



Rose Ramblings



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President's Message

By Deborah Magnuson, magnusond@sbcglobal.net



Summer may be coming to a close elsewhere but here in our southern California gardens spectacular color awaits later this month as cooler nights arrive, moderate temperatures continue, and our diligence in pruning, feeding, and caring for our roses produces another flush of lustrous green foliage and colorful, fragrant flowers to enjoy. While I continue harvesting the last of my late summer Beefmaster tomatoes for use later in simmering pots of chili, and the remaining Brown Turkey figs that'll be turned into jars of orange-fig jam, it's really the grandeur of my fall rose garden that I most anticipate. While sweet treats and spooky costumes await many later this month, we rosarians look forward to bouquets of roses, hopefully many in autumnal colors of golds and oranges. As many of you know I am also a Rose Garden Corps volunteer in the Inez Grant Parker Balboa Park Rose Garden. To my good fortune one of the rose beds I am tasked with taking care of is planted with the floribunda, 'Pumpkin Patch'. I adore this rose and its clusters of copper orange buds that later open to appear as "happy jack-o'-lanterns in the field", as described on the High Country Roses website. It's never too early to start planning on improving next year's rose garden. Consider adding 'Pumpkin Patch' to your rose wish list for a little year-round hocus pocus!



'Pumpkin Patch'

After a long wait to resume San Diego Rose Society in-person meetings, I am pleased so many were able to join together for our outstanding panel of rose experts. Special thanks to Bill and Elaine Ornelas, Sue Streeper, Ken Huff, Robert Russell, and Gary Bulman for serving on the panel and sharing their vast knowledge and wisdom. Kathy Hunyor did a wonderful job introducing our panelists and moderating the discussion. Kudos to all. Along with the enjoyment of seeing our members together, I was very happy meeting a large number of you for the very first time, and still others for their first meeting. I hope you all enjoyed attending, learned something new, and will make plans to join us again soon.

Alas, we continue living in trying times. Challenges fill the daily news. Many of us have health issues or are looking after loved ones or friends who need extra attention. Let's continue doing all that is practical for us to do in the spirit of consideration for others. In the sanctity of our gardens, and with the grace of God, may we continue planning for a bright future. It was Lady Bird Johnson who said, "Where flowers bloom, so does hope". Be safe, stay well, and keep tending the roses.

Monthly Program for October

Horizon Roses 2021 Presented by Bob Martin

By Kathy Hunyor, VP Programs, jkhunyor@san.rr.com

Come enjoy our October program on **October 18, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.** presented by Bob Martin who has the distinction of serving as the most recent president of the American Rose Society. He has just finished his three year term, where he initiated new ideas and helped with the vast expansion and improvements in the ARS National Rose Garden in Shreveport, Louisiana. Bob maintains a rose garden of more than 650 roses of all types at his home in Escondido, CA. He is well known for the programs he has presented on many rose topics throughout the United States. He is the national editor of *Horizon Roses*, an annual review by the nation's top exhibitors of new exhibition roses. Many of us know Bob as an avid exhibitor of roses at various local and national shows and his expertise on this topic is well known.

His program at this meeting is a new (2021) program on the most recent publication of *Horizon Roses 2021*, featuring comments of the nation's top rose exhibitors on the exhibition potential of roses released in America in the last five years. This year for the first time comments on the newest shrubs and polyanthas are added to those on hybrid teas, floribundas, minifloras and miniature roses. The program is accompanied by beautiful photographs, many by Bob and Dona Martin, and others by the introducers of the newest roses.

Whether you are an experienced exhibitor of roses, are just considering starting to exhibit or are just interested in knowing about beautiful roses on the 'horizon' that you can have in your garden, we hope you can all attend this information-packed meeting. Come and enjoy!

The meeting will also include a raffle, a T-shirt sale, introductions, and catching up on rose society news. A new feature at our monthly meetings will be a silent auction of five own-root roses facilitated by Bill Ornelas. (See page 3 for more information.)



The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. in Casa del Prado's room 101 in Balboa Park.

Pre-meeting Rose Care Program with Q&A

From 7:00—7:30 p.m. Gary Bulman, Master Rosarian, will be presenting a short program in the Consulting Rosarian Corner about successfully growing roses. His program will be followed by a question and answer period to offer attendees a chance to have individual questions explored and solutions offered.

Directions to Casa del Prado, Room 101: The Casa del Prado building is immediately west of the Natural History Museum. Entrances to the Casa del Prado lead to an inner court. The rooms are accessible from the court. Room 101 is downstairs on the east end of the court.

Balboa Park requires that masks be worn inside all buildings regardless of vaccination status. So masks must be worn for this SDRS monthly meeting in room 101.

To further protect our members there will be no coffee service. There will be water bottles available.

Hand sanitizer will be available.

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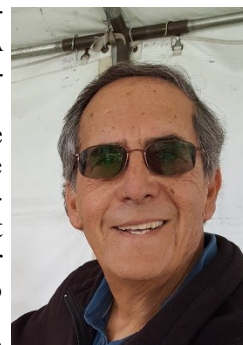
Silent Auction Again at This Month's Meeting!

By Bill Ornelas, bornelas1945@att.net

Prior to this month's meeting, there will be another silent auction with five roses on own root that I started from cuttings of some of our favorite roses. All of the roses were started in January 2021 and are in one-gallon containers. The roses offered, which include two hybridized by Dave Bang, will be 'A Night of Magic', 'Mango Blush', 'Legend', 'Shannon Lanaya', and 'Sunny Sundays'. Minimum starting bid will be \$10 for these roses.

