



Rose Ramblings



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A Message From Our President: Welcome November/December

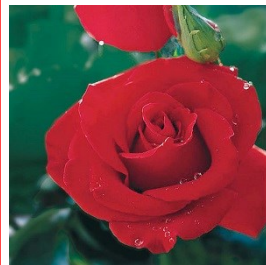
By Ken Huff, kenramona@cox.net



It's hard to believe that 2020 will soon be coming to an end. Many are already saying, "2020 go away" or "forget 2020". Whatever your thoughts are, it still has brought us some positives in the midst of a lot of negatives. I don't like the idea that we have not been able to do many of the things we love to do but there are better days ahead of us. We will have meetings again; we will have rose shows again; we will have the San Diego County Fair again; we will have pilgrimages again; we will have our Christmas Party again. There are a lot of things that we can look forward to. Sort of reminds me of the lyrics made famous by Doris Day,

When I was a little girl
I asked my mother, "What will I be?
Will I be pretty? Will I be rich?"
Here's what she said to me.

Que será, será
Whatever will be, will be
The future's not ours, to see
Que será, será
What will be, will be.



November and December are both exciting months if we so choose. I am always so humbled when I think of Veterans Day, knowing that so many of our men and women have given their lives for the freedom which we so enjoy. Many of our members have served this country faithfully - we salute you. Our beautiful red rose, **Veterans' Honor**, (pictured at left) was bred in 1997 by Dr. Keith Zary, giving honor to our men and women who have served this great nation.

November is also the month when we celebrate **Thanksgiving**. I know that Thanksgiving may not be the same this year because we won't be able to have the large family gatherings, but never-the-less we can still give thanks for the blessings we receive each day. When one stops to think, our lives are freely blessed every day even though we don't ask for it. We are blessed beyond measure! We don't like the restrictions that have been placed upon us during this year, but we are still alive and enjoying an abundant life. The sun still rises and sets; our roses and flowers are still showing their beauty; we are still able to work in our gardens; we can still give thanks.

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I am reminded of a quote by Louis Fischer which I once read. St. Francis of Assisi was hoeing in his garden when someone asked what he would do if he were suddenly to learn that he would die before sunset that very day. "I would finish hoeing my garden," he replied. So we keep taking care of our gardens!!

Then **Christmas** is soon to be upon us, another beautiful time of the year when we can again celebrate the wonderful gift given to each of us. This is another holiday which is celebrated in a lot of different ways, depending upon your religious faith. The music and decorations of this season warm my heart and enrich my soul. May it be a joyous and happy Christmas!

With that said, my word to each to of us is "Keep on, keeping on!" There are better days ahead.



Update for SDRS Meetings and Some Exciting New Programs

By Elaine Ornelas, cornelas1949@att.net

Because of the COVID outbreak and associated restrictions, and like so many other organizations, our rose society is adapting to limit in-person meetings. Instead of our usual monthly meetings in Balboa Park, the board of the San Diego Rose Society has developed an online method for our members to still be able to view our valuable programs. Using the GoToMeeting and Zoom applications on our computers, laptops or smart phones, we will be able to join these meetings.

Monday, November 16, 2020 7:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

Topic: Best Use of Fertilizers for Our Roses

Presented by Ruth Tiffany and Bob Martin

In this presentation, our own Ruth Tiffany, self-proclaimed 'Queen of Fertilizers', will team up with Bob Martin to present valuable information on the fertilizers available through our annual fertilizer sale. Their emphases will be on the best use of these fertilizers for growing great roses.

Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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Monday, November 30, 2020 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Topic: Let's Talk Roses

Presented by Deborah Magnuson

Our virtual October 26th "Let's Talk Roses" meeting proved to be just that. We spent close to 1 ½ hours discussing a broad range of topics including managing fungal disease, pest control, soil improvement, and of course moving into the time of year when we stop deadheading our roses and allow the rose hips to develop. While we chatted about our beloved roses we each vowed to make a future trip to the famous and magical Rogers Gardens <www.rogersgardens.com> destination nursery in Corona del Mar.

If you wish to join our next Zoom "Let's Talk Roses" meeting please mark your calendar for **Monday, November 30th at 7:00pm.** In addition to all your rose questions, now is the time you may be thinking about upgrading some of your rose pruning tools. After all, Santa is coming soon! I'll discuss the best tools to have for your January pruning chores, along with proper care and cleaning. Please email me at magnusond@sbcglobal.net so I can add you to the group. I'll email you the meeting link a few days prior. To download Zoom go to <https://zoom.us> and follow the instructions for adding the program to your device.

The 2020 SDRS Annual Holiday and Awards Luncheon Has Been Cancelled

By Gary Bulman, gossbulman@cox.net

The board of the San Diego Rose Society has elected to cancel our annual holiday and awards luncheon originally scheduled for early December 2020. A survey of the membership was conducted in October which resulted in 75% of participating members opting that they would be uncomfortable in the outdoor group setting of this event. California restrictions prohibit gatherings that include more than three households along with several other restrictions that would make our event difficult to hold and adhere to the rules. At this time we are aware of no members being infected by COVID-19 and we are striving to keep it this way. As always, safety for each of our members is our primary concern.

Monday, January 25, 2021 7:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.

Topic: Horizon Roses

Presented by Bob Martin

ARS President Bob Martin has spent countless hours compiling comments by the nation's top rose exhibitors on the exhibition potential of the newest roses. This book is considered the indispensable guide to buying new show roses. Join Bob as he presents the value of this edition to exhibitors as well as to anyone wanting to grow great roses.

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ROCKS BREAK SCISSORS – ROSES BREAK COVID!

20th Annual CCRS Save the Roses! Auction

By John Bagnasco

Save the Roses

California Coastal Rose Society
20th Annual Rare and Unusual Rose Auction

. VIRTUAL AUCTION .

Online auction bidding

Open: November 1st, 2020

Close: Noon, November 15th, 2020

Please visit ccrsauction.com
for details, Facebook links and lists of roses.



Featured Rose: 'Sunrise-Sunset'

Unusual times often require us to adapt and try out new solutions and formats. The 20th annual Save the Roses! auction has been in the works for several years now. As always, plants from our own collection will be supplemented by the generous donations made by so many auction supporters from all across the country and this year from around the world! Many of the roses offered this year are not available anywhere else in the country.

This year CCRS will limit the offerings to one-gallon size plants to facilitate shipping, but local winners may have the option of picking up a 2g or 5g plant in Fallbrook, if one is available. Because of COVID restrictions, the auction will be presented during the Garden America Radio Show on Facebook Live. Viewers do not need a Facebook account to join in. You can simply go to Facebook at **8am PST on Nov 7** and search for Garden America Radio Show. In the left hand column click on **Videos** and then **LIVE** to see the discussion of roses offered in this year's auction in real time.

Noted rosarians like ARS President Bob Martin, Gregg Lowery from Vintage Gardens and Jill Perry from the San Jose Heritage Rose Garden will monitor the comments on Facebook and try to answer any questions, again in real time. Of course, comments are also welcome and encouraged from anyone watching. If you happen to miss the live show, it will be archived on Facebook for watching at any time.

The procedures for online bidding will be as usual, and you must register at www.ccrsauction.com. Just like voting, **early bidding will begin on Nov. 1** and each rose in the list will show the current bid, similar to an eBay-type

auction. CCRS cannot post bids as quickly as eBay, but the bids will be updated once or twice per day. You must bid in at least \$1 increments to surpass the current bid. If you have given CCRS a maximum bid, they will post in dollar increments until your max is reached. **Online bidding will end Sunday Nov 15 at noon.** Winners will be notified the following week and payment can be made by check or credit card. Plants can be shipped in November or local winners can also arrange to pick up plants in Fallbrook, CA.

