be used for Rose Society Communication such as newsletters, membership renewal, event and meeting notices, and rose information.)

Check one: New Member [] Renewal []

Check Membership Level (Family membership)

Amount Enclosed:

- [] Regular Member (\$20) \$ _____
[] Contributing Member (\$25) \$ _____
[] Supporting Member (\$35) \$ _____
[] Sustaining Member (\$50) \$ _____
[] Patron (\$100) \$ _____
[] Additional Donation, if desired \$ _____

- Are you a member of the American Rose Society? Yes [] No []
Are you an active Consulting Rosarian? Yes [] No []
Are you an active Master Rosarian? Yes [] No []
Are you or do you wish to become a member of the Rose Garden Corps? Yes [] No []
(Help with the maintenance of the Balboa Park Rose Garden)

Payment Options: (Use only one option)

- 1. Send this form and a check payable to SDRS to:
SDRS Membership
P.O. Box 86124
San Diego, CA 92138-6124, or
2. Send payment via PayPal. See link on https://www.sandiegorosociety.com/join or
3. Bring completed form and payment to the next SDRS event you attend.

Thank you so much for your continuing support of our San Diego Rose Society !

List of Nurseries for Roses

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

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

LOCAL:

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

NEW →

Be sure to start reviewing the catalogs of the various nurseries listed here to line up your new roses that you might want to plant. February is a good time to start planting new roses.

NOT LOCAL OR ON-LINE ORDERING ONLY:

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

New Process for Contacting Consulting Rosarians

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

The listing below for consulting rosarians is also listed on the San Diego Rose Society's website, including phone numbers and email addresses. Our website is a public domain and can be viewed by everyone and is intended to be that way so that the public can harvest useful information about growing roses. However the email address can be accessed by 'web crawlers' and can be used to 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

Consulting Rosarians for San Diego Rose Society

Name	Area	County 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

Event Calendars and Web Sites

San Diego Rose Society Calendar of Events

2021

Monday, February 22, 2021, 7:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.; SDRS Monthly Program (virtual): “David Austin & The Romance of English Roses” presented by Suzanne Horn (see details on page 2 of this newsletter)

Monday, March 15, 2021, 7:00 p.m.; SDRS Monthly Program (virtual): History of Waterwise Botanicals Nursery in Bonsall and Specialty Roses presented by Tom Jesch (see details on page 3 of this newsletter)

Sunday, April 18, 2021: Open Garden at Ruth Tiffany’s house; (more details to come)

Useful Websites and Links

San Diego Rose Society (www.sandiegorosesociety.com)

American Rose Society (www.rose.org)

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

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

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

The San Diego Rose Society Has a NEW Website!

By Beth Van Boxtel, bethpaige@gmail.com

Our brand new website is up and running! We have a new URL and a new website featuring virtual garden tours, FAQs, information on future events as they become scheduled, how to donate and volunteer, membership info, and much more.

www.sandiegorosesociety.com

Also, feel free to drop by our Facebook page to check out the latest videos and tips for year-round gardening, as well as our latest virtual garden tours. And the Instagram page is full of rose blooms! Go check it out!

National Events

2021

September 10-13, 2021: 2021 ARS National Convention and Rose Show; Milwaukee, WI; website: <https://www.creamcityroses.org/>

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>

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