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President's Message

By Deborah Magnuson, magnusond@sbcglobal.net

FLOWERPOWER comes to mind as the best single word description for our gardens this month. May has always held a special place in my heart. Beginning with days gone by of my midwestern youth, it was my Mother's garden that leapt from the mounds of a snowy, frozen ground and the bare earth of a cold winter, to colorful tulips, sweet-scented lilacs and sprays of lily-of-the-valley reigning supreme. I very much miss those sights and special fragrances. Yet I rejoice as here in my southern California coastal garden it is the star jasmine and yes, ROSES that are taking center stage. The supporting cast includes gladiolus, ranunculus, sweet peas, salvias, nasturtium, and now milkweed for the monarch butterflies. A true symphony of color is visible everywhere. In the words of the late actor and comedian Robin Williams "Spring is nature's way of saying let's party" and I absolutely agree. A visit to the Inez Grant Parker Rose Garden in Balboa Park is something I highly encourage. Now is the time as the 1,700 roses are fully blooming and have never looked more spectacular. Pack a picnic lunch and go! A special thanks goes to Rita Morris for her watchful care, and the Rose Garden Corps volunteers for all they do.

Members' Open Gardens continue this month and I hope you get a chance to see all of them. Planning and preparing for my recent Open Garden was a joy. How delightful it was seeing so many of you, including visitors from as far away as Orange County and Riverside. I especially enjoyed getting a chance to meet several of our newest members in person. The following day was my chance to visit the gorgeous gardens of long-time members Sue Streeper and Ruth Tiffany. There is always something new to observe, learn, and admire in the gardens of these Master Rosarians. A most wonderful surprise happened when the KUSI local news station discovered Ruth's Rosehill garden and featured a news story about it, describing Ruth as "precious, and her garden truly unbelievable." Spiritualist and mystic Hazrat Khan said "Some people look for a beautiful place. Others make a place beautiful." Sue and Ruth have certainly demonstrated what beautiful spaces can be created with roses.

Celebrations and observances in the month of May are many and provide lots of opportunities for creating and sharing bouquets of our now abundantly growing roses. The National Day of Prayer on May 6 encourages us to give thanks to our Creator and offer prayer for our Nation. That very same day is also National Nurses Day. Wouldn't it be especially thoughtful to honor those working tirelessly on the front lines of the pandemic over this past year? Shortly after comes Mother's Day with another opportunity to demonstrate our gratitude to mothers in our lives past and present. Honoring our men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces takes place May 15th. The month ends with Memorial Day when we pause to remember all who died in service of our nation during war. As Franklin D. Roosevelt reminded us, "Those who have long enjoyed such privileges as we enjoy forget in time that men have died to win them." Have a blessed and joyous May, and I look forward to seeing many of you at The San Diego Rose Society's next Open Gardens.

Yes! We Are Actually Having a Rose Show!

By Linda Clark, lincline@cox.net

Hooray! The show will undoubtedly look a bit different, (masked, socially distant), but we are so excited to be able to host our **San Diego Rose Society's 93rd Annual Show and Pacific Southwest District Convention, June 12th and 13th 2021**. The location will be:

**Courtyard Marriott in El Cajon
141 North Magnolia Ave, El Cajon, CA 92020**

It will be not only a rose show, but a District Convention and Rose Auction as well. There will be much to do to get ready for this event. We will have the usual show set up Friday June 11th. On Saturday morning, bring some roses to enter so we can fill the room. If you have questions about how to enter, email lincline@cox.net and I will try to help you. I will also be there along with other exhibitors entering some blooms. Please bring what you have and join the fun! After the roses have been judged, the show will be open to everyone for free this year. (Donations are accepted.) There will also be a silent auction open during the show hours, 1:00-7:00, and sale of cut blooms too.

Sunday there will be a 10:00 a.m. District Breakfast Meeting and election of Pacific Southwest Officers. We will be choosing someone to lead Prizes and Awards as well as confirming the candidate for secretary. I welcome everyone to come cast their vote and join us for the business of the Pacific Southwest District.

The weekend will culminate at noon with our District Awards Luncheon and Live Rose Auction. We will be giving the rose show awards and the district awards at this time. The live auction will feature many rare and unusual roses going to the highest bidder! What a fun time.

Our day will end with the usual cleanup and storage for next year. I encourage everyone to hold the date and plan on supporting your local rose society!

Here is the link to our SDRS website with registration information and the list of roses which will be auctioned. There is also a registration form on the next page of this newsletter for those of you preferring the mail-in method.

<https://www.sandiegorosociety.com/rose-show-auction>

Rose Show and Convention Schedule

Friday June 11, 2021

Rose Show hall open to arrangers and exhibitors at 9pm

Saturday June 12, 2021

6 am-10 am: Rose Show hall placement open (donuts and coffee will be served)

10 am: Judging for the rose show begins

12:30 pm: Judges/Volunteers Only lunch

1 pm-6 pm: Rose Show and Silent Auction open to public and free admission

2 pm: Consulting Rosarian meeting – Tom Cooney

3 pm: Horticultural Judges meeting – Chris Greenwood

4 pm: Arrangement Judges meeting – Hal Reynolds

6-8 pm: Cocktails and Light Supper at Linda Clark's house; members may bring liquor

Sunday June 13, 2021

10 am: District Breakfast Meeting/Elections

12 pm: District Awards Luncheon and Rose Show Awards

1:30 pm: Live Auction

3:30 pm: Clean up

Rose Auction Schedule

Silent Auction:

Saturday, June 12

1 pm-6 pm

Live Auction:

Sunday, June 13

1:30 pm

Open to the public and free admission.

The auction will include a silent and live auction of several roses, some of which are rare or hard-to-find varieties including some Dave Bang roses. Come join our ARS President and famous auctioneer, Bob Martin, as he harvests the best prices for these roses! Proceeds will benefit the San Diego Rose Society.



