

APRIL, 2011

QUEEN'S HERALD

UPCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL MEETING
THURSDAY.
APRIL 21
LIFE MANOR
7PM

MAY MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 19
BRUCE BLECKERT
PHOTO CONTEST
BRUCE LIND
ROSE HISTORY OF
PT DEFIANCE PARK

TRS BOARD MEETING:
MONDAY APRIL 25
AT 7PM AT JO &
CLIFF MARTIN'S
HOME

TRS ROSE SHOW
DISTRICT ROSE
SHOW AND
CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION
JUNE 25 & 26
TACOMA YACHT
CLUB & JACKSON
HALL

ANNUAL TRS
PICNIC - LODGE AT
PT. DEFIANCE
AUGUST 14

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APRIL MEETING – APRIL 21
DR. GARY RITCHIE
“WHAT’S INSIDE A ROSE CANE”

“A rose cane, while simple in appearance, is anatomically highly complex and exquisitely engineered. It provides the plant with support as well as an elaborate system for delivering water, nutrients, hormones and sugars throughout the plant. Our program will delve into rose cane anatomy and physiology at a microscopic level revealing many secrets of how canes function. Once you’ve seen this program you’ll never look at your roses in the same way again. Guaranteed.” Come and hear Dr. Gary Ritchie of the Olympia Rose Society as he makes the science behind rose growing understandable. Gary has a real gift for making complex gardening information understandable by those of us who do not have his specialized knowledge. This is definitely a program that everyone should attend!

We will be starting early again – at 7pm so we can have Jo martin’s continuing clinic on Rose Arranging before Gary’s talk at 7:30pm. See the Designing Woman column on page 3 for a reminder of the class assignment. Bruce’s usual clinic will be on hold this meeting since he will be helping with the fertilizer distribution, but he will be available after the talk for questions. And while all that is happening, Jim Leisner, Cliff Martin and Dave Sheppard will be sharpening pruners for a donation to the society. Don’t forget to label your pruners so there will be no problem getting them back. This is your last chance to have pruners sharpened this year!

*All this activity happening at the same time makes for a wild meeting. Come and share the fun! Make sure to come early to pick up the fertilizer you have pre-ordered. Also, we will be having a special sale of **“rescued roses”** outside before the meeting. These are (mainly) Old Garden Roses and we may not have another chance to buy these locally any time soon.*

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE **by Cliff Martin**

Our Garden/Rose sale at the Pagoda went off without a hitch on Saturday, March 26, despite the weather, which held off until the very end. The work crew consisted of many TRS members. Thanks again, gang, you were great! And oh, yes, the potluck lunch was outstanding as usual. We always appreciate all the work Steve Herbig of Metro Parks puts in on this sale. Thanks, Steve! And many thanks to Barbara Lind for the excellent cataloging and photos of the roses. It made shopping much easier for the crowd. On March 15, the Linds, the Martins and George Heger pruned the roses at Life Manor. There was very little frost damage, which was a nice surprise. With a little fertilizer and alfalfa, they should do quite well.

I cranked up my Spotshot sprayer last week and had one of those “hard lesson learned” moments. Apparently I had left some water in the trigger jet spray nozzle and it froze hard enough to crack the device and cause leakage. The replacement cost was about \$40. You can bet I will be more careful next year! There’s an old saying “Learn from other people’s mistakes. It is cheaper”. How true!

Keep your stick on the ice.

Cliff Martin



**'KOKO LOCO'
FLORIBUNDA**



**'PUMPKIN
PATCH'
FLORIBUNDA**

PUYALLUP FERTILIZER AND ALFALFA PICK UP AT THE APRIL MEETING

Puyallup Rose Fertilizer and alfalfa will be delivered at our April meeting. Please come early to pick up your order. Bill Wilson and Dan Simmons will bring their truck up to the front door of our meeting room at about 6:30 PM. If you drive up to the door with your check handy (made out to the Puyallup Rose Society) the bags will be loaded in your vehicle.

An e-mail reminder or a phone call will be made early in the week of the meeting so you will know what you ordered and the amount for your check. If you cannot attend the meeting, please make arrangements to have someone else pick up your order.