Proceeds from the auction will go toward an import of roses from gardens in France, Spain, Italy and Hungary. Some of the exciting varieties in this year's auction were made possible with the help of the Budateteny Rose Garden in Budapest, which sent cuttings for rooting to John and Becky Hook in France, a few years ago. One of the varieties we are offering is the famous 'Mrs. Miniver' rose. The UK Telegraph newspaper wrote an excellent article called *Mrs Miniver: the wartime rose that almost vanished forever*. This variety was down to one last plant, just a few years ago! Equally exciting is Herb Swim's 'Sunrise-Sunset', which still belongs in our rose gardens.

Aside from the extremely rare historical varieties, there are also some hard-to-find exhibitors choices. Hybrid teas like 'Mayor Ray Baker' and 'Magnifica'; floribundas like 'Frankie', 'Shannon Lanaya' and 'City of Carlsbad'; polyanthas like 'Chatillon Rose' and 'Ingrid Stenzig' and even OGR types, should have great appeal to the exhibitor. The most beautiful polyantha spray that I ever saw was a phenomenal cluster of 'Chatillon Rose' shown by Bob Martin at the Carlsbad Mall about 30 years ago. Even if your garden doesn't have room for another plant, this promises to be the most fun a rose grower can have without leaving the comfort of their own home.

2020 SDRS Fertilizer Sale

By Ruth Tiffany, ruthsgarden@msn.com

Hi Rose Lovers,



It is that time of the year again---What Time??---Time to order all the food and nutrients your roses need to be spectacular in 2021. Thank God roses can't get Covid 19, and we don't have to wear masks around them or distance ourselves from these loved ones. Except for a few disease challenges and the heat wave, my roses have produced wonderfully this year and I want them to repeat that performance next year so I will plan to feed them just as I have this year.

I do believe we will have our San Diego Rose Society rose show in 2021 and I am very hopeful that the fair will occur in 2021. Even if those things do not happen I want my roses to know how much I love them and I want to give them all the resources to produce the very best blooms they can in 2021. I will still want to share my roses with family, friends and neighbors and I want to maintain the health of the rose plants and their ability to resist disease and the very best way I know to do that is to feed them well and regularly.

I hope you will tune in to the San Diego Rose Society virtual meeting on November 16 as Bob Martin, our American Rose Society president, and I will tag team information about fertilizing roses. Bob has a wealth of knowledge about fertilizing roses and I have an enthusiastic passion so it should make an interesting meeting for you all to attend via phone or computer. We had hoped to also enlist the expertise of Dexter Friede, our longtime guru from Grow More but Dexter had the joy of retiring a month ago so he is on to all the activities he's put off due to work requirements.

Our new contact at Grow More is Damian Lopez and he shared with me some of the challenges Grow More has had to face this year with the pandemic. The issues that we will have to deal with are delays in production and delivery uncertainties. In the past we have given our final order totals to Grow More on January 1st for an end of January/early February delivery. This year we will need to give final numbers by December 15th and hope that we can get a freight company to deliver by February 5th.

I WILL OPEN ORDERS AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER SO ABOUT NOVEMBER 1st AND I WILL HAVE TO CLOSE ORDERS ON DECEMBER 15th. I WILL STILL TAKE LATE ORDERS BECAUSE I ALWAYS ORDER EXTRA OF MOST OF OUR ITEMS BUT I EXPECT THOSE ITEMS TO GO FAST AND WE DO NOT HAVE A WAREHOUSE TO STORE EXTRAS.

THE MAIN MESSAGE HERE IS TO LOOK AT YOUR LEFTOVERS AND DECIDE WHAT YOU NEED AND ORDER ENOUGH TO LAST THE YEAR.

THE DATE TO REMEMBER THIS YEAR IS DECEMBER 15----SO DO THIS BEFORE YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

I will work hard to lock in delivery of our precious fertilizers by February 5 and remember you can renew your San Diego Rose Society membership when you pick up and pay for your fertilizer. As an **added bonus this year, your board has decided to gift all new and renewing members with a new Corona rose clippers, valued at \$45, or a sample bag of Magnum Grow. These items can be picked up when you pick up your fertilizer. If you are a new or renewing member and not ordering fertilizer you may still drop by and pick up your gift at my home.**

IMPORTANT DATES

December 15, 2020: Last day for members to order fertilizer

(Approximately) February 5, 2021: Pick up and payment date for members

2020 Fertilizer Order Form—FOR 2021 Growing Season

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

FERTILIZER	SIZE	SUGGESTED DONATION	QUANTITY DESIRED	COST
BIOSTART	50 pound bag	\$38		
BETTER THAN FISH 5-1-1	1 gallon	\$15, or 2 FOR \$25		
SEAWEED EXTRACT	1 gallon	\$16		
MAGNUM GROW	25 pound bag	\$30		
JUMP START	1 quart	\$20		
JUMP START	1 gallon	\$65		
FUEGO	1 quart	\$15		
SEAGROW 16-16-16	25 pounds	\$36		
RTU HOSE END SPRAYER SEAWEED	1 quart	\$10		
BIOCOZYME STIMULANT	1 quart	\$10		
BIOCOZYME STIMULANT	1 gallon	\$20		
HUMIC ACID 8%	1 quart	\$5		
HUMIC ACID 8%	1 gallon	\$10		
HUMID ACID GRANULAR	50 lbs	\$20		
EDDHA IRON CHELATE 6%	1 pound	\$12		
			TOTAL COST FOR ORDER	

Preferred order method---Email your order to ruthsgarden@msn.com

You will receive an email confirmation. **IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION WITHIN 4-5 DAYS I DID NOT GET YOUR ORDER.**

You may also call your order in to Ruth at 619-548-6950.

Fertilizer will be **picked up & paid for about February 5, 2021.**

CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED.

Pick up will be at Ruth's San Diego home, directions and times will be emailed.

*******Because the fertilizer is manufactured after the entire order is placed ----- no orders will be received after December 15, 2020.*******

SAN DIEGO ROSE SOCIETY FERTILIZER SALE -- 2021

FERTILIZER INFORMATION

Rosarians around the world know roses are heavy feeders and benefit from a regular food and water diet throughout the growing year. Our society is committed to helping us provide this optimum diet for our roses. Our fertilizer sale will continue for the 11th year. Here's our chance to plan ahead to provide our roses with the BEST and LEAST EXPENSIVE nutrients for optimum growth. We don't have to stockpile a lot of product now or pay for the fertilizer way in advance. We have only to **place our order by DECEMBER 15, 2020** and these wonderful products can be paid for when picked up, just a very short time before we lovingly give our roses their spring feeding on FEBRUARY 14 (because we love our roses so much !!)

In times of drought it is important that we feed our roses well & regularly. When roses are fed well they develop strong roots extending deep into the soil, and can withstand drought much easier.

BioStart 3-4-3 Organic Fertilizer from Grow More is manufactured fresh each year with bone meal, potassium sulfate, humic acid, beneficial bacteria, ecto and endo mycorrhizae. BioStart can be applied at a rate of **2 cups** per large bush and 1 cup per small rose bush in the spring. One 50 pound bag contains about 100 cups and will feed about 50 large roses once. BioStart may be reapplied in the late summer for a renewed fall bloom. **WE ARE THE ONLY RETAIL SOURCE IN THE U.S. FOR THIS AMAZING PRODUCT.**

Magnum Rose 8-10-8 Water Soluble Fertilizer is formulated for roses, contains all needed micronutrients and can be applied **1 tablespoon** to a gallon of water. One gallon per large rose, ½ gallon per small bush applied every 2 weeks from March 1st to October 15 (that is 18 feedings). One pound = about 32 tablespoons. One 25 pound bag will feed about 25 roses.