Come early before the meeting starts and place your bid for these wonderful roses. There will be a sheet of paper in front of each rose with details of the rose along with a photo of the bloom. If you want to bid on a rose, just write the last four digits of your phone number (to preserve the secrecy of this silent auction!) and your bid amount on the sheet of paper. Each bid must increase by one dollar from the last bid. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can give your name, the last four digits of your phone number and your highest bid to a fellow member who would be attending and that person can bid for you.

All proceeds will be added to the SDRS treasury. At last month's auction we netted \$132 for our society! This should prove to be a fun and competitive event! Come and join in and take home a special rose! If we find this auction to be successful, other roses will be offered in subsequent meetings.



'Sunny Sundays'

- ◆ Hybrid Tea
- ◆ Yellow Blend
- ◆ Hybridizer: John T. Smith, 2013



Sample Auction Form

Last 4 digits of phone#	Bid in \$\$\$
4793	\$10



'A Night of Magic'



'Shannon Lanaya'



'Mango Blush'

(Editor's Note: At the recent American Rose Society convention held in Milwaukee in September, Bob Martin addressed the convention attendees for the last time as ARS President. Below is the text of his farewell address for those of you unable to attend the convention. We express our profound appreciation to Bob for his accomplishments and his passion to make improvements to our national society during his term, especially during the challenging months of the COVID pandemic. We are also very proud that he is a member of our own San Diego Society and represented us at the national level of the ARS. Thank you so much, Bob.)

A Farewell Address*

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



Friends & Fellow Rosarians:

At the conclusion of my term as President of the San Diego Rose Society, our newsletter editor Dick Streper invited me to write a farewell address. He suggested I might look at George Washington's farewell address as a model. I think he was being facetious but just in case, I looked it up and found it did in fact provide some inspiration.

With my term as President of the American Rose Society coming to an end, I have again turned to Washington's farewell address for inspiration. I have also thought to examine the farewell addresses of other leaders. Drawing on them here I offer my own "Farewell Address".

Avoid Foreign Entanglements

The most famous admonition from George Washington's farewell address was to "warn against the mischiefs of foreign intrigue". In that context he asked rhetorically: "Why, by interweaving our destiny with that of any part of Europe, entangle our peace and prosperity in the toils of European ambition, rivalry, interest, humor or caprice?"

Washington's admonition, although remembered by historians, has been long ignored by politicians who have over the centuries since embroiled our nation in one foreign mess after another. I have nothing more to say about that other than to suggest as an amateur historian that this rather proves Washington's point, that point being not that we should have no foreign policy, but that our foreign policy ought to be guided solely by our nation's self-interest.

So what does this have to do with roses? Washington of course was speaking about how adventures abroad can divert us from what we should be doing at home. Here I am speaking about diversions that take us away from the mission of the American Rose Society.

"The American Rose Society exists to promote the culture, preservation and appreciation of the Rose and to improve its standard of excellence for all people, through education and research."

That is the mission statement of the American Rose Society, a statement I emphasized throughout my campaigns for office and which I have often quoted since election. This is our guiding principle, a statement of who we are and ought to be. To my mind, Washington's admonition suggests we should continue to avoid anything that diverts us from that mission. Our society is about Roses and it is Roses that unite us in our mission and purpose.

Consistent with this principle I have throughout my term as President, and as Vice President before, sought to avoid any political involvement or comment. For example, you can examine my Facebook posts in their entirety and you will see nothing that suggests my politics or views on anything but roses, faith, family, and friendships all of which to me are intertwined.

Why should we care about this? The reason is that those of us in the American Rose Society encompass a wide and diverse political and social spectrum. I have friends on the left, on the right, in the middle and some out in left field somewhere. What unites us is our love of Roses. Let us not become divided because of our differences but rather let us be bound together by our similarities, those being our love and faithfulness to the Rose.

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Beware the Rose Industrial Complex.

Turning to the farewell address of Dwight D. Eisenhower, his most famous admonition was to warn against “the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex”. That on the surface calls for more of a challenge in relating the admonition to roses.

Eisenhower, of course, was a five-star general who served as Supreme Commander of the Allied Expeditionary Force in Europe during World War II. He had the greatest respect for our military. In fact, in the same address he said:

“A vital element in keeping the peace is our military establishment. Our arms must be mighty, ready for instant action, so that no potential aggressor may be tempted to risk his own destruction.”

What concerned Eisenhower, however, was the conjunction of the military establishment and the arms industry. Here he said:

“This conjunction of an immense military establishment and a large arms industry is new in the American experience. The total influence—economic, political, even spiritual—is felt in every city, every state house, every office of the Federal government. We recognize the imperative need for this development. Yet we must not fail to comprehend its grave implications.”

Eisenhower recognized that the military establishment and the arms industry have different purposes. The purpose of the military is not to wage war but to keep the peace. The purpose of the arms industry can be summed up in two words: “sell arms”.

So what does this have to do with roses? The purpose of the American Rose Society is set forth in our mission statement, namely, to promote the culture, preservation, and appreciation of the Rose. The purpose of the rose industry can be summed up in two words: “sell roses”.

Here is where we can come to cross purposes. For example, to sell as many roses as possible, the rose industry in recent years has sought to counter the perception of a busy people that growing roses is hard and takes too much time. To do this the industry has embraced the promotion of so-called “easy care” roses, often incorporating the word “easy” into the name of the rose. I undertook a search on HelpMeFind and found no less than 37 distinct recent varieties with “Easy” in the name, including a number cleverly named “Oso Easy”.