*If you haven't placed your order, please do so ASAP by calling Barbara Lind at 253-565-0246 or barbaralind@mac.com. While there may be some extra bags on the truck, it would be safer to reserve your order. **The deadline for orders is April 8.***

POINT DEFIANCE ROSE GARDEN NEWS by Margaret Leisner

The month of March was a busy one for TRS members. It began with the annual pruning at the Point Defiance Rose Garden on March 5th, followed by the Garden Sale at the Pagoda later in the month.

Both events were very successful thanks to the many folks who volunteered their time and talents. A huge "Thank You" is due to everyone who helped at one or both of the above.

The garden advisory committee members have been busy as well. They recently purchased several new selections, using funds raised at previous garden sales. Visitors to the garden like to "stop and smell the roses", and they will have an added treat this summer as most of the new varieties that were purchased are fragrant.

The following is a summary of what will be new in the garden for 2011:

Koko-Loko: a medium height Floribunda with milky chocolate-colored buds which open to soft lavender and have a mild fragrance.

Pumpkin Patch: a fragrant caramel-orange Floribunda.

Sugar Moon: a white Hybrid Tea with a citrus and rose fragrance.

Easy Going: a soft golden yellow Floribunda.

Love's Kiss: a coral/rose blend Hybrid Tea; it is fragrant too.

Always & Forever: a velvety red Hybrid Tea with a light fragrance.

Crescendo: a white, blushed pink Hybrid Tea with a strong fragrance.

Purple Splash: this one is a Climber. It has wine-purple and white striped and speckled blooms and yes, it is fragrant, like a sweet apple.

Rhapsody In Blue: a smoke-blue purple blend Shrub.

In addition to the above, the committee bought several replacements for the bushes which were damaged by the severe fall and winter weather. In all, 56 bushes were purchased from local nurseries and delivered to the park by committee members

Horticulturist Steve Herbig reports that he has received the lone 2012 AARS selection and it is a Grandiflora that goes from a light yellow to a cream yellow. The name has not been revealed yet, but he said it is described as a vigorous grower, rounded and bushy with dark green, glossy leaves. As an accredited AARS (All American Rose Selection) display garden, Point Defiance receives ten each of the annual winner(s).

With all of these new roses to enjoy, it is going to be a great year at the garden! By the way, summer deadheading begins on Thursday, June 30th.

ARRANGING CLINIC – TRADITIONAL LINE-MASS by Designing Woman

Our March thirty-minute clinic began with the review of traditional line designs created by five students. They were truly amazing! Each design had a well-defined linear direction with only a few blooms. Students are on the hunt for suitable containers to use in the June District Show. Very exciting!

We discussed Traditional Line-Mass and how it differs from Traditional Line. Line-Mass still retains a **definite line**, but more roses and foliages are added to complete the design which must have depth, but should also be light and airy. Line-Mass is probably the most popular of the traditional styles in rose shows and in homes. These designs are sometimes known as the "All American Style" as they were created by western designers who merged the Oriental line with the European Mass or period designs. Line-Mass designs may be upright, or horizontal, L-shaped (right or left angled) or crescent-shaped. The major aspect is that there is enough line along with the massing to give credit to its name: Line-Mass.

Having a good collection of linear materials is important to the designer. Plant material may be branches, scotch broom, willow, roots, driftwood. etc., which may be straight, curved, horizontal, diagonal, vertical or zigzag – and all must have the characteristic of motion.

A tip: cut fresh scotch broom. Mist it with water. Fill old pantyhose with the scotch broom and tie into a circle. Allow to dry a few days and remove to find very nice curving lines. Another tip: If you are lucky enough to find curly willow, cut branches early before they are leafed out (preferably). Gently peel off the bark to expose the beautiful white interior. It will dry white and will be useful for years. This task takes patience. It is best not to bruise the white interior with a sharp knife; however it is very hard on fingernails.

Students: Bring your line-mass designs to the April 21 clinic. You may substitute daffodils, carnations, etc. for roses. Practice perfects your skills, besides it is fun! A folder for your printed material would be a good thing to have.

Happy Designing, Ta Ta

ASK THE CONSULTING ROSARIAN Mitchie & John Moe Master Rosarians

Q – I see that there is some new red growth poking up through the mulch around some of my roses. Are these those dreaded 'suckers' that I have heard about? Should I just rip them off?