Fish Emulsion 5-1-1 can be added, **1 tablespoon**, to the same gallon of water. This Fish Emulsion does not smell of fish. One gallon contains about 250 tablespoons, which will feed about 16 roses if applied as above through the growing season.

Seaweed Extract Liquified Organic Kelp provides improved root development, more vigorous growth, increased resistance to diseases & insects and can be added, **1 tablespoon** to the above gallon of water.

Jump Start Plant Tonic brings new life into older plants and gives new plants an extra boost by providing vitamins and minerals needed to encourage new growth and stress resistance, accelerating leaf, stem and root growth. Both Superthrive and Jump Start contain Triaccontanol, the "magic hormone". Jump Start beats Superthrive in performance and price. Apply **1 teaspoon** per gallon of water.

ADDITIONAL FERTILIZER

Think about trying some of these products which can be used by adding them to your existing program of applying Magnum and/or Fish, & Seaweed by the gallon to your roses. This would include Fuego, Biocozyne and Humic Acid. If you currently use/buy any iron product for your roses (I do) Eddha 6% is a good price and can be added to the above several times a year for increasing the deep green leaves. Dexter talked a lot about the benefits of foliar feeding with Seaweed. You might consider getting a RTU Hose End Sprayer, it comes with a quart of Seaweed. It is reusable over and over. Dexter adds the other water solubles to that sprayer to fertilize his garden. Bob Martin has been adding SeaGrow Seaweed 16-16-16 to his feeding program for several years and swears by the combination of SeaGrow and Seaweed & Magnum Grow. BTW, all these products (and the others we order) retail for lots more than we pay. We try to keep the price low & pass the savings along.

100% Organic & Natural Fuego* L-Amino Acid Bio-Fertilizers --- Rose Application - 1 tsp/gallon foliar or soil application. Great for young plants. Foliar formula made with L-amino acids micronutrients and enzymes is rapidly absorbed by the surfaces of leaves and translocated within the plant to enhance general vigor, photosynthesis capacity, increase plant tolerance to environmental pests and disease stress. **Quart \$15**

SEA GROW SEAWEED PLANT FOOD 16 – 16 – 16 1 tsp. - 1 tbsp. per gallon of water soluble Sea Grow contains a blend of amino acids, botanical seaweed extract, blood meal, carbohydrates, organic carbon, and has a Nitrogen-Phosphate-Potassium ratio (N-P-K) of 16-16-16. It also has yucca extract and micronutrients. **25 lbs bag \$35**

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READY TO USE- RTU-Hose End Sprayer with 1 quart SEAWEED EXTRACT Mixes at 1:100 nutrient to water = 2 tsp gallon Hose End Sprayer- can be used repeatedly with Seaweed, Fish Emulsion, Magnum Grow, etc added to the mix. **QUART \$10**

Bio-Cozyme Organic Stimulant Application: 1 tsp to 1 Tbsp/gallon Quart—\$10 Gallon –\$20 : Compatible with all fertilizers, Accelerates NPK Biosynthesis, promotes earlier Flowering, Shorter growing period, Increased bud formation, Increased resistance to plant diseases, Improved appearance, aroma and taste, Aids in achieving full genetic potential.

HUMIC ACID 8% Organic (LIQUID) Application - 1 tsp/gallon every several weeks, for really bad soil - 1 Tbsp/gallon. Quart \$3 Humic acid retains nutrients and benefits plant growth. This is particularly good for potted roses because of the nutrient holding qualities of humus.

EDDHA IRON CHELATE 6% Powder-1 lb Application -1 tsp/gal

1 POUND \$10 Fully chelated DTPA iron chelate helps prevent iron chlorosis by maintaining and protecting iron availability in slightly acidic to slightly alkaline soils with a pH of up to 7.5. It prevents iron from binding with other compounds in the soil, allowing it to stay in a form readily available for plant use.

KEEP LEARNING Online Seminars!

By Gerry Mahoney

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The American Rose Society presents an online Consulting Rosarian School during **February 2021**. Beginning February 6, **Gerry Mahoney** explains the **Consulting Rosarian Mission**. After a short break, **John Moe** tells the tale of **Soil and Water**, then the remaining topics occur during the following weeks. On February 13, **Chris Woods** explains how **Fertilizers** work. On February 20, **Dr. Mark Windham**, known to most of you for his research on Rose Rosette Disease, will describe **Insects and Diseases** and their control. Finally, February 27, **Dr. Craig Dorschel**, a retired chemist, completes the school with **Chemical Safety**. For candidate CRs the online exam is tentatively scheduled for March 9 and is available for 24 hours.

Those American Rose Society members hoping to become Consulting Rosarians need to start planning now, by contacting your District CR Chair. Oh, if you do not know who that is, email CR_Nat@cox.net with your location.

While not everyone may want to become a Consulting Rosarian, the American Rose Society has other rose related topics that may interest you. Anywhere in the United States where “Tree of Heaven” grows, one likely finds the Spotted Lanternfly. On November 21, 2020, **Ray Shipley** presents **Spotted Lanternfly- The Latest Information**. Carol Shockley provides information on **New Roses for Your Garden** on January 9, 2021, where you will see the gorgeous new offerings available for your garden. After skipping February, reserved for the CR School, **Kathy Monge** from Orange County, CA, tells the tale of **The Scourge of Chilli Thrips**. While everyone should use Integrated Pest management, some pests need chemicals for control. Continually using the same chemicals builds chemical resistance. To prevent that, **Frank Van Lenten** will explain **Modes of Action - Chemicals – How They Work**

Existing Consulting Rosarians, please note that attendance at any of the seminars listed will earn you one update credit.

Finally, all attendees must register for these webinars. The American Rose Society sends an email to your email address no later than seven days before the event. If you want to attend and do not receive a notice, please email CR_Nat@cox.net for an invitation.

Meet Your 2021 SDRS Board Member Nominees!

By Elaine Ornelas, cornelas1949@att.net

Here are the nominees for the 2021 San Diego Rose Society Board of Directors. They have been approved by the current board. For the first time in our society's history, we will be holding the final election for these nominees virtually, i.e. using an online survey method. Usually the voting for these nominees is held at the November monthly meeting. But due to the restrictions on in-person meetings, we have developed this creative solution. Watch your email for the voting method.

At some point, we hope each of you will be able to meet and talk with these nominees as they are successfully voted into their respective positions. Board members work tirelessly to make our society the best it can be. They are responsible for facilitating all activities, finding speakers for programs, maintaining membership, managing the finances and all of the various functions that make our society great. We are grateful for their volunteerism and hard work.

President: Deborah Magnuson



1st Vice Presidents-Programs: Linda Clark & Kathy Hunyor



2nd Vice President-Membership: Kirk Rummel



Treasurer: Natalie Stout



Recording Secretary: Kathleen Hider



Corresponding Secretary: Elaine Ornelas



Past President: Ken Huff



Members at Large—

Christine & Rand Allan



John Lester



Melinda Bourg



Rose Garden Trust—5 years Maria Mata



What To Do in the Rose Garden in November

Expert Advice From Our Consulting Rosarians

Christine and Rand Allan, callan@san.rr.com (Location: Mt. Soledad)

First, we are pleased to report that the roses that were damaged by the fallen Liquid Amber tree limb in September have both decided to prove us wrong and have bloomed one more time this year. We're not talking a bloom or two, but several blooms on each of our 'Elle' and 'Purple Tiger' bushes (see photos below). We must never underestimate the power of our roses! The offending tree has since started to decline, so we had our arborist out to evaluate it, and it will be removed on November 18. November is when we try to convince our roses to start to go into dormancy for the winter which is difficult to do in our San Diego climate, and we stop dead-heading our roses to encourage dormancy. For those of us who are a bit compulsive about dead-heading our roses, this can be challenging to resist getting out those pruners. We also back-off on our watering routine which is always a variable depending on the weather.