*San Diego Rose Society's
93rd Annual Rose Show with Rose
Auction
Pacific Southwest District Rose Show
and Convention
Friday, June 11, 2021—Sunday, June 13, 2021*

Rose Show and Convention Registration Form

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Spouse or Partner's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Your Local Rose Society Membership (e.g. San Diego Rose Society)* _____

Awards luncheon (Sunday) Meal Preference* BBQ Vegetarian

Payment Options: (Use only one option)

1. Send this form and a check for **\$70 per person**, payable to SDRS to:

**San Diego Rose Society
P.O. Box 86124
San Diego, CA 92138-6124**

or,

2. Use this link to register electronically and pay using PayPal:

<https://www.sandiegorosociety.com/rose-show-auction#register>

For your registration fee of \$70 you will be able to participate in the rose show, as well as the silent and live auctions. You will also be able to attend any of the meetings on the schedule and enjoy delicious district breakfast and awards luncheon. There will also be a 'grab bag' for you with lots of goodies including a quality pair of **\$35 Corona pruners**. And thanks to our rose show coordinator, Linda Clark, you will also be able to enjoy a cocktail hour and light supper at Linda's house. This is one of the premier events of our society, and your participation speaks highly of the generosity of our membership and our love of roses..

The Value of the Rose Show

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

“When the student is ready, the master appears.”
Buddhist Proverb

“Never go to a doctor whose houseplants have died.”
Erma Bombeck

I attended my first rose show in 1982 – maybe it was 1983. I had read in the *American Rose* magazine of a rose show that would be held at the Los Angeles Arboretum. I had been growing roses since 1972 and fancied that I knew a lot about roses. Living then in nearby Pasadena, the show was not too far away and so I went.

I don't remember much about the rose show. There were lines of tables and I remember walking past rows of tall roses in bottles. The only name I remember was 'Lady X', a peculiar name for a rose, I thought, and an odd purplish color. I picked up some literature at a table, including a flyer inviting me to attend a meeting of the Pacific Rose Society. I saved the flyer, intending to attend a meeting some day. It was many years before I ever did.

My second rose show was in 1984 – maybe it was earlier. This one was held at the old Hollywood Palladium. I read about it in the *American Rose* too and was attracted to it because it was to include a wine and cheese tasting. “A Day of Wine and Roses”, I think it was called, and advance tickets were available. I ordered four tickets, invited another couple, and four of us went.

I don't remember much about the rose show. There was wine and cheese and the roses were presented nicely on tables. Visitors were invited to examine two or three competing entries in several classes and to ballot on the winner. We sipped our wine, munched our cheese and crackers, and thoughtfully examined the entries, casting our ballots in little boxes for the purpose. We had no idea of how to judge, but it was a pleasant afternoon. I remember nothing of the roses.

My third rose show was on November 4, 1986. It was sponsored by the Pasadena Rose Society, which I had joined in September on the invitation of the newly installed president, who had just called me out of the blue. My first meeting featured a talk by Jack O'Neil on showing roses. I was fascinated by his talk and said to myself, “you can do that!” And, I became determined to try.

The night before the show, I drove all over Pasadena visiting stores like Pier One Imports, looking for suitable vases in which to display the roses I planned to take to the show. I didn't know that the vases were provided. And, on arrival, I discovered there were a lot of other things I didn't know. I saw people in the parking lot with tall roses in containers with Q-tips sticking out of them like Martian antennas. I didn't know why. I watched a couple bring in coolers full of perfect miniature roses. I didn't know how they did that. In the preparation room, I found myself surrounded by beautiful roses and busy people hurrying about doing things I knew nothing about.

After entries had been made, Luis Desamero asked if I would like to clerk the show. I had no idea what a clerk did but said, “yes” anyway. As we entered the show room together, I was nearly overcome by the beauty and the smell of the roses filling the room. Turning to Luis I said, “I thought I knew everything about growing roses, but now I see I know nothing.” There was in fact, plenty to learn.

I made nine entries that day, mostly in the novice section. I won four blue ribbons. I did not win the novice trophy; in fact the winner of the novice trophy was later awarded queen of show. I had no idea how unusual this was. But I was very happy and proudly displayed my four blue ribbons at my law office the next Monday. I also tagged along as a clerk after the judges. I watched and learned as Zelda Lloyd and Grace Seward, two of the judges, evaluated entries. I learned a little of what distinguished a very good rose from one not so good. I discovered the species rose, *Rosa banksias lutea*. I even learned how to thread the string on a ribbon through the hole in the entry tag. I learned a lot at that rose show.

So what was the difference between the first two shows, where I learned very little, and the third, where I learned so much? The difference is that at the first two shows, I was a mere spectator. At the third, I was a participant. At that show I was a participant as an exhibitor. I was a participant as a clerk. And, I was a participant as a member of the society that sponsored the show. It was my participation that made all the difference.

Today, 35 years later, I have a record of my participation in rose shows. I can tell you that as an exhibitor, I have participated in 236 rose shows. As a judge, both horticultural and arrangements, I have participated in 100 rose shows. As show chair, I have participated in 11. And, as a clerk, I have participated in six. There is some overlap, but in all I have participated more than 300 rose shows over the last 35 years. I am also reasonably certain that I have learned something new at every one.

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I have over the course of the years read many articles and comments on the educational value of a rose show. Some have been skeptical that a rose show has much educational value at all. But the skeptics, I have noticed, generally focus on the educational benefit to the spectator – to the visitor to the show. For example, I recall one that attempted to measure the educational value of a rose show by a mathematical algorithm that compared the number of persons required to stage a show, including exhibitors and judges, to the number of “unaffiliated members of the public attending the show”. This focus, I have come to believe, is wrong.

The primary educational value of a rose show lies in the education of its participants. ***And, as an educational organization, the rose show is the most single important educational activity that a rose society can undertake.***

The educational value of participation in a rose show is substantial. The exhibitor learns how to grow better roses. As stated by past ARS President Don Ballin, writing in the February 1983 *American Rose*: “Exhibiting FORCES the grower to develop exemplary cultural practices. It is only with the correct feeding, spraying, pruning and general garden maintenance that an exhibitor becomes a frequent winner.” Much of this learning requires experimentation. So the exhibitor is usually the first to learn about new roses, new products, as well as the skill in the transportation, presentation and display of roses. And, in showing roses exhibitors learn and reaffirm good personal values including the principles that friends play fair and growing good roses requires discipline and hard work.

The judges learn about the proper attitude to perform judging duties. They learn to set aside personal prejudices toward a type of rose or specific varieties and to judge objectively. They learn to practice courtesy in interacting with other judges and improve their skills at evaluating roses. And, they learn about roses, new varieties and older varieties with which they have not been familiar.