I address this directly in my last President’s Message in *Roses & You*. There I seek to remind us of the truth that roses are not that tough to take care of but they’re not easy. Even the so-called easy ones are not so easy. I continue to believe some of the problems with the rose-growing industry today arise from the fact that those who sell roses think there’s a future in telling people that roses are easy. I think mostly people don’t believe it and the continuing emphasis on so called “easy” roses is actually delivering the opposite message, namely that it is hard to grow good roses, roses that look like roses, namely the cut ones you can buy so cheaply at your local grocery store. And, for people who do believe it, well they buy “easy care” roses, don’t take care of them, and behold the roses do not grow. Instead their bushes produce scant, non-interesting blooms, and eventually fall victim to one or more of the various maladies that afflict all roses causing a would-be lover of roses to lose interest in growing roses altogether.

Let’s tell the truth. And, let’s recognize how the truth affects the American Rose Society. The rose continues to be the most popular flower in America. There are and will always be people who want to grow beautiful roses and who want to know how to do so. Those people are going to be attracted to become members of the American Rose Society. That is why I joined the American Rose Society 40 years ago. Buyers sold by the promise of roses they don’t have to take care of are not going to join the American Rose Society to learn how not to take care of their roses. We exist to show people how to take care of roses, to introduce them to the extraordinary diversity of roses, to promote the beauty of roses, and so spread the fun in growing roses. Those are the truths and that is the greatest message we have to communicate and the message we must communicate in order to prosper as a Society.

Focus on Content

Speaking of communication, I turn to Ronald Reagan’s Farewell Address. Here he said:

“And in all of that time I won a nickname, “The Great Communicator.” But I never thought it was my style or the words I used that made a difference: it was the content. I wasn’t a great communicator, but I communicated great things, and they didn’t spring full bloom from my brow, they came from the heart of a great nation -- from our experience, our wisdom, and our belief in the principles that have guided us for two centuries.”

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My nickname is Bob and I don't recall anyone ever calling me a "Great Communicator." Then again I have during my term as President authored 77 Presidential Messages in our various publications in each case seeking to communicate what I believe is useful practical advice about growing roses and furthering the objectives of our Society.

In laying out the priorities of my administration back at the beginning, I identified as my #3 priority "Improving content in the *American Rose*". That is what we have done and I am very proud of what our editorial staff and Editorial Advisory Committee have accomplished during my administration with the *American Rose*. Here I acknowledge Elena Williams who behind the scenes as Chair of the Editorial Advisory Committee has had a lot to do with that.

We have also brought excellence to our electronic communications, including *Roses & You*, which is delivered monthly to our members. The latter publication I entrusted to a dear friend Rita Perwich who is an advocate of sustainable rose growing. Rita, supported by our staff, created an informative publication that rivals *American Rose* itself. In all our publications, our website and our social media we have communicated great things about roses from our experience, our wisdom, and our belief that roses matter. I encourage those that now follow to continue to build on this success and work diligently to ever increase our educational content..

Being of Service

Turning to my final inspirational farewell address, I select a passage from a farewell address that I recited when I for the first time announced my decision to seek this office – now 16 years ago. It is also the one I recited the second time I ran for this office. And, the third time I ran for this office...

When I was installed as Vice President I took the occasion to recite it again. And, I recited it now nearly three years when I was installed as President.

The passage comes from the farewell address of King Benjamin, a great king in the Book of Mormon, one of the scriptures of my faith. King Benjamin served his people all his life, earning his own living instead of being supported by the people. And in his farewell address he said:

"Behold, I say unto you that because I said unto you that I had spent my days in your service, I do not desire to boast, for I have only been in the service of God. And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God."

Mosiah 2:16–17:

It has been the honor of my life to have spent my last three years in your service as President of the American Rose Society. In saying that, I do not desire to boast for I have only been in the service of the most beautiful flower in God's creation – The Rose. Thank you for honoring that service tonight.

**Author's Note: On Sunday, September 12, the night before the installation of my successor, Diane Sommers, and the conclusion of my term as President of the American Rose Society, I was honored with a banquet. I took the occasion to deliver this "Farewell Address".*



**2021 American Rose Society's National Convention
September 11-13, 2021
Milwaukee, Wi**

For those of you who were unable to attend the most recent ARS convention, here are a few photos from the convention's Facebook page. SDRS members Gary Bulman, Ken Huff, Linda Clark, Ruth Tiffany, in addition to Bob and Dona Martin, attended the convention and you will see them in some of these photos.

Rose Show



Rose Hybridizers Panel

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Gary Bulman, Linda Clark, Ruth Tiffany, Ken Huff



Bob Martin with new ARS President Diane Sommers



ARS National Convention & Rose Show
September 10-14, 2021 – Milwaukee, WI

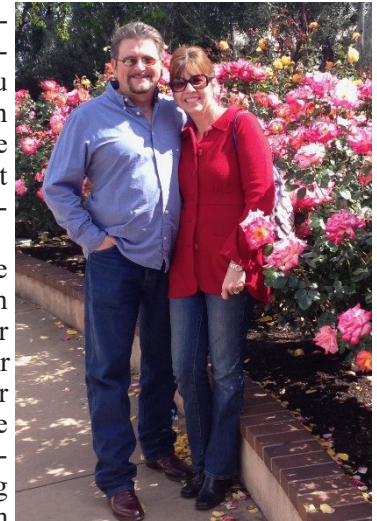
Rose Care Practices for October From Our Consulting Rosarians

Growing Good Roses in Our Garden in Crest

By Robert and Kristine Russell, rulsranch@cox.net

First of all, I wanted to say ‘thank you’ for the opportunity to share my experience with growing roses at last month’s meeting as part of the rosarians panel. It humbled me to have been able to share my little bit of knowledge of growing roses, as you all recall that all the others on the panel are much more experienced and seasoned in their rose growing experience and expertise than myself. Like I mentioned since Kristine and I joined this wonderful group of rosarians we have strived to soak in all of the vast knowledge that is given freely to help newbies feel welcomed and understand the wonderful world of roses.