'Purple Tiger'



'Elle'



Sue Streeper, streepersue@gmail.com (Location: El Cajon)

We are fortunate to still have rose blooms—some, if not abundant—in our gardens in November. So we continue deadheading the old blooms and raking up under the plants just to keep the garden tidy. Watering continues three times a week. No fertilizing is done.

This is a good time to be thinking about roses we want to buy, since bareroot plants should be available in December and January. You can check with rose nurseries to see what they will have available soon. If there are roses you are going to replace with a variety you prefer, this is a good time to dig out the poorly performing plants.

Bill and Elaine Ornelas, eornelas1949@att.net (Location: Bay Park/Clairemont)

We have really had a nice fall season with our roses, didn't we?! We have been able to bring in many bouquets to enliven our house and to cheer up my 97 year-old mother. We did our last fertilizer feeding in October and are moving from a deadheading practice to a 'de-petaling' one, just removing the spent petals to keep them from falling to the ground and contributing to the debris. We have been careful to schedule the irrigation so that we keep up with the hot or dry days.

One really important task for the next few months is to evaluate your roses. Even though I'm sure most are doing well because you are following all of the guidelines presented by the experts in our society, are there others that are not thriving, are disease prone, are in too much shade or are just a variety that you no longer 'just love'? If the rose is not thriving where it is, try moving it to a new location with fresh soil and perhaps more sun. Talk to one of our Consulting Rosarians for advice. Or if you want to replace one altogether, take a look at the nursery catalogs or visit your favorite nursery now to plan for a new one. There are SO many to choose from. See the listing of nurseries in this newsletter on page 25.

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Ten Inconvenient Truths About Chilli Thrips

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

The advent of the dog days of summer this year had me tinged with foreboding. Very hot days and dry Santa Ana winds have been the kick-off for chilli thrips season for the last five years in many California rose gardens. Three years ago I suffered my first infestation of chilli thrips after I had been absent from my garden for two weeks due to a surgery. Last year, although I monitored my garden, I was struck again, and spent the two ensuing months cutting out and throwing away all my rose buds and new growth. This year I knew to expect this relentless pest and I was determined to win the battle.

I don't spray my garden. My typical response to pests is to manually dispense with them and/or blast them with water. Invisible to the naked eye, this extremely unwelcome pest has me at a distinct disadvantage. Bob Martin, president of the American Rose Society, Tom Carruth, hybridizer and curator of the Huntington, and entomologist Baldo Villegas have all told me that this is a pest that cannot be combatted without pesticides. Notwithstanding this advice from these experts, this summer I resolved to finally beat this pest with vigilance and perseverance. Previous experience had taught me the distinctive damage to look for and my game plan was to check the garden daily and cut out the first damage immediately. My goal was to halt or, at a minimum, considerably minimize further damage. I did however go to the nursery and buy a bottle of ready-to-use Captain Jack's Deadbug Brew with the active ingredient of 0.001% Spinosad to use in an emergency. (Spinosad will not harm ladybugs, green lacewings, minute pirate bugs, and predatory mites. It is toxic to bees exposed to treatment for 3 hours following application so spraying should be done in the evening after the bees are done working for the day). The following ten inconvenient truths are the lessons I learned about chilli thrips this month.

1. Battling this invisible pest without sprays is near-impossible. We cannot see chilli thrips at any stage of their life cycle (egg, first and second instar larvae, prepupa, pupa and adult) with the naked eye. This means that by the time we see their first damage, they already have an established life cycle underway in the garden.
2. New chilli thrips' damage is not that easy to spot. Chilli thrips larvae and adults have caviar tastes and extract sap from new growth and tender buds with piercing and sucking mouthparts. I went out every day and inspected the new buds and growth. I looked for brown or bronzed-tinged buds and leaves. But I was looking for the wrong first stage. Brown and bronze are not the colors of the first stage. The first sign of damage is quite innocuous and innocent and does not generate real alarm. There is a slight marbling of red and green on the back of fresh new foliage. Sometimes there is a slight crinkling or puckering in the new foliage.
3. The speed of the life cycle and damage is horrifying. In hot weather the life cycle can repeat from egg to egg in 11 days, and, within that period, female chilli thrips can lay 60-200 eggs. Because of this rapid-fire reproduction and because chilli thrips can be transported 60 feet on a breeze, delay and hesitation with this pest means that damage can become horrific and spread to roses all over the garden. Very soon the red/green marbling on the back of the new foliage is replaced with dirty brown streaks, and buds will show a tinge of brown. Be aware that new growth can comprise an entire long stem, so you need to check the back of each leaf to determine how much to cut out. On a rose like Sugar Moon, I have been cutting out 18-inch stems.

First signs, marbling



Bronzing on buds and leaves

Marbled, puckered leaves



Bronzing and streaking on back of leaves

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4. They hit us where it hurts the most. This pest takes advantage of a rosarian's natural disinclination to sacrifice new growth and buds. The new growth we celebrate is the prime tender target of chilli thrips. New foliage and buds are at the top of the stems, but don't neglect to look at the base of the bush. There is a good chance chilli thrips will discover and attack your new tender basal growth before you even know it is there.
5. When in doubt, you must cut it out. If it is the season for chilli thrips and your new foliage is looking remotely questionable, just take a deep breath and cut it out. The growth you decide to observe for a day or two because you are not sure whether it is chilli thrips' damage can transform into visibly distorted growth overnight especially when it is hot. Bag up the cuttings and don't put them in your green waste. Some roses are harder hit than others. Chilli thrips in my garden love Randy Scott and Pope Paul II. Roses with a quick re-bloom like Secret and Dick Clark are also preferred targets for this enemy.
6. Chilli thrips' predators are not in full force yet. I endorse and practice Integrated Pest Management (IPM). I implement its cultural, biological and mechanical controls in my garden so I do not usually need to move to the fourth control of pesticides. But in the management of chilli thrips, we have some disadvantages. We are handicapped in the mechanical control as we cannot squish a pest we can't see. We can blast with jets of water but we can't see if this is effective. My own experience, confirmed by Carruth, is that the water-blast remedy is insufficient for this pest. Presently, the biological control is inadequate because these pests immigrated from southeast Asia without their predators. We have some beneficials that attack them such as the minute pirate bug and larvae of the lacewing and syrphid fly, but in our gardens right now, chilli thrips are pests without sufficient enemies.
7. All colors of roses are susceptible. I never thought I would find anything good to say about the western flower thrips but here it is: at least they don't attack foliage, and they favor only white and yellow and pale color blooms. Chilli thrips, on the other hand, love all colors. If it's fresh and tender, bring it on, no matter the color!
8. The life cycle takes place in three hard-to-control areas. Before chilli thrips, I had nothing good to say about spider mites and rose slugs, but now I have a new appreciation for them. We can visually see them on the underside of leaves so we can target them when we blast them with jets of water. During the course of its life cycle, chilli thrips are in the leaf, on the leaf and in the grooves where leaflets attach to the stems, and in the soil or litter on the soil. And, at every stage, we cannot see them.
9. Fall pruning provides a feast of fresh growth. In San Diego, we fall prune on Labor Day weekend to stimulate fresh new growth and buds for our fall bloom. The summer heat continues into September and October and promotes the immense population growth of the chilli thrips. Our fall growth combined with our fall fertilizing presents a gift and bonanza of feasting riches for the chilli thrips.
10. The most inconvenient truth of all. Chilli thrips are a pest that I now concede must be sprayed preventively commencing in mid-summer. IPM tells us to identify the pest before spraying with the least toxic pesticide. I have come to the conclusion that we cannot wait to see chilli thrips' damage before we spray, as once we see the damage we are facing several months of relentlessly cutting out growth and buds. I am pleased to report that I have not seen the later stages of ugly, malformed chilli thrips' blooms in my garden, but this is only because I am essentially racing to cut out damaged new growth on a daily basis. Since I am growing roses for their blooms, this is not a sustainable or satisfactory remedy.