The clerks learn about the judging process. They learn to be careful and to listen. And, they also learn about roses, their display and new varieties. The show chair and members of the show committee also learn about roses as well as organizational skills. And everyone learns the value of pulling together in a common enterprise, the purpose of which is to show the most beautiful flower in God’s creation at its most perfect phase of possible beauty.

This is not to say that there is no educational value to the spectator. I didn’t learn much as a spectator, but maybe the experience struck a spark of interest that would later ignite when I became a participant. There will be those who visit a rose show and will learn – or at least learn that they need to learn.

The educational process of a rose show is not complete unless the roses are judged. By this process, exhibitors, as well as other participants, can assess the value of the things they have learned. How can you know which rose has been grown the best unless it be judged? Judging is necessary and an integral component of the educational value of a rose show. So-called “rose displays” in which examples of badly grown roses are presented will not and cannot bring out exhibitors determined to display the best a rose can be. Nor will they inform the other participants of what a rose can be and what must be done to make it so.

In the spring 1999 issue of *Rose Exhibitors’ Forum*, I published an article by my late friend Kent Campbell, later republished in the *American Rose*, titled “Aesthetics and Roses.” Dr. Campbell, a retired college professor of music at Western Kentucky University, observed there:

“A rose show, much as a concert or a poetry reading, is an aesthetic event. There is a straight line between a Monet exhibition at an art museum and the tables at a rose show. They both primarily exist to evoke feeling in the viewer. The more one knows about French Impressionism, the more heightened the response to Monet. The same is true of roses. The more one understands varieties, growing, grooming techniques, and staging, the more feelingful the response to the rose show.”

Continuing, Dr. Campbell said: “Even though an aesthetic feeling is a private phenomenon, we, as with artists of all types, want to share this special and unique experience with others. Poems are created to be read; paintings and sculptures are created to be viewed; music is created to be heard; and roses are grown to be seen.”

And so it is. A rose society without a rose show is like a musical instrument society that forms no orchestra or band. It is like a society of painters that has no exhibition of their works. It is a society of sculpture artists that keep their works in their garages. It is an educational institution that holds no classes and gives no tests.

Nearly all of the American rose shows were cancelled in 2021 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Previously I had documented a decline in the number of shows over several years. That decline bottomed out in about 2015. In part the decline in the number of shows is reflective of the decline in membership of the American Rose Society and its local societies, a decline that had seen several local societies fold. At the same time, the decline in rose shows was considerably less than that experienced in membership and the numbers of local societies. And by my estimate, it appears that approximately 2/3rds of the local societies had continued to sponsor a rose show as a major annual event. In fact, it appears to me that societies that do not sponsor a local rose show are the ones most likely to fail. It is hard to say whether this is cause or effect, but the fact remains that nearly all of the large, vibrant local American rose societies sponsor an annual rose show.

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The San Diego Rose Society has sponsored an annual rose show since 1926. Ours is the oldest show in the Pacific Southwest and one of the oldest in the country. This show is one of the reasons that the San Diego Rose Society is one of the most vibrant and active rose societies in the United States. It is and has been central to our continued success.

Much of my contribution to roses has been about showing roses and a great deal of what I have been able to share has been learned through my participation in rose shows. The rose show has taught me much of what I know and has given me enormous pleasure. I encourage all those serious about roses and desirous of learning more to participate in our rose show now planned for June 12, 2021. It will also be fun and I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Displayed here are a few photos from the 2019 San Diego Rose Society show.



**Clockwise from upper left:
Show floor; Trophy table; Fragrance
table; Trophy table**



How to Groom Roses for a Rose Show

By Deborah Magnuson, magnusonsd@sbcglobal.net and Kathy Hunyor, jkhunyor@san.rr.com

For those new members who are considering entering their roses into the upcoming SDRS rose show in June, Kitty Belendez has two nice videos, less than five minutes each, on YouTube explaining how to groom rose blooms and their foliage. On Google look up 'Kitty Belendez grooming roses'. Select the "Grooming Hybrid Tea Blooms for a Rose Show" first (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P524zvZMY3E>). Then select "Grooming the Stem & Foliage for Exhibiting at the Rose Show" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gx7lz24J4QI>). These short videos will help NEW members learn how roses are groomed and viewed by judges, and will be a nice reminder for those of us who have not been able to prepare for a Rose Show in over a year!

San Diego Rose Society Monthly Meeting (Virtual) for May

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

Topic: Classic Roses

Speaker: Craig Dorschel

(Craig is a candidate for ARS Vice President in June 2021)

Mon, May 17, 2021 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (PDT)

MEETING TO START AT 6:30PM

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Let's Talk Roses!

By Deborah Magnuson, magnusonsd@sbcglobal.net

"Let's Talk Roses" will continue next fall in its previous form when in-person San Diego Rose Society meetings resume and *The Little Rose Corner* returns at 7:00pm, just before our regular meeting time of 7:30pm. Please continue reaching out to our Consulting Rosarians with your questions via the link: [Contact — San Diego Rose Society](#)

Robert & Kristine Russell's Open Garden
Saturday, May 1, 2021 1 p.m.—4 p.m.
421 North Lane, El Cajon, CA 92021 (Crest area)

Join us for a stroll through our rose garden. We ask that you remember to wear your face masks and be mindful of those around you. Light refreshments will be provided.



Natalie Stout's Open Garden
Sunday, May 2, 2021 12:00 noon—5:00 p.m.
5167 Roxbury Road, San Diego, CA 92116 (Kensington area)
619-200-3895

Our cottage-style garden on a small city lot relies on 150 roses in containers for its joy and color. Our garden will be open from 12:00 to 5:00. We would love to have you visit!



Linda Clark and Ralph Reagan Open Garden
Sunday, May 2, 2021 12:00 noon—4:00 p.m.
10656 Fuerte Drive, La Mesa, CA 91941
619-312-2468



You are invited to come and enjoy the Clark/Reagan garden with over 500 roses and other beautiful plants and trees in a spacious setting. Please come masked and stay socially distanced for an outdoor walk among the roses.