This month of rose care in our garden is designed primarily to get ready for the rose shows of the Orange County Rose Society and the Desert Rose Society in Palm Springs at the end of October and beginning of November. So our roses were ‘summer cut’ as the term is. We spent the weekend a few weeks ago trimming and cutting our bushes basically to restart a bloom cycle so hopefully they will bloom 6-8 weeks after cutting. This should put us at a good point for the October 23rd date for the Orange County rose show. Even if you are not showing roses it is still a good idea to do a summer cut and clean up your roses and bushes to basically recharge them. Start fertilizing them again by ‘can feeding’ them, meaning mixing the water soluble fertilizers from Grow More like fish emulsion/Magnum Rose food/seaweed /iron and others which I mix in my water fertilizer system. Or mix these into water and use the sump pump and hand water. Also it is the time to make sure you keep up on your spraying routine and make sure your watering system is watering sufficiently and providing the amount of water needed to each of your plants. This weekend was perfect as we did get a little bit of rain up here in Crest on Friday so I took advantage of the wet soil to mix up the bucket feed fertilizers like Magnum Rose Grow and Biostart. These are additional products from Grow More. I also add other items like worm castings and 100% alfalfa as horse pellets which has been soaked in water to break down the pellets. You can get these at a local feed store, spread them around the plants and water it in thoroughly. With the help of the additional drizzle this morning it makes the product work that much better.



I am also now walking through the garden and disbudding the hybrid teas and floribundas to produce the type of bloom, single bloom on the hybrid teas, and disbudding the floribunda’s first middle bloom to help produce a more balanced spray. I am also staking my garden with garden stakes and tying new growth to help with blooms in hope to produce a straight bloom as we do get a good breeze up the canyon continuously and it seems to bend some of our blooms. (This is a little trick I learned from Gary Bulman...see photo at right). Like I mentioned during the panel, to learn about how to produce good roses I have always paid close attention whenever those much more experienced and more seasoned than myself offer their expertise. I do try to listen and apply these techniques to our garden. We hope to have done so in our short time of growing roses and hope to pass on what little bit of knowledge that Kristine and I have obtained to further help our San Diego Rose Society with our rich history and continue to grow our society on into the future.



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Occupying October

By Christine and Rand Allan, callan@san.rr.com



After resuming fertilizing our rose garden in September, we continue the same during the month of October. Still, ever important, we patrol the rose garden daily for disease and pests. During one of these recent patrols, we discovered a few malfunctioning bubblers with our watering system and were able to rectify it before suffering serious damage to that row of roses.

In October, we continue with the same fertilizing plan as in September. The formula is a two-gallon bucket-feeding consisting of Grow More's fertilizers - ½ cup Magnum Grow, 2 tablespoons of Sea Grow (seaweed plant food), 2 tablespoons of Better Than Fish, and a few drops of Jump Start, thoroughly diluting this all with water to the top of the bucket. Each bush receives its own bucket of this fertilizer concoction. We usually apply this fertilizer during the first week of the month. It is also a good time to make sure your roses have adequate mulch in the beds. We recently purchased several yards of mulch to spread in the rose garden. It breaks down into the soil and must be replenished a few times during the year.

We have a drip watering system and run fifteen-minute watering cycles three times a week. Sometimes the summer heat can carry over into October, so continue to monitor your soil moisture regulating your watering schedule accordingly. Also, keep a close eye out for any disease or pests that may appear in the garden. We are fortunate in Southern California to have the right kind of weather lengthening our rose growing season, so care for your roses by feeding and attending to them regularly which will bring you a couple more bloom cycles through fall and later. We try to keep our roses blooming into late November to have an arrangement of them on our table as the centerpiece at Thanksgiving.

We want to share a few more photos of our 'Marmie' rose that has an exhibition name of Margie, hybridized by Bob Martin and named after his mother. The bush has doubled in size since we purchased it at the June rose auction. The color is vibrant, and this rose can be shown as a single fully opened bloom or in a spray as it is a miniature climber.



Notes for Novices

What Does THAT Mean? A Glossary of Terms for New Rosarians

By Elaine Ornelas, cornelas1949@att.net

When my husband and I first began to attend meetings and read rose society newsletters, we were sometimes baffled by some of the terms used since we hadn't heard them before. Now that we are Consulting Rosarians and are a little more familiar with some of these words I thought it might help some of our new members to define some of these often-used terms or phrases. I hope it helps!