Asparagus stem appearance



Damaged brown buds



Obvious chill thrips damage includes stunted foliage and brown buds and blooms



Twisted and small leaves

Bronzed buds



(Chilli thrips, continued from page 12)

In chilli thrips I have met my nemesis in the rose garden. But, I am still an optimist. Just as I am holding onto the belief that there will be soon be a vaccine for Covid-19, I also believe that there will soon be a plentiful crowd of predators that are hungry for chilli thrips. Beneficials will eventually assist us in our fight, but in the interim, we will need to spray preventively with pesticides even before we see the first damage.

One more inconvenient truth to add to my list: one bottle of ready-to-use Captain Jack's Deadbug Brew is not enough for this pest.



*Typical distorted
and damaged
blooms*



Distorted blooms



Damaged bloom

Membership News !!

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

By now you have all seen our special offer of early membership renewal for 2021. If you renew your membership or join for the first time by January 15, 2021, you will receive a complimentary gift of either a set of Corona pruners or a sample of Grow More rose fertilizer. Good deal isn't it? It has been a rough year and this bit of good news is just what we need. Our roses will feel the same way.

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Floribunda Stripes

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

Returning to the walk in our garden, readers will recall that in the last installment in October I introduced you to the modern floribundas in our garden – those from the 21st century. At the same time, I noted there has been a distinct modern trend to the introduction and re-introduction of striped floribundas, including striped floribundas introduced as shrubs. There are a large number of these striped roses in our garden and I turn now to the first of a two-part series on the striped floribundas and shrubs in our garden

Background

Striped roses have been around for nearly as many years as there have been roses. The modern emphasis on



striped roses can, however, be traced to work undertaken by Ralph Moore, the father of miniature roses. At some point in his breeding program, Ralph Moore began a serious line of research into striping in roses which led to the introduction of the first popular red and white striped miniature rose ‘**Stars n’ Stripes**’ in 1976, the Bicentennial year. It was followed by other miniature roses including ‘**Earthquake**’ (1984); ‘**Pinstripe**’ (1985); ‘**Double Treat**’ (1986); ‘**Little Tiger**’ (1987); ‘**Charlie Brown**’ (1996); and the climbing miniature ‘**Twister**’. He also introduced the striped moss

miniature, ‘**Strawberry Swirl**’ (1978).



‘**Stars ‘n’ Stripes**’ is a cross of the miniature rose ‘**Little Chief**’ by an unintro- duced seedling known only as ‘**No. 14 Stripe**’. ‘**Pinstripe**’ is a cross of the 1940 floribunda ‘**Pinocchio**’ by another unintro- duced seedling known as ‘**No. 33 stripe**’. Both ‘**No. 14 stripe**’ and ‘**No. 33 stripe**’ are descended from the 1921 Hybrid Perpetual ‘**Ferdinand Pichard**’ bred by Rémi Tanne of France from unknown parentage. ‘**Ferdinand Pichard**’ is pink with crimson stripes and may be descended from ‘**Rainbow**’, a sport of the tea rose ‘**Papa Gontier**’ discovered by John Sievers of California, circa 1889. That is entirely my speculation, influenced by sugges- tions that a California connection to ‘**Ferdinand Pichard**’ exists and ‘**Rainbow**’ is a

Jack Christensen

The pioneering work of Ralph Moore in striped miniatures influenced Jack Christensen, then the rose hybridizer



at Armstrong Nursery, which was subse- quently acquired by Jackson & Perkins. In 1988 Jack Christensen introduced ‘**Peppermint Twist**’, a pink and white striped floribunda bred from a cross of Ralph Moore’s, ‘**Pinstripe**’ and the Sam McGredy “hand-painted” hybrid tea ‘**Maestro**’. This was followed in 1991 by ‘**Purple Tiger**’, a purple and white striped floribunda from a cross of the dark purple floribunda ‘**Intrigue**’ also with ‘**Pinstripe**’. Adding another tiger to

the tale in 1991, he also produced the orange and white striped floribunda, ‘**Tiger Tail**’, this from a cross of another of Sam McGredy’s “hand-painted” roses, the orange floribunda ‘**Matangi**’ again by ‘**Pinstripe**’.

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'Peppermint Twist'

I grew all three of these roses at or about the time they were introduced and they had a lot to do in influencing my love of striped roses. In particular, I recall attending the Pacific Rose Society Show in April 1993, early in my exhibiting career. It had a class that called for three floribunda sprays in one container, one or more varieties. Having but one spray of each I combined **'Peppermint Twist'**, **'Purple Tiger'**, and **'Tiger Tail'** in one vase and held it out for my rose show mentor to see, asking what he thought of that. He winced and shielded his eyes. The entry, however, attracted the attention of the judges and was awarded the trophy. It was also the most talked-about entry at the show, attracting both love-it and hate-it comments.

We grow none of these in our current garden, time having moved on and new striped roses having attracted my attention. They are, however, all still worth growing.

Tom Carruth

Much of the modern work in striped roses can be credited to my friend Tom Carruth, now the Curator of the Rose Collection at the Huntington Library, Art Museum and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California. Tom Carruth is a native of Texas who grew up in the Texas panhandle and later received a Bachelor's degree in Horticulture (1974) and a Masters in Plant Breeding (1976) from Texas A&M University. Active in rose breeding since 1975, Tom retired from hybridizing in 2012. Prior to that he was for 25 years in charge of rose breeding for Weeks Roses as its Director of Research and Marketing. During those years he introduced more than 100 rose varieties, including 11 All-America Rose Selection winners.

Tom spent his early days in rose breeding working with Jack Christensen so it is not surprising that he would use Jack Christensen's **'Peppermint Twist'** in his own breeding. Crossing that with the pollen parent **'Playboy'** Tom came up with **'Scentimental'**, a red blend floribunda with red and white stripes introduced by Weeks in 1997. In addition to the novel stripes, **'Scentimental'** presented the added bonus of a strong, damask rose fragrance, hence the cutesy name. The rose was a 1997 AARS Award winner and later was awarded the prestigious James Gamble Fragrance Award by the American Rose Society.



'Scentimental'



'George Burns'

Continuing with his work on striped roses, Tom produced a number of outstanding striped floribundas that we now grow in our garden. These include **'George Burns'**, a yellow and red stripe with mixed tones of apricot and cream appearing in small clusters on a compact, upright plant. The colors vary with the weather and are more pronounced in cooler, damp weather. Also introduced in 1997, **'George Burns'** is a cross of the pink and yellow blend hybrid tea **'Calico'** by **'Roller Coaster'**, Sam McGredy's red and white striped climbing miniature rose. **'Roller Coaster'** is a first generation descendant of Ralph Moore's **'Stars 'n' Stripes'** discussed at the outset of this article.

We also grow Tom Carruth's **'City of Carlsbad'**, an orange and white striped floribunda introduced in 2001 by Armstrong Nurseries. Here, Tom used his own large flowered climber **'Rosy Outlook'**, which he had also bred from **'Roller Coaster'**. Crossing **'Rosy Outlook'** with his own **'Scentimental'**, the result was another floribunda of moderate height with nice semi-glossy, medium green foliage. Unlike **'Scentimental'**, however, it is lacking in noticeable fragrance. The blooms are more semi-double than double, making an attractive flat open bloom displaying distinctive wide orange stripes.



'City of Carlsbad'

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In 2004, Tom introduced through Weeks Roses, the exceptional orange and yellow floribunda, **'Chihuly'**, named after the distinctive American glass sculptor Dale Chihuly. This was another cross using **'Scentimental'** and the dark red hybrid tea, **'Amalia'**. Although not exactly a striped rose, **'Chihuly'** presents a riot of colors in the garden with occasional subtle striping on the upper petal. Ours grows as a 3-foot tree rose in the midst of our striped garden, presenting multiple blooms that are standouts as an open bloom floribunda.