A – What you are seeing are the new basils; however, there could be some suckers. This is a good sign that your bush is alive and ready to get growing for the season. But this new growth is very tender, and you can easily damage them if you are not careful. One of the first things to do is to carefully remove the mulch so you can get a good look at your bush. However, if you get carried away with a shovel or start digging away with your hands you can easily break them off. One of the best ways to avoid damage is to use a hose and gently wash away the mulch so as not to disturb the new growth. Now check to see if any of that new growth is coming from below the bud union. If so, it is a sucker and should be taken off.

Q – I have started my pruning and see that many of the canes are black way down into the mulch I put on last fall. How far down can I prune and hope to have a bush that will survive?

A – Remove the mulch carefully to check, because you may find new growth -- look for buds that are swollen and beginning to show growth. Being covered they are mostly light green or white. This new growth is very easy to break off, which is why working carefully around the plant is important. You might want to remove the mulch as described above to expose the bud union which will allow warming and sunlight at the



'SUGAR
MOON'
HYBRID TEA



'EASY GOING'
FLORIBUNDA



**'LOVE'S KISS'
HYBRID TEA**



**'ALWAYS &
FOREVER'
HYBRID TEA**

crown so those new stems can develop for this year's growth. Now take a good look at those black canes and prune down until you see some apple green pith in the cut cane. You can go all the way down to the bud union if you need to.

Q – Last year I had quite a bit of mildew and blackspot on my roses. Will all of that come back this year, or did the very cold weather we had kill it?

A – No, unfortunately the cold will not kill all of the spores. On roses that have been troubled by fungus diseases the past season, a spray of lime sulfur now will kill the overwintered spores of blackspot and mildew. Mixing the lime sulfur with horticultural oil will control a broader range of pests in the larvae stage. Spray the roses to the dripping point and spray all the surrounding mulch. A good pruning and a good spray will get your roses off to a good start for the season.

Q – With all the rain we have been having, I see that there is quite a bit of standing water around many of my rose bushes. I know that roses need water, but isn't this too much? Will it harm them?

A – Yes, roses need water, but they don't like to sit in water either. What you might have is a drainage problem in your rose beds. To measure the drainage rate of the soil, cut the end off a coffee can and push down into moderately moist soil about an inch. Fill the can with water. If it takes more than an hour for the water to disappear, steps should be taken to improve drainage. A soil with poor drainage and/or too much water retention fills the small spaces in the soil with water forcing out the oxygen and compacting the soil. If the soil retains too much water, add sand or gypsum to increase air space and thus improve drainage.

FREE IPC PLANT EXCHANGE #7

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*While it may still be cold, the sun's trying to shine.
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Something that suddenly has gotten too big
Or decided to spread out, or just doesn't grow.
In someone else's yard it may put on a show!
Master Gardeners and free Tagro will help bring a crowd,
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Where is it held?
Immanuel Presbyterian Church is the spot.
9:30 am to 1pm in the church parking lot.
In the **city of Tacoma**, in the famous north end
On the corner of **North 9 and "I" street**).
So come, bring a friend.
Mark your calendar, now, for the **7th of May**.
AND don't forget, that's the **first** Saturday.*

Also on hand: Tacoma/PC natural yard care program;
colored posters from Tacoma Water Dept.;
Puget Creek Restoration Society; The Edible Yard Company;
Speciality Nursery Guides

For more info: Chellis 253-759-9348, Becky 253-582-3615, Church 253-627-8371

ROSE SHOW COUNTDOWN – T MINUS 3 by Bruce Lind

Our 2011 TRS Rose Show will be on Saturday, June 25. The show theme calls attention to the fact that this year's show is **Our Centennial Celebration**. If we all follow the steps from these "Countdown Articles" our roses will be ready for the show on June 25. To be sure our roses are ready to grow well and to produce quality blooms for the rose show (and for garden beauty all summer!), we need to continue with our extra-special care. Keep reading the special QH feature Ask a Consulting Rosarian by Mitchie & John Moe. This column is an ongoing source of topical and relevant advice on the "Hows and Whys" of growing quality roses. If we all take their advice to heart we will know what we should be doing in our rose garden each month and how our roses will benefit from our actions.