- ◆ **Polyantha rose**—The polyantha rose bush is one of the parents of the floribunda rose bush. They are usually a smaller plant than the floribunda but are sturdy plants overall. They bloom in large clusters of small 1-inch diameter blooms.
- ◆ **Old Garden Rose**—OGRs are defined as types of roses that existed prior to 1867. There are several subdivisions. The flower form can vary and after the spring bloom, some produce no more flowers for the rest of the year. They are often heavily fragrant.
- ◆ **What is the difference between Miniature and Miniflora roses?** Miniature rose bushes can be 10 to 24 inches in height and their blooms are usually 1 1/2 inches or less in diameter. Miniflora rose bushes are generally larger in plant and bloom size than the miniatures. Minifloras are smaller in bloom size than the floribundas, grandifloras and hybrid teas.
- ◆ **Shrub rose**—Shrub roses are sprawling in their habit and can grow from 5 to 15 feet in every direction.
- ◆ **IPM**—Integrated Pest Management. A program of establishing sound environmental conditions, using disease-resistant rose choices, inviting beneficial natural predators, and manual elimination of pests using least toxic pesticides to minimize negative environmental impact.
- ◆ **Netafim**—An efficient system of drip irrigation utilizing pressure-compensating output so that the same drip rate occurs throughout the irrigation lines.
- ◆ **Rootstock**—A rose to which another rose variety is grafted to enhance growth or withstand adverse conditions. Common rootstock varieties are 'Dr. Huey', 'Fortuniana', and 'Multiflora'. The rootstock portion is below ground and the grafted variety is above.
- ◆ **Dead Heading**—Removing spent blooms from roses. It is meant to encourage production of new flowers, to prevent diversion of energy to the production of rose hips and to maintain cleanliness of the rose bed.
- ◆ **Grandiflora rose**—A cross of hybrid tea and floribunda rose which displays the characteristics of a hybrid tea but also has the ability to bear clusters of blooms and grow to larger heights.
- ◆ **Compost vs. Mulch**—Compost is the result of decompositions of organic and biodegradable matter by microbes. Mulch is usually a soil covering to protect the soil from dehydration and other extremes. It is useful in conserving moisture and moderating temperature.
- ◆ **N-P-K**—Nitrogen-Phosphorus-Potassium (potash); These are the nutrients used by all plant materials in order to thrive. Nitrogen encourages healthy stem and leaf production. Phosphorus is critical to the growth of roots and fruits and flowers. Potassium contributes to the health of the plant and contributes to disease resistance. It is usually denoted as three numbers on fertilizers and amendments (ex: 10-20-20).
- ◆ **Suckers**—Rose canes emitting from the rootstock to which a different rose variety is grafted. They need to be removed at the rootstock level.
- ◆ **Bud Union**—The point at which the grafted rose and the rootstock to which it is grafted are joined.
- ◆ **Prickle**—Believe it or not roses do not have 'thorns'! They have 'prickles'! They are the thorny extension of the stem's outer covering.
- ◆ **Bare Root rose**—A rose plant without soil around the roots. These roses transport better by suppliers and are best planted between January and May.
- ◆ **Own-root roses**—Roses grown from cuttings taken from the mature stock plant. They have the advantages over grafted roses of not producing suckers and they are often hardier than grafted roses.

The Rosarian's Winning Mindsets All they Need is Love

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

Roses are not sentient beings but the Beatles' 1967 famous and absolutely true lyrics, "all you need is love" applies to people as well as to plants. Our love can be 'felt' by our plants when we have the right mindsets and we put them into action. So, pruners, loppers and a good pair of gloves are all necessities in a rose garden but a tool that is just as essential in our gardener's toolbox is the positive attitudinal factors we bring into the garden with us. Here are some that are super important. They let your plants know they are loved:

1. Being Watchful. Nothing is static. Change happens daily in people and plants. In people change is slow but in a garden and in our plants the change is observable daily. We need to really inhabit our garden and walk through it preferably on a daily basis. When we do this, we develop eyes to see what is normal and what is looking 'off'. Being wide-eyed and alert helps us catch pests and diseases before they stress our plants' health. There is an added bonus to all this watchfulness: when we pay attention we are open to the stunning beauty of nature that surrounds us.



2. Being Inquisitive and Willing to Learn. When we buy a plant we need to find out what it needs to grow. We need to find out what pests and fungal diseases might challenge our plant and what we should do to prevent these problems. When we see a bug on a leaf, we need to be inquisitive. What is it? Is it friend or foe? Is it damaging the plant or protecting it? When we are inquisitive we have the urge to educate ourselves in order to understand what to do and why. For instance, we not only want to know how to prune but we want to know why we need to do it. A lack of inquisitiveness leads to indifference, non-action or actions that are unnecessary or counter-productive, none of which is helpful to our plants.

3. Being Committed is essential in a garden and especially when we grow roses. Everyone who plants a rose garden has dreams of abundant and luscious blooms, but this end vision materializes best for those rosarians who consistently stay the course. Roses are not hard to grow but they do take work and time. For every gorgeous bloom cycle, there are blooms that need to be deadheaded. Our to-do list when we grow roses includes pruning, amending our soil and mulching, deadheading, fertilizing and ensuring our roses are adequately watered. And then of course, just as with all the other plants we grow, we need to have a pest management strategy.

4. Being Tolerant and Trusting. We must each determine the pest damage we are willing to put up with in our gardens. I don't spray pesticides and fungicides. I prefer to be tolerant and put up with some imperfect blooms and foliage (after all who is perfect!) Dare to believe that roses are hardy. When we select our roses with thoughtful research and we provide them with their cultural needs we can trust that they will pull through pest and fungal damage.

5. Being Methodical in Rose Care. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a sustainable and environmentally sound integration of cultural, mechanical and biological controls: cultural (plant your roses in the sun, amend the soil, mulch, do an annual pruning, give them adequate water and fertilizer and deadhead); mechanical (pick off and water-blast pests); biological controls (grow companion plants and encourage predator insects into your garden).

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6. Being Calm Obsessing about damage will not bring back the blooms and it certainly undermines our desire to continue growing roses. If your pest issue seems out of control, IPM does have a fourth control which is the selection and use of the least toxic pesticide (those marked with the warning 'Caution'.) But first, take a deep breath. Ensure there is no other



way to remedy your problem. If you use a pesticide make sure it targets just the pest in question. Presently in San Diego chilli thrips are our biggest pest problem and may require pesticides.