My mention of striping in **'Chihuly'** is a segue to my own rose introduction, **'Jerry Mathers'**, a yellow blend striped sport of **'Chihuly'** I named in honor of and at the request of The Beaver himself (code named MARbeave). Kathy Strong has argued to me that it is not a sport but a common variation of **'Chihuly'**, which is why I add a photo typical of **'Jerry Mathers'** and **'Chihuly'** on the same bush (right). The sport repeats and propagates true, and to verify that it is a sport I put the question to Tom Carruth, the hybridizer of **'Chihuly'** who confirmed **'Jerry Mathers'** is a sport that has dropped the distinctive orange suffusion of **'Chihuly'**, thereby making its predominant color yellow. Photos on the HelpMeFind website show both the sport and **'Chihuly'** which means simply that the sport is a common one, which is not unusual. Jerry and his lovely wife Teresa (pictured left), an accomplished rosarian and photographer, love it. **'Jerry Mathers'** is in every other respect like **'Chihuly'** in its growth, which



is compact with semi-glossy foliage and abundant bloom.

Tom Carruth's last striped rose, shared with his successor Christian Bedard and introduced in 2018, is **'Frida Kahlo'**, an exceptional new floribunda that shows dramatic striped blooms of various shades of orange, tangerine and lemon. Individual blooms show well and the compact, evenly formed sprays are textbook *Guidelines* for floribunda spray Queen. The bush is a good grower and well-behaved, and the 'Baby Love' in the breeding brings excellent disease resistance. The pollen parent of **'Frida Kahlo'** is undisclosed and considering there is no striping evident in the lines of the seed parent, it is likely that **'Scentimental'** or **'Pinstripe'** may be lurking in the parentage.



Other Hybridizers

Wrapping up this installment of striped floribundas in our garden, I turn to striped roses offered by other breeders. The first is another "tiger", namely **'Tawny Tiger'**, an unusual orange and terra cotta striped floribunda bred by Gareth Fryer of the United Kingdom circa 2003. The semi-double blooms are produced abundantly in small clusters on a fairly tall, upright plant with glossy foliage. No breeding is given that would explain the unusual color combination.



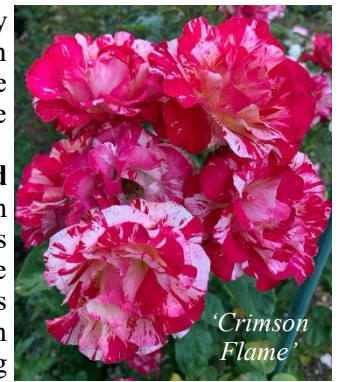
Another interesting striped rose in our garden is **'Deanna Krause'**, a pink and white single hybridized by the amateur Ray Ponton circa 2004 and introduced by the Antique Rose Emporium in the U.S.. Unlike many of the striped floribundas, (with the exception of **'Scentimental'**), **'Deanna Krause'** has a strong fragrance. A cross of **'Carefree Beauty'** by Tom Carruth's **'Fourth of July'**, it clearly gets its stripes from the latter, whose pollen parent is Sam McGredy's miniature climber, **'Roller Coaster'**, which as mentioned previously is a first generation descendant of Ralph Moore's **'Stars 'n' Stripes'**.



'Deanna Krause' is fairly new in our garden but thus far the bush is showing signs of much vigor, suggesting it will likely grow taller than the advertised height of 4-feet. I first saw this rose in the Houston garden of its namesake, Deanna Krause, who with her husband Earl are long time members of the Texas Rose Rustlers.

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Another lesser-known striped floribunda in our garden is ‘**Crimson Flame**’, a fiery red and cream stripe of unknown origin introduced in United States by Certified Roses in 2007. ‘**Crimson Flame**’ is a tall-growing vigorous bush producing large clusters of double blooms that boldly capture your attention in the garden. It will make stunning sprays for the show table.



Concluding this installment and continuing with the flame theme, we grow ‘**Fired Up**’, an orange and yellow striped floribunda bred by Alain Meiland and introduced in the United States by Star Roses circa 2014. I first saw this rose in the test garden at Rose Hills as an unnamed test rose and took several photographs because I found the blooms so striking. My experience in growing ‘**Fired Up**’ is that it is a vigorous tall growing bush that presents exceptional bold yellow and red striped semi-double blooms that jump out at you in the garden and demand to be noticed. Individual blooms are small, with an unattractive bare and long peduncle, and the sprays not very large. The foliage is glossy and clean. Well-selected specimens of ‘**Fired Up**’ can show and you might consider dropping six into a box that would look to be on fire.

This concludes the walk this month and in our next installment I will introduce you to more striped floribundas in our garden, including striped floribundas introduced as shrubs. As you will learn these are all from the same hybridizer. Until then, Happy Thanksgiving.

True or False?

Here’s a fun activity. Which one of these ‘rose facts’ are true and which are false?

(Hint: the answers are in the upside down box below.)

By Elaine Ornelas, cornelas1949@att.net

1. You can eat roses. T or F
2. It cost \$5 million to breed the world’s most expensive rose cultivar. T or F
3. There is such a rose as a truly black rose. T or F
4. The Rose is the only flower mentioned in the Bible. T or F
5. The rose is the national flower emblem of the United States. T or F
6. The world’s oldest living rose is believed to be 1000 years old. T or F
7. Roses have thorns. T or F

ANSWERS

1. True. Roses are used as a culinary ingredient and are also used in cakes and salads. Rose hips and petals can also be used in making jam.
2. True. David Austin bred the rose ‘Juliet’ for this cost and it took 15 years to breed.
3. False. There are no roses that are truly black in color. The Turkish Halfeti roses, also known as the ‘The Black Rose of Turkey’, is rare and appears black but in fact has a dark red/crimson color.
4. False. Lilies and camphire are also mentioned in the Bible.
5. True. In 1986 President Ronald Reagan made the rose the national flower emblem of the United States.
6. True. The oldest living rose has grown on the wall of the Cathedral of Hildesheim in Germany since A.D. 815.
7. False. Technically roses do not have thorns. Because rose’s sharp attachments are on the surface of the stem, instead of deep inside the stem, they are technically called ‘prickles’.

How many is too many? –A Somewhat Sensible Approach

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

Good gardeners grow a diverse palette of plants to minimize disease and encourage beneficials. So several years ago when I had 75 roses growing in my garden, I promised myself I would definitely stop at 100 roses. Very quickly I reached and exceeded my self-imposed number. The problem is I am constantly wooed by roses and continue to want more. The expression “my eyes are bigger than my stomach” applies very aptly to the length of my present list of ‘must-have’ roses and the little-available space in my small garden. I need to revisit the issue of numbers and ask myself, “Really, how many is too many?” I strongly suspect that many rose lovers are asking themselves the exact same question.

Only plant what you can take care of

Some plants require more care than others. It is said that when you grow roses, you will never be bored as there is always something to do in a rose garden! The reward for all the dedication is that nothing beats a well-tended rose garden for beauty. On the other hand, a neglected rose garden can be pretty awful. So, be realistic. Only plant the number of roses you can take care of. Otherwise gardening, which should feel like fun, will start to feel like it is a chore. Sometimes being realistic about how many roses we can manage will motivate us to finally dig out and replace the underperforming roses in our garden instead of just continuing to add more roses.