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Bob and Dona Martin's Mother's Day Open Garden
Saturday May 8, 2021 11 a.m. to dusk and Sunday, May 9, 2021 2 p.m. to dusk
3291 Old Oak Tree Lane
Escondido, California 92026
636-840-3472

(North on Broadway to North Ave, turn right to Kaywood Dr., turn left to Old Oak Hill Dr. and then right. Garden is on right side of cul-de-sac at end of Old Oak Hill Dr.)

Friends, neighbors and their mothers are welcome to attend and enjoy the roses, which are expected to be in full bloom. Social distancing will be practiced as necessary and masked visitors other than raccoons are welcome.

Established in 2010, the gardens of Bob & Dona Martin consist of more than 600 roses on a fully landscaped acre in north San Diego County. With more than 460 varieties, the gardens feature all types of roses from the newest to the ancient, as well as roses hybridized by Bob Martin, all arranged in multiple beds integrated within the landscape. These include, in the back, a sweeping bed of exhibition hybrid teas, the Garden of the Seven Dwarfs flanked by a garden of striped roses, and a large terraced garden of mixed old garden roses, landscape shrubs and climbers. The front features a border of minifloras, another border of miniature roses, a polyantha border and a large sweeping border of floribundas and grandifloras. In the front center is the newest addition, Dona's English Garden, featuring three distinct beds and a border containing 78 English Style roses. All of the roses are labeled for easy identification and are integrated into a botanical landscape of perennials, shrubs and 30 trees.



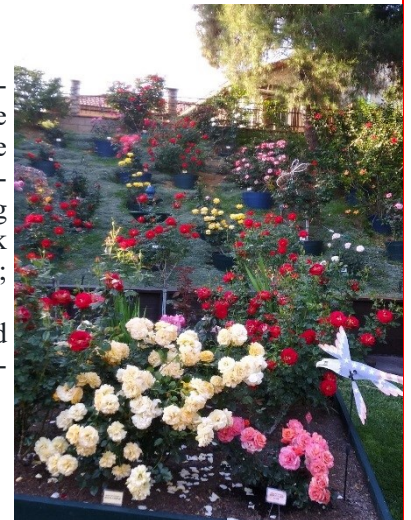
NEW! Mark and Virginia West's Open Garden
Sunday, May 16, 2021 10 a.m.—4 p.m.
9262 Samantha Court
San Diego, CA 92129 (Rancho Penasquitos)



We invite you to survey our 175 roses including climbers, hybrid teas, floribundas and rose trees with some gladiolas and irises sprinkled in. Due to Virginia's health challenges this past January, volunteers and neighbors took on the annual pruning task. With the pruning stretched out over a 4 week period, the bloom cycle also appears incremental; hence this later open garden date.

We have shady places for you to relax and view the garden. Light refreshments will be available. Please mask and social distance.

We are so looking forward to seeing you!



A Photographic Journey of the Open Gardens of April

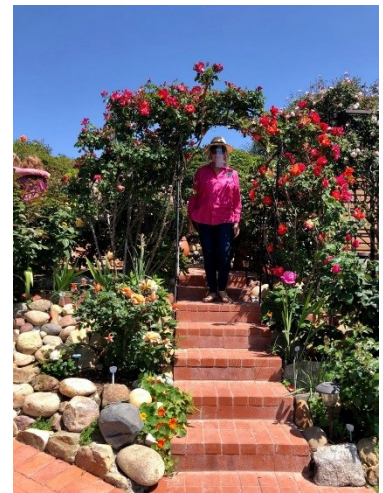
By Elaine Ornelas, cornelas1949@att.net

During the month of April this year, *five* of our SDRS rose members opened their beautiful gardens to the public so they could enjoy the unrivaled beauty and fragrance of their roses. After a very difficult 2020, it was so refreshing to have these hidden gems to visit. Here are a few photos of those gardens.

Deborah Magnuson's garden



Beth Van Boxtel in her garden



Sue Streeper and her beautiful garden



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Ruth Tiffany's Open Garden



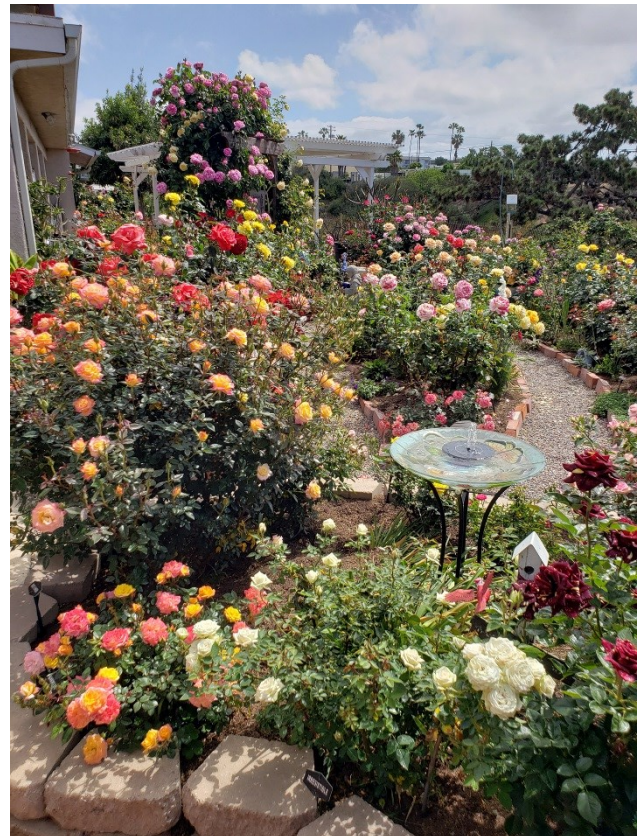
She's Famous!

Ruth's garden was also visited by KUSI reporter Hunter Soward just prior to her open garden. Here is the link to that article and video.

<https://www.kusi.com/smell-the-roses-east-county-woman-invites-public-to-enjoy-rose-garden/>



The Garden of Bill and Elaine Ornelas



What To Do in the Rose Garden in May

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

Aphids! Aphids! Aphids! Boy did we have aphids last month! And we heard from other members that they did too. This must have been the year for them. Our treatment is not too drastic. We have a 'bug blaster' wand, which Bob Martin recommended, that we connect to the hose and we blast them off. It works fairly well but you need to be consistent with that treatment. We also 'squish' them by hand which turns our fingers green. The aphids really don't seem to damage the rose bush or blooms too much so we are willing to live with that without the use of harsh insecticides which might harm the beneficial insects that feed on the aphids. We see lots of lady beetles and the little yellow goldfinches love to feed on these pesky bugs.