Follow the label directions to ensure you don't harm our pollinators. Avoid broad-spectrum pesticides which create bigger problems in your garden as they harm all insects, even the beneficials that are helping you.

7. Being Energetic and Staying on Your Toes There is a constant cycle of insects, both beneficial and harmful, in a garden. Your routine of inhabiting your garden provides you with great information and insight. You will know which month to expect each pest and you will look for and catch the first signs of damage. Make your own 'roadmap' for each month of the year for your garden. The timing and presence of pests and fungal diseases I experience in my coastal garden will be different from those in a hot inland garden.



8. Being Motivated. Passion for roses is contagious. Join the American Rose Society (ARS) and the San Diego Rose Society (SDRS), attend meetings, rose garden tours and the annual SDRS rose show and get re-energized. Replace the so-so roses in your garden with your newly discovered rose treasures.

9. Being Truthful We should plant only the number of roses that we can grow well. We are the custodians of a beautiful plant which responds at least to a certain extent to what we do and what we fail to do. I admit that trying to curtail the 'Gotta Haves' is a toughie when there are so many beautiful roses on the market!

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10. Being in Total Awe for Creation Gratitude among the blooms is as simple as breathing. As gardeners in touch with nature we are gifted to see not just the beauty of our roses but God’s hand at work in the world around us, and the interconnectedness of all Earth’s creatures. So, crazy as it may sound, I am suggesting that the antidote to pests is allowing some pests in your garden. Got aphids? The lady beetles and all the other hungry beneficials WILL come to help you. Besides, spraying pesticides is not a slam dunk for a garden with no pests. But it could be a slam dunk for a garden with no beneficials....



Yes, the Beatles were spot-on: “All you need is love, love, Love is all you need.” So while you are out in the garden pruning, fertilizing and watering your roses, go ahead and hum and sing that to them. They will reward you with blooms beyond belief... it is our roses’ signature gesture of love for the committed rose gardener.

Membership Update

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

At last we could have our meeting! After all the waiting I think it was as good as we hoped. We got to see old friends, meet new members and share our stories and questions on roses. What could be better?

Of the four new members introduced below we had the opportunity to meet three of them and several others that are still in the process of joining. We had, for the first time in two years, the chance to order Rose Society name tags and I hope more members elect to order them. We charge only \$5 for them and the society covers the remaining \$7 so take advantage of this great deal. It makes all feel like committed members and makes everyone more recognizable at our meetings.

I want to remind everyone how easy and safe parking is at Balboa Park on meeting nights. The entrance road by Spanish Village that leads down to the Natural History Museum always has available parking as all the employees are leaving. You can park right across from our meeting spot—Room 101. Join us.

So, the latest new people from September that we will be welcoming as members are:

Lonnie Ruskin
Brian How
Christy Jackson
Christina Buster

Heads Up! It’s time to renew for 2022.

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

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

Or you can complete the form on the next page and bring it, with your payment, to the next meeting or mail it to:

**SDRS
PO Box 86124
San Diego CA 92138-6124**

Please plan to submit your membership form by the deadline of December 31st. Thank you.



San Diego Rose Society
2022 Membership Application/Renewal

Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

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

Check one: New Member [] Renewal []

Check Membership Level (Family membership)

Amount Enclosed:

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[] Supporting Member (\$35) \$ _____
[] Sustaining Member (\$50) \$ _____
[] Patron (\$100) \$ _____
[] Additional Donation, if desired \$ _____

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

Payment Options: (Use only one option)

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

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

A Blast From the Past!

Editor's Note: On occasion, I feature an article from an older edition of Rose Ramblings. So many articles from these older issues still have such value to our members. In this case, I am featuring an article from April, 2004 by Dick Streeper, an expert rosarian and long time member of SDRS. For my husband and me, Dick was such a mentor and reference for how to grow great roses. Sadly he has since passed away but we love continuing to work with his wife, Sue...also a great mentor. Hope you enjoy Dick's article!

Elaine Ornelas, editor

A Story About Roses

By Dick Streeper

He who would have beautiful Roses in his garden must have *lots of other flowering plants* nearby. This is an article about 'IPM', integrated pest management. More precisely, it is about one of four elements of IPM, namely, plant selection. The word "management" in IPM means control of the plant and pest population in your garden in order to produce a desired result.



Not many persons really want to grow perfect roses. The persons who do consist almost entirely of commercial greenhouse growers. Add to that about one hundred individuals in the United States who are avid rose show exhibitors and you have exhausted the field. These are the persons who will spend whatever it takes in time and money to reach that end. The remainder who love roses and want a pretty garden manage pests by allowing some identified pests to exist in exchange for less labor in the garden and a reduced use of pesticides. We all do it by managing pests in one way or another to produce a desired results.

Biodiversity is the key to an IPM program employing a minimal use of pesticides. A good plan doesn't necessarily require less work, but much of the work will be accomplished by your brain rather than your back. Every garden has literally billions of living organisms, each feeding on something in the garden. Some are essential, most are beneficial; only a few are nothing other than harmful. Rather than trying to poison everything other than our precious roses, it is best to work out a plan which "controls" everything that causes trouble. I must also say that the pest which causes us trouble in April may cause no trouble at all in May.