Stop and smell the roses

All gardeners know that our pruners and spades are never put down for long. A garden is a living project, and as we give our time and love to our roses and our gardens, our roses and gardens return joy and satisfaction to us. Or do they? Are you always working in your yard? When was the last time you really enjoyed and appreciated your garden and took the expression, ‘stop and smell the roses’ to heart? Sometimes we get so caught up in pruning and fertilizing and picking off diseased leaves and pests that we don’t take the time to stop and enjoy our gardens. But our gardens invite us every day to come outside and be nourished by them. Take the invitation to heart. There is nothing quite like a garden to stimulate and satisfy each of our senses. If you never stop and experience calming moments of harmony, peace and gratitude in your garden, consider whether it is because you have too many plants that you are taking care of.

Is your garden over-stuffed?

It is so tempting when we are out of space to plant roses too close together. And then, when we are out of sunny spots, we kid ourselves by believing that some roses will be okay growing in the shade or under trees. Roses are sun lovers. Roses planted in the shade will not bloom as much. Fungal diseases and pests will be constant companions to roses planted in inappropriate locations. Roses need six to eight hours of sun and need to be spaced in order to maintain air circulation which is crucial to preventing disease. Roses vary hugely in size, so space them based on their size at maturity.



Roses that Spark Joy

Clockwise from top center: ‘Sally Holmes’, ‘Neptune’, ‘Sheila’s Perfume’, ‘Secret’

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Should it stay or should it go?

Why not make every November the month of evaluation and reckoning for each rose growing in your garden? Should it hold on to its coveted space or make way for a new rose? If you intend to add roses this January, November is also a good time to mark out your planting location, dig a hole, clear out all old roots and dig in a good organic planting mix.

A book entitled, *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up* was recently all the rage. The method the author, Marie Kondo, uses to tidy up a home is very simple. If an item in your home does not “spark joy”, Kondo says it has to go, but in return, she promises that “your life will change dramatically” and “the effects are stupendous.” In the garden, the performance of each rose matters. I can’t promise that swapping out a non-performing rose for a super-bloomer will make a dramatic change in your life, but it will make a stupendous difference in your garden. To help make your decision easier, try this simple 3-prong query:

- a. Start with an examination of conscience. Could the rose’s non-performance be my fault? If the answer is ‘yes’ or ‘maybe’, give the rose a one-year reprieve and resolve to take better care of it;
- b. Did the rose ‘spark joy?’ Did it give me lots of blooms, or at a minimum were the scant blooms ‘knock-out gorgeous’? If the answer is no, the rose has to go. A rose should never be dull!
- c. Was it more trouble than it was worth? The blooms on a rose that is a disease- or pest-magnet need to be ‘super joy-sparkers’. If they are not, there is no excuse and the rose definitely has to go.

Getting back to the question of numbers. I have done some serious evaluation and believe that because of my space and time limitations there is great wisdom in my self-imposed limit of 100 roses. Presently, I can still meet my cap when I count each of my miniature and miniflora roses as half a rose. I hope to be sensible and purchase only the same number of roses I dig out. If I can’t be sensible, I will need to find another creative mathematical solution.



Roses that Spark Joy
Clockwise from top center: ‘Lady of Shallot’, ‘Lyda Rose’, ‘Neil Diamond’, ‘Olivia Rose Austin’, ‘Desdemona’, ‘Memorial Day’



(Editor's Note: On November 11, 1921, the remains of an unknown soldier from World War I were brought back and interred in a newly dedicated Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Captivated by the association of a bouquet of white roses and the selection of the soldier to be the Unknown Soldier, our own Bob Martin set out on a mission of finding out more about the actual white roses. Here is the article that resulted from his research. This November 11th, let us honor the memory of this original Unknown Soldier and all of those fallen who are also in the category of the 'Unknowns'. We are more than grateful for their sacrifice.

The Rose of the Unknown Soldier

By Robert B. Martin Jr.

The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery is an iconic monument dedicated to members of the United States armed services whose remains have not been identified. It was first authorized on March 4, 1921, when the U.S. Congress approved the burial of an unidentified American serviceman from World War I. Thereafter, on November 11, 1921, an unknown soldier brought back from France was interred below a three-level marble tomb. Congress subsequently appropriated funds for the construction of the superstructure above the tomb which was completed in 1932. Since that time crypts have been added to inter the Unknowns from World War II and Korea. A crypt was later added that once contained an Unknown from Vietnam whose remains were positively identified in 1998 and were removed.



On October 22, 1921, four unknown servicemen were exhumed from

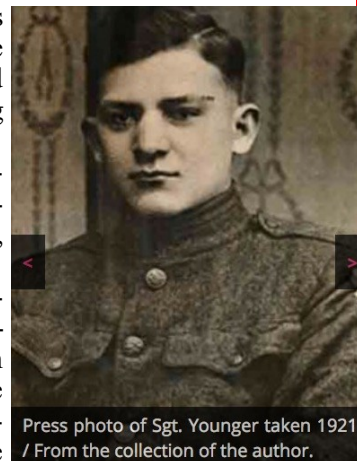
four World War I American battlefield cemeteries in France and taken the following day to the city hall in Châlons-en-Champagne, France, where they were draped with American flags. U.S. Army Sergeant Edward F. Younger, who had been selected as one of the pallbearers, was handed a bouquet of white roses and ordered: "You will take these flowers, proceed to the chapel, and place the bouquet on one of the four caskets resting there. The one you select will be the Unknown Soldier." After kneeling in prayer, Sergeant Younger stood and circled the caskets three times, touching each casket. He then saluted and placed the flowers on the second casket to his right. The roses remained on the coffin throughout the journey home and were buried with the unknown soldier at Arlington National Cemetery along with some soil taken from France.

Later recalling the reason for his selection, Sergeant Younger said: "It was as though something had pulled me. Something seemed to stop me each time I passed the coffin. As I moved toward it, the mysterious pull grew irresistible; I could not have turned back now had I tried.... A voice seemed to say, 'This is a pal of yours' Something seemed to say 'Pick this one.'"

The 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier will be commemorated at Arlington National Cemetery at 11:00 AM on November 21, 2021. The commemoration will include the dedication of "Never Forget" gardens throughout the United States, including one at America's Rose Garden in Shreveport.

In preparation for the commemoration of the Centennial, the Historian of the Society of the Honor Guard, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier contacted the American Rose Society to ask if it is possible to identify the white roses used in the selection of the American Unknown Soldier in France in 1921 by Sergeant Edward Younger. As president of the American Rose Society, and a student of American history I undertook this project. In doing so I determined that since there is no historical record that specifically identifies the roses used, it is impossible to answer that question with certainty. There are, however, some references in the historical record that provide clues that suggest a likely candidate.

For purposes of my examination I studied the detailed historical account of the selection set forth at the following link: <http://www.smootheedges.com/selecting-unknown-soldier-ww1-edward-younger/>



Press photo of Sgt. Younger taken 1921 / From the collection of the author.

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From that account I have noted that the selection took place in the French town of Châlons-en-Champagne on the morning of October 24, 1921. Châlons-en-Champagne is a city in the Grand Est region of France. It is the capital of the department of Marne, despite being only a quarter the size of the city of Reims. Formerly called Châlons-sur-Marne, the city was officially renamed in 1998.

The account goes on to say: “He stood alone in the small, dark octagonal room holding the bouquet of white roses cut from the garden of French parents who had lost two sons to the war.”

From the above, the record tells us that the roses were cut from a French garden, perhaps locally, prior to October 24, 1921. That tells me the rose must have been introduced in commerce, most likely in France, some time prior to 1921. The time of year also indicates that the rose was a repeat-flowering variety that would have been blooming in the fall, as opposed to a once-flowering rose that blooms only in the spring.