By now we have cleaned up our gardens and pruned our roses, but if your garden is like ours you will still have more pruning to do. This past winter was tougher on our roses than I realized. Quite a few roses are showing evidence of additional cold damage. It is time to cut a little farther down the bush! This month we will be able to pick up our Puyallup Rose Fertilizer and schedule the first feeding of our roses. On the older roses, be sure to wait until you have new growth that is at least a few inches long (and until the soil is warmer). On newly planted bushes, wait until the roots are well established (after their first bloom) before using granular fertilizer.

Because of the time the distribution of the fertilizer takes we will not have an "early clinic" this month. Don't worry, as there will be plenty of time to get all your questions answered after Gary Ritchie's program on "**What's Inside a Rose Cane**." Feel free to ask Gary about any rose question. He is an expert on all phases of rose growing. On the TRS history front we have a brief biographical sketch of "**The Lost TRS President**." The subject was one of the founders of TRS and an early President of the society. I hope you enjoy hearing about one of the early rose fanciers in Tacoma. He, like so many of the TRS founding members, led a very interesting life and was a "mover and shaker" in our city.

LOST TACOMA ROSE SOCIETY PRESIDENT FOUND! by Bruce Lind

By 1936, when the Tacoma Rose Society turned 25, fifteen people had served the society as president. The first record listing the past presidents in their order of service appeared in the 1936 Tacoma Rose Society Rose Show Schedule. Along with this list, there was another list of people who had been active in the Society from its beginning. Among those listed as a founder who continued to be active was one J. H. Holme. Records show that Mr. Holme was active in the affairs of the society and a leading competitor in TRS Rose Shows. By digging only slightly deeper one finds that indeed J. H. Holme was President of TRS in 1917 and took the lead in organizing a most effective rose show in that year. The Tacoma Daily Ledger was effusive in its praise of Holme and the results of his work.

The omission of Holme from that initial list of TRS Past Presidents virtually guaranteed his loss from the usual historical record of TRS. Eventually it became common practice to include a list of Past Presidents in the Annual Rose Show Schedule, and that practice was only abandoned in the last four or five years. J. H. Holme never made this list because each year the list was just recopied with another name added. In this centennial year it seemed like a good idea to revive the list and to give credit to these individuals for their leadership. The recent gift of a scrapbook compiled by A. V. Harrod, another TRS pioneer, made it possible to get a good look into the first 27 years in the life of the Tacoma Rose Society. A collection of rose show schedules from the 1940's and 1950's, donated by John Frost, helped to fill in more of the record. Show Schedules collected by Jo Martin, Bruce Lind and others allowed the checking to continue. While there are some other errors, (continued on page 7)



'CRESCENDO'
HYBRID TEA



'PURPLE
SPLASH'
CLIMBER

2011 PNW DISTRICT ROSE SHOW
The Tacoma Yacht Club, 5401 N. Waterfront Drive, Tacoma, WA
Registration Form



**'RHAPSODY
 IN BLUE'
 SHRUB**

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

<u>Saturday, June 25, 2011</u>	<u>Rose Show at the Tacoma Yacht Club</u>
6:30 AM – 9:45 AM	Placement of exhibits in the Ballroom
9:45 AM – 10:00 AM	Judges and Clerks meet in Dining Room
10:00 AM	Judging of the Rose Show begins
12:00 Noon – 1:30 PM	Luncheon in the Dining Room
1:00 PM	Official Opening of the Rose Show to the Public
2:00 PM	Awards Ceremony in the Ballroom
5:30 PM	Rose Show closes
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Tour of Cliff and Jo Martin's garden
<u>Sunday, June 26, 2011</u>	<u>A Community Day of Celebration</u>
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Tour of Bruce and Barbara Lind's garden
11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon	Tour of George Heger's garden
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Program at Jackson Hall

CONVENTION REGISTRATION (INCLUDES LUNCHEON AND GARDEN TOURS)