Another of the four elements of IPM is identification of pests. Let's consider thrips as a good example for the need for pest identification. Thrips are very tiny insects whose life in roses begins by the deposit of an egg in a hole drilled through the sepal of a very immature rose flower bud. The female thrips knows which rose varieties are easy to lay eggs in and which are hard. Probably because they are the ones they grew up in. The easy varieties are the prime targets. Thus, one of the principal

factors in thrips control is learning the varieties thrips like to call home and those they don't. The larval stage of the thrips lives within the tightly formed rosebud feeding upon the precious fluids the rose sends to the bud to produce a beautiful and enticing flower. If the days are short and the weather is cool, buds at the proper stage for feeding larva last a long time. The thrips win lots of sustenance and the flower loses its ability to open properly. Change the scenario to the summertime and the rose wins when roses open fast and the thrips get only a short snort of food.

There is lots to be learned from this observation of thrips. It is the larval stage, not the flying stage of thrips which causes damage to rose blooms. The solution: select varieties not attractive to thrips or those with fewer petals which open rapidly, or tolerate some damage in the spring if the rose give good blooms in the summer. Finally, if you chose to grow a variety troubled by thrips, select system pesticide only to the immature buds when they are at the correct stage for feeding thrips larva. This will help to maintain a healthy beneficial and predatory insect population.

The insects most likely to be known by home gardeners are aphids. Controlling aphids should be like shooting fish. Excepting those which are farmed by ants, they live only on the newly forming shoots at the tip of the stems of roses and many other species of plants. They are easy to identify, locate and control. I would never (almost) use any pesticide other than water to control aphids. A finger over the end of a water hose with just a few days of practice will give control. The aphids will be blasted to lower levels of the plant or to the ground and starve before reaching foliage on which they can once again feed. If you use only water and eschew poisons you will find squadrons of lace wings and an occasional squad of ladybugs chewing on the few aphids which venture by. Occasionally you will find that two or three applications of water two days apart of finger rubbing of stems will not adequately control the aphid population. When that occurs, I recommend limited use of an insecticide which will finish them off.

Fungus diseases are more demanding to control. In San Diego there are three major diseases to consider, powdery mildew, rust and downy mildew.

Powdery mildew always grows on the tips of new growth. Once the growth reaches about three weeks of age it is no longer capable of supporting new growth of the disease. Thus focus of control can be restricted to this very limited section of the plant. Rust lives in nearly the opposite section of the plant, in the spring and summer on the lower mature leaves of the plant. In the fall it will spread to any portion of the plant excepting the uppermost leaves of the plant. Downy mildew has recently undergone a mutation and I am not certain of all of its modified symptoms but this much I know. If you have leaf drop of newly forming leaves in the spring and the leaves show a similar pattern of fungus growth on more mature leaves which do not fall off accompanied by mottle grey-green pattern on new green stems, you have a downy mildew problem. It is the only one of the major fungus disease which can completely kill a rose plant if left untreated.

Since this is an article about plant selection and biodiversity I will not dwell on control of troublesome fungus problems except to say that all roses have differing levels of resistance or weakness to each of these diseases. Selection of disease resistant varieties should be

made part of your rose management plan. Grow 'Mister Lincoln' if you must but be prepared to do lots of spraying for powdery mildew or accept deformed or mildew covered leaves. There are plenty of effective fungicides most of which are not authorized for use by home gardeners. Others are effective and can be lawfully purchased but are difficult or expensive to purchase or use. These are all things which should be placed in the balance during the selection process by the home rose grower. Most new varieties are selected for introductions by the production nurseries with consideration of ease of growth with limited use of pesticides. The selection of varieties by a buyer should take into consideration the newness of the variety balanced against willingness of the buyer to spend time and expense for pest management.

As to biodiversity, use annual flowering plants that freely reseed such as alyssum, lobelia and forget-me-nots (*Myosotis sylvatica*). Concentrate on annuals that produce carpets of flowers. Add to that whatever strikes your fancy as long as it does not attract pests that trouble your roses. In that category I would list calendulas which attract thrips, marigolds which attract mites and hibiscus which attract white flies.

IF YOU FEED THEM THEY WILL COME

By Ruth Tiffany, ruthsgarden@msn.com

Roses, that is. (That baseball game was played this summer in a cornfield. I think you can find it on YouTube). This is scientific truth—if a rose is well fed it will produce more blooms. If a rose is fed regularly all growing season, it will produce more blooms and have 4-5 growth cycles in a year.

The San Diego Rose Society has a passion to educate all gardeners, rose growers and lovers of the rose about how to grow the best roses possible. We provide monthly education and sharing meetings, Consulting Rosarians to give individual help, a newsletter featuring horticultural tips and tricks, annual pruning demonstrations, member garden tours as well as a spring rose show where the best roses can be displayed.

The San Diego Rose Society also sponsors an annual Fertilizer Sale because feeding roses regularly is so essential to producing the best blooms.

It is October and time to plan for the fertilizer you need to apply starting in the spring and throughout the growing season of 2022. I know you have just seen your summer blooms fry in our recent hot weather. Be assured, roses are hardy and they will recover, and may give you some more fall blooms and for sure will be ready to produce again next spring, especially if they are well fed.