We will continue with our feeding program about every three weeks and we water three times per week using our drip irrigation system. The timer for this system can be modified easily to adjust for warmer, drier periods.

I believe that God must have known that we needed a bountiful bloom cycle this year because of all of the stress of the previous year due to COVID. Our first bloom was so incredible I don't think we have ever had such an abundant number of blooms! And I think many of our rosarians had the same experience, judging from the display during their open gardens. But that leaves many spent blooms that need to be deadheaded. So that is also a daily task but a pleasant one because even spent blooms give off a wonderful fragrance.

As the weather warms as we transition from spring to summer, don't forget to assess your roses for stress and check that they are receiving sufficient water. We recommend that you do a daily 'garden tour' to evaluate your roses, checking for fungal diseases and pests. Early treatment of both of these is essential to ensure that it doesn't get away from you.

But most of all, enjoy your roses! Breathe their fragrance into your soul and embrace their beauty. They are rare finds in our world right now.

Rose Growing Is Not for Sissies: Dealing with Hoplia Beetles

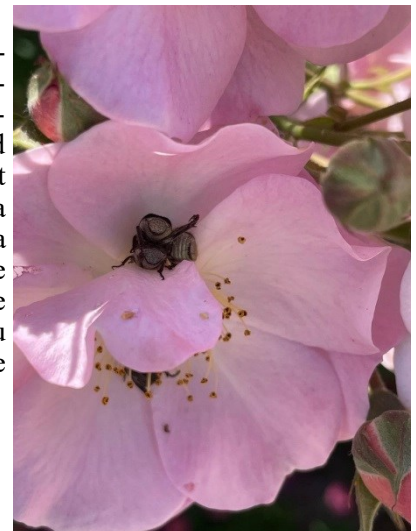
By Rita Perwich, Master Gardener and Consulting Rosarian ritaperwich@gmail.com

When we grow roses, peace-rattling factors come at us from two main directions: pests and fungal diseases. The year's first peace-robber in my garden comes in the form of a pest: hoplia beetles.

In San Diego we prune our roses in January, and then we start dreaming of the luscious spring abundance of roses. The blooms arrive lavishly eight to ten weeks later, in late March to early April, and our joy is complete... until it is marred with the season's first damage and violation on our roses. Damage all the more outrageous and offensive because the first spring blooms were so perfect and had been so long anticipated. Rose growing is not for sissies.

What to Do

The first task is to look at the damage and follow it until you find the culprit. If the damage is chewed up petals and holes in the blooms there are two obvious choices in the early spring: hoplia beetles and caterpillars. Now observe whether the blooms damaged are mostly your light colored roses, the whites, yellows and pinks. If so, there is a good chance that the pests you are dealing with are hoplia beetles. On single-petalled roses, hoplia beetles are easy to spot. They are there in plain view on the petals and in the stamens. On multi-petalled roses you will find them within the folds of the petals. Just follow the holes.



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Know the Enemy: The Life Cycle

Beetles are common and easily recognizable and many of them are our allies in the garden. One of our best friends in the garden is the pretty red-spotted lady beetle. But some beetles, including *Hoplia callipyge* (family *Scarabaeidae*), are beetle pests. The hoplia beetle measures 0.25 to 0.3 inches long. It is mostly brown with a darker head and thorax. I have read that hoplia beetles have brown wing covers and an iridescent silvery green body. The hoplia beetles that show up in my garden year after year in late March are just an ugly dull dark grayish-brown. There is no iridescence to them but the underside of their bodies are a slightly silvery color. Female beetles lay glossy, white eggs in the soil. The whitish larvae are C-shaped with a bulbous posterior. They feed on decaying vegetation and plant roots but do not feed on roses' roots. They develop slowly, remaining in the larval or pupal stage throughout the winter. In early spring they complete development, and adult beetles emerge from the soil. The adults fly to gardens where they feed on roses and other flowers. They do not feed on leaves, just your beautiful buds and blooms. Adults generally are active from late March to early May. After feeding for several weeks, adults fly back to their egg-laying sites. There is mercifully only a single generation each year.



Take Back Control With The Fast Capture Method

Throughout the years I have dealt with these beetles, I have learned and finessed the delicate art of dispensing with them. I have two advantages: first, they are easy to spot because of their darkish-brown gray color and their preference for feeding on light-colored roses; second, they get very focused on feeding so they don't see me coming to get them. I start by actually taking my gloves off. I lost all squeamishness many damaged blooms ago. The reason I take my gloves off is because I do a quick grab and crush maneuver and I have discovered that gloves can cause you to lose precision and drop the hoplia beetle. Once dropped, a hoplia beetle becomes perfectly camouflaged in the mulch and you will not be able to find it again. Only once have I seen a hoplia beetle fly away from my hand. They really do seem to have slow reflexes. When a bloom is very damaged there are likely two to five hoplia beetles within the bloom. In this case, cut the bloom off but hold it over a bucket so you don't accidentally lose any of the beetles. With the hoplia beetle between your fingers you can either crush it underfoot if there is a handy stepping stone available, or you can squish it barehanded between two petals or disconnect its head from its body with the nails on your thumb and index finger. Is there any other way? Yes. A bucket filled with soapy water...the catch and dunk method! All methods are easily done and definitely warranted! When the hoplia beetles are not feasting on my roses, I have found them within my calla lilies. They do slightly chew up the lilies but the lilies' main function appears to be a deep comfortable funnel for the beetles to repose for afternoon and evening siestas. It is imperative to check rose blooms and the inside of calla lilies twice daily in the morning and at dusk.



This Too Shall Pass

On the third week of April, I dispensed with fifty hoplia beetles on Friday, sixty on Saturday and seventy on Sunday. I kept repeating the comforting mantra, "this too must pass" and then it did! On Monday I found only one lone beetle. Poof! The hoplia nightmare was completely over. They were all gone. Perhaps this was the entire generation for this year and I got them all. Or, perhaps the word got out that the gardener in this garden was present daily and committed to defending her roses so they did a sudden and abrupt retreat and surrender.