A photo of Sergeant Younger “re-creating” his selection on May 30, 1930 (pictured left) has a close up of white roses of distinctive tea form, also popular among florist roses at the time. That however is a “re-creation” that took place nine years later in Washington DC so it is unlikely that the same variety of rose was used in the re-creation. The type of rose, however, is likely to have been the same. The indistinct photos of the actual bouquet on the casket in 1921 also suggest that the rose was a tea rose. Tea roses are also typically repeat blooming, which suggests that they could have been in bloom in France in late October 1921, however because of the time of year, it is most likely the roses were blooming in a greenhouse. Tea-formed roses were then, and indeed now are, the primary type of rose used by florists and recognized by the public as “roses”. They also typically come with long stems which admit to arrangement in a bouquet such as the one used in the selection.

Taking this information, I studied likely candidates of white tea roses popular in France *circa* 1921. I did this through an advanced search of the website HelpMeFind. That turned up several candidates, the most likely of which is ‘Niphetos’ a white tea rose hybridized by the French breeder Bougere in 1841.

‘Niphetos’ is variously translated from the Greek as “snowing” or “falling snow”. The rose is also sometimes referred to as “The Wedding Rose” or “The Bridal Rose” because of its use at weddings. Contemporaneous accounts described it as, “Large, full, tulip-like form, pure white, buds long...a delightful rose.” Others said, “No white Tea can beat it for purity in color.” The French *Journal des Roses* summed up the description thus: “Represents among roses, a perfect distinction, a supreme elegance, finesse and finally nobility.”

Because of these characteristics ‘Niphetos’ was a popular florist rose following its introduction and would likely have remained so after the War in 1921. It was not, however, considered a good garden rose because of its susceptibility to rain and because it opened poorly. Its quality as a bud, however, marked it according to then contemporary sources as “in essence ... a greenhouse rose.”

The fact that the selection roses were cut in late October in France increases the likelihood that the roses were from a greenhouse instead of a local garden at the end of the French rose growing season. In addition, it is fair to assume that the destruction in France during the Great War would have made it unlikely that there were many local gardens in October 1921 that could supply a bouquet of white roses.

This leads to an intriguing reference that may be just coincidence but perhaps not. There is an article in the 1922 *American Rose Annual*, at p. 132, titled “Among European Rosarians”, by E. A. White, Professor of Floriculture, Cornell University. The Editors Note by J. Horace McFarland, the Father of the American Rose Society provides further detail on Professor White:

“Editor’s Note: To get rose observations at first hand by a competent rosarian is very much worthwhile. Professor White, who was the efficient secretary of the American Rose Society for several years, and until his increasing duties made continuance impracticable, has provided us with just such observations.”

Professor White’s trip include one to France where he visited prominent gardens and nurseries in the fall of 1921, coincidentally at the same time of the selection of the American Unknown Solider. Among those gardens were the nurseries of Joseph Pernet-Ducher.



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Joseph Pernet-Ducher (1859–1928) was a French rosarian and hybridizer. Born near Lyon, the son of Jean Pernet, he was a third generation rose-grower. In 1879 he began his apprenticeship in the rose-breeding business with the Ducher nursery in Lyon. In 1882, he married Marie Ducher, the owner's daughter, and adopted the name "Pernet-Ducher" to signify the two rose growing entities.

Using *Rosa foetida* in 1887, he and his father began developing yellow rose cultivars through a cross between a red hybrid perpetual and 'Persian Yellow'. After his father's death in 1896, Joseph Pernet-Ducher carried on the experiments and developed a worldwide reputation in 1900 when he introduced 'Soleil d'Or', the first yellow Hybrid Tea. This rose it is now recognized as the first of the "Pernetiana" roses (Roses of Pernet) and an important ancestor of the legendary rose 'Peace', introduced in 1945 following World War II.

Between 1907 and 1925, Joseph Pernet-Ducher won the Gold Medal thirteen times at the "Concours de Bagatelle", the international competition for new roses held each June in Paris.

Recalling his trip in 1921, Professor White went on to say:

"On my arrival at Lyons, I found a note from M. Pernet-Ducher saying his daughter would call for me early Thursday to take me to their nurseries. Mlle. Pernet speaks excellent English and acted both as guide and interpreter for me during the entire day. The war brought deep sadness to their home in that it took both sons, Claudius, 31 years old, and Georges, aged 28 years. The morning was spent among the roses."

Recalling the detail of the origin of the roses used in the selection, we are told they came from "the garden of French parents who had lost two sons to the war", I compared that to the note of Professor White that "The war brought deep sadness to their home in that it took both sons, Claudius, 31 years old, and Georges, aged 28 years." In fact, Joseph Pernet-Ducher's named the roses 'Souvenir de Claudius Pernet' and the 'Souvenir de Georges Pernet' in their memory.

I looked at the Google Map and note that Lyons is some distance to the Southeast of the town of Châlons-en-Champagne, albeit on the rail lines. The nurseries of Joseph Pernet-Ducher in Lyons were not therefore local. On the other hand, we do know that Joseph Pernet-Ducher was a prominent rosarian and nurseryman in France whose garden and greenhouse were full of roses in the fall of 1921, including no doubt the popular white Tea rose, 'Niphetos'.

The account of the selection of the American Unknown Solider has a number of "coincidences" and perhaps the visit of Professor White to the nurseries of Joseph Pernet-Ducher in 1921 is just that. Then again, how many greenhouses existed in war-torn France on October 24, 1921, owned by a man of roses who lost two sons in the War? I suspect there was but one, which fact would explain the voice in my head that seems to say: "the roses used in the selection of the American Unknown Solider in France in 1921 by Sergeant Edward Younger were a bouquet of the pure white Tea rose 'Niphetos' from the gardens of Joseph Pernet-Ducher, the famous French nurseryman near Lyons who had himself lost two sons in the Great War."

'Niphetos' continues to be available from three US and six foreign sources to this day.



White Niphetos roses by Williams Anderson

In Our Thoughts and Prayers....

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

Virginia West was diagnosed with cancer in June of this year. She continues on with her journey to battle this cancer.

Helen Van Boxtel had surgery for breast cancer some weeks ago and is now recovering well at home.

Bob Kolb had total hip replacement surgery and is now recovering so well that he is able to walk pain-free for 5 miles! And **Marty Kolb** has improvement from the pain in her leg.

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!

New 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.

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

Joy and Sorrow....

Sadly we learned that Meggie, the 14-year beloved chocolate labrador, owned by Ruth and Tim Tiffany passed away this past September. Many of us remember Meggie begging for pats when we were at Ruth's house for meetings. She will be sorely missed. But, joyfully, Ruth and Tim recently purchased a new puppy, a Goldendoodle, named Maizie. She is adorable!



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

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. January 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
Roses Unlimited	www.rosesunlimitedsc.com

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Event Calendars and Web Sites

San Diego Rose Society Calendar of Events

2020

Monday, November 16, 2020, 7:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.: SDRS Monthly Program: ‘**The Best Use of Fertilizers for Our Roses**’ presented by Ruth Tiffany and Bob Martin; this is a virtual program presented via the GoToMeeting application (see details on page 2 of this newsletter)

Monday, November 30, 2020, 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.; ‘**Let’s Talk Roses!**’ presented by Debbie Magnuson; this is a virtual program presented via the Zoom application (see details on page 3 of this newsletter)

2021

Monday, January 25, 2021, 7:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.; SDRS Monthly Program: ‘**Horizon Roses**’ presented by Bob Martin; this is a virtual program presented via the GoToMeeting application (see details on page 3 of this newsletter)

May 1-2, 2021: (Possible) SDRS rose show and PSWD district meeting; (Note: this event is contingent on COVID restrictions imposed at that time; more details to come)

Local/Regional Rose Events

2020

November 1—15, 2020: CCRS ‘Save the Roses!’ Auction with presentation on **November 7th at 8 a.m.** during the Garden America Radio Show on Facebook (see details on page 4 of this newsletter)

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/>)

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>

The San Diego Rose Society Has 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 summer gardening, as well as our latest virtual garden tours. And the Instagram page is full of rose blooms! Go check it out!

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