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Total</u>
Registration	_____	X \$25	\$ _____
T-shirt S M L XL XXL	_____	X \$12	\$ _____
			\$ _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Please register if you plan to exhibit your roses. Juniors do not have to be registered to enter in the show. Please mail your 2011 Rose Show registration form and payments promptly. **The deadline for registration is June 10, 2011.** You will be sent confirmation – preferably via e-mail. Your registration packet will be available beginning at 6:30 AM at the Ballroom. Schedules will be included in the packet. The schedule will also be posted on the TRS website: www.tacomarosesociety.org

T-shirts made to celebrate the show are available for sale. They are Jerzee brand, 100% cotton, pre-shrunk and they come in unisex sizes. The t-shirts are forest green - "Crazy About Roses" appears over a rose outlined in white. Preorders are \$12, with the price increasing to \$15 on show day.

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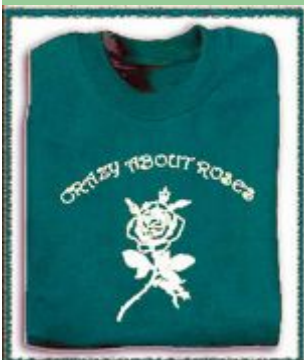
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Please make checks payable to the Tacoma Rose Society and mail to: Margaret Leisner, 510 S. 91st Street, Tacoma, WA 98444-6148, meleisner@comcast.net, (253) 537-2564

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**OUR
 CONVENTION
 T-SHIRT**

the only person omitted was J. H. Holme. His omission in a booklet distributed at a show in which he exhibited, and on which he worked, seems quite strange. I decided to see what I could find out about the neglected Mr. Holme. I used census records available to me from Ancestry.com to track Mr. Holme. Holme was born in New Jersey in 1868. According to his obituary (TNT, Feb. 20, 1952) James Henry Holme left home for Montana "before he was of age." Arriving in Canada in 1895, by 1898 he was established in Dawson City with six tons of merchandise, and by 1900 had established the firm of Holme, Miller, & Co. selling hardware and mining machinery. He is listed in a 1901 census record for Dawson as a hardware merchant. This business was sold in 1907 and Mr. Holme relocated to Tacoma. According to his obituary, Holme and Miller financed the building of 54 houses and platted the Holme and Miller addition in Tacoma's North End.

Holme and his wife Elizabeth Miller Holme were listed in the 1910 census as being in "Real Estate" and living at 3018 N. 28th Street. This was still their residence in February of 1952 when Mr. Holme passed away. In addition to their TRS activities, Holme was active in the life of Tacoma. In Hunt's History of Tacoma (c. 1916) he is listed, along with Herbert Hunt and John Schlarb (also TRS past presidents) as leading a committee formed by the Commercial Club of Tacoma to provide relief to the people of Belgium in 1915. This committee was able to raise about \$12,000 to procure food (flour purchased in Tacoma!). The food was shipped to Belgium on a freighter with the name Washington. From the obituary comes word that Mr. Holme served for several terms as the Chairman of the Civil Service Board. He was also active in the Elks Lodge and the Shakespeare Club, and served for many years on the investment committee of the Children's Industrial Home.

It is clear to me that J. H. Holme is yet another of the founders of TRS that led an active and interesting life. Think of the tales he had to tell (in addition to those dealing with the many awards he won in rose shows).

MARCH MEETING – FRANK GATTO

Frank's description of the new roses and progress reports on some of those that are his favorites for disease resistance was just excellent! His advice on making sure we use all the sun we have available when we plant roses and also the advice to not try to squeeze too many plants into a small space was timely. The roses available from Palatine Roses in Canada come on multiflora rootstock. This is a plus for our area. Try one of these out the next time you are replacing a rose.

Thanks Frank for a great program!



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PRESIDENT
J. H. HOLME
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Dues are \$15 per household per calendar year. Make check payable to the Tacoma Rose Society and send it to the treasurer.

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Meetings are held at the Life Manor Activity Center, 1601 S. Union.

To get there from S. Union turn onto S. 15th St and go one block east. Turn right onto Puget Sound and go one block. Make a left turn at the sign for Life Manor Assisted Living. At the end of the building, turn right, go up the hill and turn left to find visitors' parking. The meeting is in the brick building that faces the parking lot. Open the glass door on the right. Overflow parking is NW of the building.

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