Rose Believe It...or Not

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

There is a lot of information on how to grow roses. Unfortunately, some of the information is contradictory. How do we separate good rose culture from rose lore and rose myth? Should we apply epsom salts, mycorrhizae, phosphorus to our soils...or not? Does rose replant disease exist...or not? It is difficult to know which of the contradictory truths to believe. They cannot occupy equal space. The best rose practices are based on knowledge about our soil and the science of growing plants.

Answer 'True' or 'False' to the following 'Rose Believe it or Not' statements:

- 1) Roses must be sprayed with pesticides and fungicides.
- 2) The pruning cut must be slanted at a 45 degree angle.
- 3) Organic and chemical fertilizers are equally good.
- 4) Use high NPK fertilizers as roses are heavy feeders.
- 5) Roses need fertilizers high in phosphorus.
- 6) We should add mycorrhizae to our soil.
- 7) Create basal breaks by adding epsom salts to the soil.
- 8) A soil test is unnecessary.
- 9) Rose replant disease doesn't exist.
- 10) There are fairies at the bottom of the garden.

1) Roses must be sprayed with pesticides and fungicides. False.

Well-chosen varieties of disease-resistant roses planted in good soil in a sunny location with good air circulation and adequate water can thrive and bloom without sprays. As with all plants, the gardener must avoid an infestation by frequently inspecting for pests and manually removing them.

2) The pruning cut must be slanted at a 45-degree angle. False. Pruning cuts on fruit trees are slanted because of the sap that can ooze over the bud-eye. Roses don't ooze when cut, so it is not necessary to make your cuts at a 45-degree angle. It is however important not to leave more than 1/4 inch above the cut, otherwise the cane will die back to the bud-eye and will sometimes continue to die back even further down the cane.

3) Organic and chemical fertilizers are equally good. False. Although organic and chemical fertilizers both provide nutrients for your roses, there are definite advantages when we apply organic fertilizers. Organic fertilizers improve the soil. Chemical fertilizers provide just a quick food fix to the plant with no benefit to the soil. There is also a chance of burning and damaging the plant with synthetic fertilizers. If you use chemical fertilizers, alternate with organic fertilizers and add an annual top dressing of organic mulch to the soil.

4) Use high NPK fertilizers as roses are heavy feeders. False. Be very cautious when using high NPK fertilizers, dilute them as recommended on the label, and water your roses before and after fertilizing. If you have neglected to feed your roses for a while, don't "catch up" your feeding program by under-diluting your fertilizer as you will harm your roses and burn them.

5) Roses need fertilizers high in phosphorus. False. There is no scientific evidence that roses need high levels of phosphate. Phosphorus buildup is caused by extensive use of inorganic fertilizers. It is detrimental to plants and can result in leaf chlorosis as it limits the uptake by the plant of other essential nutrients such as iron, manganese and zinc. Don't use fertilizers with a phosphorus number higher than nitrogen or potassium and don't apply phosphorus as often as nitrogen.

6) We should add mycorrhizae to our soil. False. Mycorrhizae assist plants to access water and mineral nutrients. But in nutrient-rich and adequately watered soils, plants are less dependent on mycorrhizae causing the fungi to remain inactive. Scientific studies have found no significant value in the addition of packaged mycorrhizae to well-fertilized and well-watered healthy soils so their application is a waste of money and resources.

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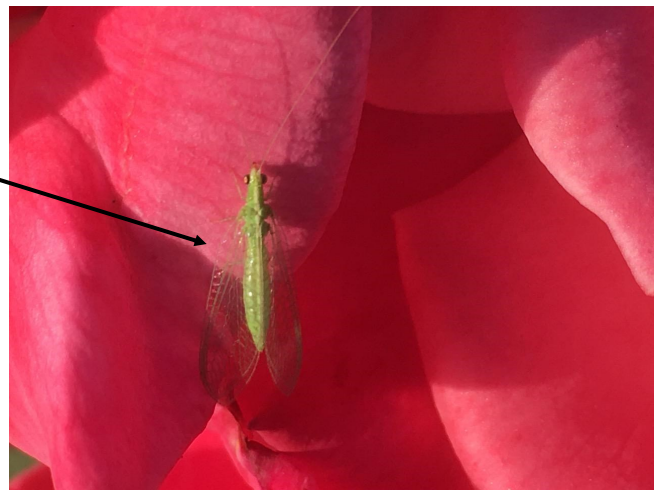
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7) Create basal breaks by adding epsom salts to the soil. False. Many rosarians add epsom salts (magnesium sulfate) to the soil in the belief that it will help create basal breaks (new canes) despite the absence of published, scientific research. The routine addition of epsom salts can lead to salt accumulation in the soil which can lead to leaf tip dieback, marginal leaf chlorosis and necrosis (or burn).

8) A soil test is unnecessary. False. The availability of nutrients to the plant is affected by the soil's pH. An incorrect pH can prevent our plants from properly taking nutrients from even a nutrient rich soil, so what you put in the ground is not necessarily what the rose will take up. If you think you have problems with nutrient deficiencies, get your soil tested. Roses grow best in a soil that tests between 6.0 and 7.0, with 6.5 being ideal. When the pH falls below 6.0, the soil will hold potassium, nitrogen and phosphorus molecules captive. When the pH level is higher than 7.5, many plants will struggle to get enough phosphorus, iron and manganese.

9) Rose replant disease doesn't exist. False. This has been a controversial subject because not all rosarians experience this problem in their gardens. In some gardens, when new roses are planted where old roses used to be they often struggle to establish and may not grow as well as they would if they were grown in soil never planted with roses. This scenario occurs even when the soil in the hole is amended. When the rose is removed another species of plant can grow well in the planting hole. In affected gardens, microscopic soil-dwelling nematodes that feed on and stunt root growth appear to be a contributing cause of replant disease.

10) Fairies at the Bottom of the Garden. True, and not just at the bottom of the garden! This may sound like myth, but beneficial insects including lace wings, lady beetles and the larvae of syrphid and tachinid flies are just like good fairies and eat a big share of damaging pests. Look out for them and protect them by avoiding pesticides, especially broad-spectrum pesticides.



'First Prize' is a Hybrid Tea with huge pink blooms that have outstanding form. Here it has attracted the attention of a lacewing, a beneficial in the garden. Adult green lacewings do not kill insect pests but their larvae do.

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The syrphid fly is a beneficial insect as its larvae rid roses of insect pests including aphids, rose slugs and caterpillars.