We will be selling:

BioStart Organic granular fertilizer 50 lb bags- 2 cups per rosebush, One bag will feed 50 roses

Magnum Grow water soluble rose fertilizer 25 lb bags—1 bag will feed 25 roses through the growing season, 1 TBs / gal water

Better Than Fish Fertilizer-1 gal will feed 16 roses through the growing season, 1 TBs/gal. water

Seaweed Extract- 1 gal. same application as Better than Fish

SeaGrow 16-16-16 water soluble plant food 25 lb bags--1 bag will feed 25 roses through the growing season, 1 TBS/gal water

THESE ARE THE ESSENTIALS. We will also have available Humic Acid, Iron and several other rose tonics and stimulants. Count your roses and plan how much you will need. The prices for our fertilizer are below what these products can be purchased for elsewhere and the sale supports our rose society. **The order form and further ordering info will be in the November newsletter. Ordering will end December 31, 2021 and delivery, payment and pickup will occur the end of January/first of February at my home in San Carlos just in time for rose feeding to begin on Valentine's Day.**

In Memoriam

John Lester September 17, 1938-September 8, 2021

It is with a heavy heart that we post the passing of our dear friend, John Lester, from a recurrence of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. John spent much of this last year struggling valiantly with several medical issues. He was known to so many of us and we enjoyed his company, along with that of his wife Barbara, at many rose society meetings, rose shows and other events. John was passionate about his roses and cared for them with so much fervor.

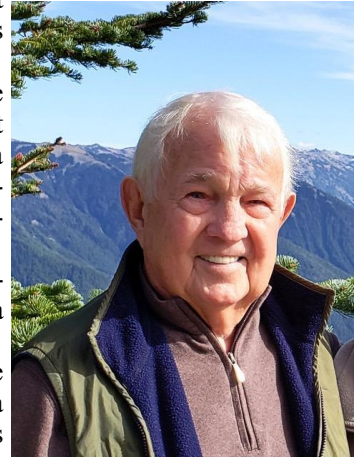
John was born in Mr. Vernon, MO and received a degree in forestry from the University of Missouri. After serving in the U.S. Army, he worked in timber management and conservation. He moved to San Diego where he earned a degree in history and a teaching credential at San Diego State University followed by a Masters degree in education. John met his future wife Barbara while teaching at Hale Jr. High and they were married in 1970. John retired from teaching in 1995.

Barbara and John were avid travelers exploring much of the United States, Europe, and New Zealand. They purchased land in the mountains in Idyllwild and built a geodesic dome cabin there, enjoyed many summers in the beautiful mountains.

John discovered roses after his retirement and became an active member of the San Diego Rose Society. He filled the front and back yards of their home in Tierrasanta with over 200 rose bushes. He became an ARS Consulting Rosarian and Judge and was also available to help anyone who needed information about growing roses.

The Lesters also loved their canine companions and their most recent dogs, Riley and Tulip, were devoted to John even through his illnesses. John and Barbara celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at home in 2020. This couple was a wonderful example of the enduring power of love.

John will be sorely missed but we know that he will be enjoying the roses of Heaven now. Blessings to his wife, Barbara, as she walks through the challenges ahead.



The San Diego Rose Society would like to express its gratitude to John and Barbara Lester for their generosity in asking that donations to honor John's memory be made to our organization, with further sincere thanks to their many family members and friends who made donations totaling over \$1,500 during September. The brief notes that came with the donations remind us how special John has been to so many people. His kindness and the joy that his roses brought to the people in his life were common themes. He was never referred to as just a family member, but also a friend; never as just a neighbor, but also a friend; never as just a fellow rose society member, but also a friend.



In Memoriam

Barbara Hurlstone 1939-2021



Sadly, we were notified of the passing of SDRS member Barbara Hurlstone on August 23, 2021. Barbara was known for her love of gardening, especially her love of roses. She would often have people she didn't even know just show up to her house and ask to walk in her garden. She always welcomed these folks. Putting her hands in the soil brought her close to God and filled her soul. SDRS member Linda Ball said that Barbara had been an ARS and SDRS member for 32 years and that her garden was the prettiest rose garden she had ever seen.

Barbara will be remembered for her kindness and compassion, her need to care for others including those she did not know, her welcoming nature, her smile that lit up a room, and her infectious laughter. She will be missed by our rose society and we ask for blessings on her family at this time.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers.....

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers as they have been recovering from illness, injury or are recovering from surgery.

- ◆ Kathy Hunyor
- ◆ Sue Streeper
- ◆ Kathy Strong
- ◆ Bob Kolb
- ◆ Marty Kolb
- ◆ Christine Allan



Event Calendars and Web Sites

San Diego Rose Society Calendar of Events

2021

October 5, 2021, 7 p.m.: SDRS Board Meeting at Beth Van Boxtel's house

October 18, 2021: SDRS Monthly Meeting in Balboa Park's Casa del Prado, room 101

(October 16, 2021 SDRS pilgrimage has been cancelled.)

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/>)

Other Local and Regional Gardening Events

2021

October 16, 2021, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.: San Diego Floral Association presents 'Birds, Bees, Flowers and Trees'; see website www.sdfloal.org for more details

October 23, 2021: Orange County Rose Society Rose Show; Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum, East Room, 18001 Yorba Linda Boulevard, Yorba Linda, CA; properties available at 5:30 am; show will open from noon to 3 pm; see website for more details and show schedule: <https://www.orangecountyrosesociety.org/events>

November 13, 2021: Desert Rose Society Rose Show; Palm Desert Community Center, 43900 San Pablo in Palm Desert; entries accepted from 6 am to 9:30 am; show open from 12:30 to 4:30 pm; see website for more details: <https://www.desertrosesociety.com/latest-news>

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

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

Process for Contacting Consulting Rosarians

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

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

Consulting Rosarians for San Diego Rose Society

Name	Area	County Location
Christine Allan	La Jolla	W
Steve Berry	San Diego	C
Frank Brines, Master Rosarian	San Diego	E
Gary Bulman	Escondido	N
Linda Clark	La Mesa	E
Ken Huff	Escondido	N
Bob Kolb	Sunset Cliffs	W
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 FOR 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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