Playboy is an eye-catching floribunda with glossy green foliage and ruffled copper-orange petals. It has enticing yellow stamens that attract bees and other pollinators.



The beneficial lacewing

Our Own Rita Perwich Wins Top Award in Coronado Garden Competition!

The Power of Roses! Rita Perwich reports that she won the First Place Ribbon for the Top Garden in Coronado. This is a very coveted award and we offer her our profound congratulations for this honor. Here are a just a few photos of what the judges viewed in her garden.



Notes for Novices: Planting Roses

By Elaine Ornelas, ornelas1949@att.net Consulting Rosarian

A good time to purchase and plant rose bushes is late in the year, or in January or February. The weather is cool and transplanting them into the ground at this time reduces the effort needed for the rose to begin to thrive. Once the right process is adopted it can be used for any rose, large or small. Planting a rose in the heat of summer causes undo stress on the establishment of the plant. Even planting a rose now requires some extra attention to prevent additional stress, because the temperature varies in our county.

Roses can be obtained from suppliers as bare root roses or roses already in pots. Bare root roses should be planted very early in the year before any growth is evident.

It is very important to know your rose! Will this rose grow very tall and wide? Is it a miniature rose? Is it a climbing rose? A good reference to find out this information is on the HelpMeFind website:

<https://www.helpmefind.com/rose/plants.php>. It has a vast amount of information about many roses, including the growth pattern and size. This information is useful to know before planting a rose so that it can be given the best chance to thrive.

Choose the right site. Roses need at least 5-6 hours of direct sunlight each day. The soil in the area should have good drainage. Please don't plant roses near trees! The trees will win in the battle for nutrients, water and light!

Transplanting Roses Purchased in a Container

What Type of Soil Should Be Used in the Hole?

The best soil to fill the planting hole for a rose is a mixture of native soil and any rich mixture of organic material or compost or potting soil.

Digging the Hole

First evaluate the dimensions of the rose root ball. Then, dig a hole for the rose which is twice as wide as the root ball and just deep enough for the grafted area to be at the soil level. Roses are often grafted to a hardier rootstock rose because the rose bush to be planted may not be as successful in growing on its own roots. However, some roses do just fine growing on their own root system. Now the rose can be placed in the hole and evaluated for space. If more space is needed then dig more to adjust. If the hole is too deep then fill in with some soil that has already been dug out.

Planting the Rose

Once the correct hole size is established, add a handful of super phosphate or bone meal to the bottom of the hole. For smaller roses, use an appropriately smaller amount. This assists with the establishment of a good root system. Loosen the soil around the root ball to allow for better root growth. Now place the rose ball into the hole and, holding the bush then add the soil mixture to the hole around the bush, tamping gently to firm up the soil for support.

Caring for a Newly Planted Rose

Once planted the next most important step that needs to occur is watering. Water the basin around the rose thoroughly immediately after planting, let it drain and fill the basin once more. Keep the soil moist but not too wet for the next few weeks. Adding a good layer of mulch is a good idea and helps to moderate moisture loss.

Planting Bare Root Roses

Once a bare root is obtained, remove the plastic wrapping and place the roots in a large container of water for at least 24 hours. Then dig the hole similar to the procedure above, adding a handful of super phosphate to the soil, but this time create a 'cone' of soil in the center of the hole. Spread the roots of the bare root rose over this cone and fill in the hole with the soil mixture described above. Gently tamp down the soil leaving the graft slightly above the soil. Water immediately.

NOTE: Even if you choose not to plant roses right now as we enter the summer season, keep this guide for when you are ready to buy more roses at the end of this year and the beginning of next. Good Luck! And don't forget to ask for help from some of the San Diego Rose Society Consulting Rosarians. We are here to help!

Roses by Mail...Easier Than You Think!

By Natalie Stout, nstout92116@gmail.com

A great thing about having a passion for roses is there's always something new to you! A recent "first" for me was ordering roses online. I'd thought about it from time to time, but resisted. It seemed like it would be too much trouble. I wasn't exactly sure what the trouble would consist of, but I expected it. I thought that the cost of shipping would be prohibitive. I also rationalized that there were already more kinds of roses tempting me at the local nurseries than I had room for, so why on earth would I go looking for more temptation?

But as I noticed more and more rose varieties in shows and other people's gardens that I couldn't get at local nurseries, I finally went looking for temptation.

I decided on some own root miniatures from K and M Nursery in Mississippi, a nursery I hear other SDRS members mention often. K and M offerings include rose collections from several independent hybridizers as well as a large variety of roses grafted on Fortuniana root stock. My selections included a couple of the roses featured in Elaine Ornelas' article about hybridizer Dave Bang in March's *Rose Ramblings*.

I ordered online following the website's instructions, and about a week later I received a call from nursery owner James Mills to confirm the order and provide payment information, Easy peasy!

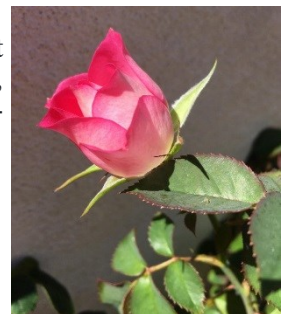
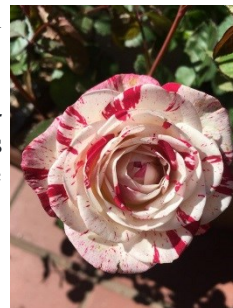
My card was charged when the roses shipped. My fear of paying too much was addressed. The roses came via USPS Priority Mail, so shipping was expensive, but the one-gallon miniatures themselves weren't. The total cost worked out to about \$30 each, which is close to what I would have spent on locally available plants.

I worried about the roses while they were en route. Texas just happened to freeze right after they shipped, and I had dramatic visions of the poor little plants sitting on an icy runway waiting to be loaded into an airplane that wasn't coming, perhaps getting crushed by an out-of-control snowplow, or maybe taking a delivery detour to Connecticut. But eight days after the roses shipped, they arrived, proudly displaying documentation that they complied with California Department of Agriculture requirements on the outside of their box.

I was delighted to find healthy green foliage, moist soil and even two open blooms when I opened the box. The most surprising part of receiving the roses was getting them out of the packaging that did such an excellent job of protecting them. The thought and efforts that obviously went into it were impressive. Each pot had two pieces of newsprint on top of the soil to hold it in place and help preserve its moisture. Each pot was taped into a 6"x 6"x 6" box with just enough of an opening at its top for the canes to stick out. Those secure boxes were attached, with the most relentless glue, on all 4 sides and on the bottoms to the inside of a bigger box that held 4 plants with their foliage sharing an open area in the center. It took about an hour to unpack each big box and retrieve the roses. Half of them had spent the trip upside-down, but none of them looked like they had traveled at all.

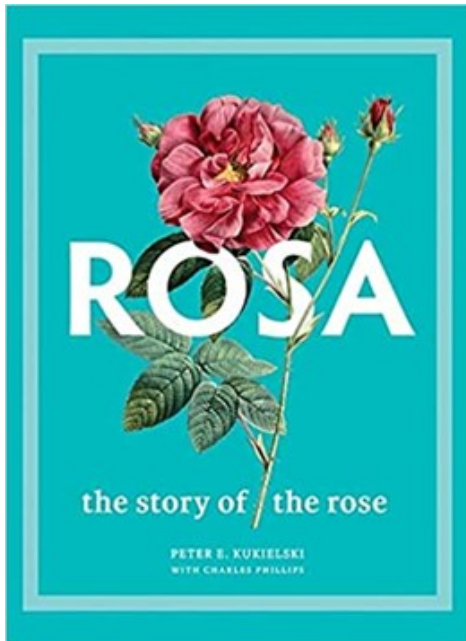
I removed a few distressed leaves, watered and set the plants apart from my other plants for a couple of weeks while I regularly checked them over, just in case. They arrived in time to enjoy our most recent rain, and are participating in my fertilizer and spray programs quite happily. Meanwhile, a couple of new plants I purchased locally came with chilli thrips that I had seen no signs of until their blooms opened, making my local acquisitions the higher maintenance choices this time around.

I'm looking forward to working my way through the *Rose Ramblings* list of nurseries to become more familiar with non-local rose options to add to my local wish list for next year. I wish I had done it a long time ago!



A Book Review

By Melinda Bourg, melindahbourg@gmail.com



“I feel as if I had opened a book and found roses of yesterday sweet and fragrant, between its leaves.” ~ L.M. Montgomery, *Anne of the Island*.

This quote completely encapsulates the beauty of Peter Kukielski’s book *Rosa, the story of the rose*. The book covers the influence of the rose in history, trade, religion, literature, medicine, and art. It is a meandering path laid out with just the right amount of each including beautiful illustrations. While reading it, you can’t help but think of ancient cultures being as enamored by similar scented roses as we are today.

The journey starts through earth’s geological history and earliest fossilized rose findings. Trips to ancient cultures show how the rose was prized for its beauty and oil. Then it delves into the human fascination that has followed the rose across time. We learn how the rose was treasured in gardens and through symbols.

Focusing on these aspects of the rose is different than most books. You will not get a how-to or list of roses for your garden design. This is a book of historical inspiration and context. By the end, we realize rose lovers have been around for thousands of years and we are just the current admirers.

I recommend this book for anyone who wants to learn more about the human fascination, cultural influence and joy the rose has bestowed on earth since before the common era (BCE).

Available from Amazon and released on February 16, 2021, in Hardback.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers....

We offer our sincere hope for health to those of our SDRS membership who are dealing with health challenges such as cancer and recovery from surgery. We ask for blessings on them all.

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!

Membership Update—Will You Miss Us?

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

With this May issue of the *Rose Ramblings* we have dropped those folks from the distribution who did not renew their membership for 2021. Boo...

Here's a little recent history. In years past we have offered discounted dues rates towards the end of the year or at special events such as the Del Mar Fair when we have our exhibits and we would get maybe 70 or so new members from that effort. Only about a third of those folks would renew but it was a good pool to start with. Not having the fair last year eliminated that source of new members but through good outreach we have been able to actually maintain our flow of new members. We are certainly happy campers.

So, out of a high point of about 300 members last year about 50 or so have not renewed. These are more than offset with new members but we miss those past members. So if you are one of them please renew. We want you to re-join us as the new year allows us to resume meetings, pilgrimages, tours and other face-to-face activities. As you do you will be meeting with these new members who have joined in April. We welcome them here.

Judy Bowen

Liza Potocki and Michael White

Charlotte Flowerree

Annaka Holmes

Dan and Becky Wieder

Jill and Chris Metcalf

Michelle Deardorff

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

<https://www.sandiegorosociety.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

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City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

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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)

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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 !

Event Calendars and Web Sites

San Diego Rose Society Calendar of Events

2021

May 1, 2021: Open Garden for Robert & Kristine Russell (see details on page 8 of this newsletter)

May 2, 2021: Open Gardens for Natalie Stout and Linda Clark (see details on page 8 of this newsletter)

May 8-9, 2021: Open Gardens at Bob and Dona Martin's house (see details on page 9 of this newsletter)

May 16, 2021: Open Gardens for Mark and Virginia West (see details on page 9 of this newsletter)

May 17, 2021, 6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.; SDRS Monthly Meeting (virtual) Craig Dorschel speaks on 'Classic Roses'

June 11-13, 2021: SDRS Rose Show/PSWD Convention (see pages 2-3 of this newsletter)

October 16, 2021: SDRS Rose Pilgrimage (tentative)

Other Local Gardening Events

2021

Saturday, May 8, 2021, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Mission Hills Garden Club 23rd Annual Garden Walk; info: <https://www.missionhillsgardenclub.org/Garden-Walk>; tickets (In Advance) \$30

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

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

National Events

2021

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

Useful Websites and Links

San Diego Rose Society (www.sandiegorosesociety.com)

American Rose Society (www.rose.org)

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

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

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

Process for Contacting Consulting Rosarians

By Elaine Ornelas, 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.

SDRS email address: sandiegorosesociety@gmail.com

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Steve Berry	San Diego	C
Frank Brines, Master Rosarian	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
Natalie Stout	Kensington	C
Sue Streeper, Master Rosarian	El Cajon	E
Ruth Tiffany, Master Rosarian	San Carlos	E
Beth Van Boxtel	Encinitas	N

List of Nurseries for Roses

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

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

LOCAL:

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

NOT LOCAL OR 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

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