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**WORLD FEDERATION ROSE SHOW
& BUTCHART GARDENS**
by Jack Kiley

Our February program will be presented by Jack Kiley, PNW District Director and TRS member. He'll show beautiful pictures of the displays at the Vancouver, BC World Rose Show. Then we're off to Butchart Gardens in Victoria where the roses and gardens were at their absolute best! You'll want to plan your own trip to see this spectacular garden.

But first, we'll start the evening at 7PM with a "clinic" on pruning roses. Bring your questions and we'll provide the answers.

Cliff Martin and Jim Leisner will be sharpening pruners for a donation to the TRS. Be sure to label your pruners so it will be easy to get them back at the end of the meeting. You'll want to have your pruners in tip-top shape when you come out to help us prune all the roses at the Pt. Defiance Rose Garden on March 6th. See Margaret's article on page 4 for details.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
by Cliff Martin

Well, here we are in the second decade of the 21st century. My, how time flies. Wasn't that a great January banquet? Many thanks to all those involved in making it a reality. Special thanks to Betty Shambrook and Diane Proff for coordinating the afternoon affair. Much appreciation to Gracie Baker for the nice rose boutonnieres and Marie Cayton for the centerpieces that were given as door prizes, Margaret Leisner for organizing the profitable silent auction and Diane and helpers for the sparkling cider. We were treated to great food brought by our members. After which, we enjoyed Ellen Wold's power point program of their trip to Wasco, CA including a personal tour of those mile-long rose fields. Great!

In only six weeks we can start pruning. Perhaps you follow the rules and wait until March 1st to begin. As for me, I become very impatient, especially if it warms up. Of course, we all know that pruning in mid-January instead of late February or the beginning of March might result in a few days of earlier blooms, but it may also cause late winter freeze damage. So do as I say and not as I do for the best results.

If you MUST get out in the garden now. I recommend that you have your Winged Weeder in your hands ready to nip any weed that dares show up in your rose garden. I do this in ten-minute spurts rather than a two-hour marathon. It is more therapeutic that way. Thanks for your confidence in electing me. Have a nice late winter and hope to see you at our TRS meetings.

TACOMA HOME & GARDEN SHOW

Marie Cayton did a great job coordinating our information booth. Thanks to all who supported TRS by working in our booth. We "talked roses" to lots of people.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BETTY SHAMBROOK
BRONZE MEDAL WINNER**

by Margaret Leisner



**BRONZE
MEDAL
WINNER
BETTY
SHAMBROOK**

From the time Betty joined the Tacoma Rose Society in 2001, it was apparent that she would not be merely a name on the membership list. Whenever something needed doing, she was among the first to volunteer to help and to do it with a smile, a cheerful attitude and a kind word for everyone. If roses needed to be transported to Life Manor for the auction or to the Pagoda for the garden sale, or if supplies needed to be loaded and taken to Jackson Hall for the annual rose show, her truck and willing hands were always available. She was always ready to take a shift at the annual home and garden shows or at nurseries to share information about roses and to encourage membership in not only TRS, but in the American Rose Society as well, where she has been a member for the past 3 yrs. No matter what the weather, she was among those pruning the Pt. Defiance rose garden in early March and helping to deadhead the roses in that same garden on Thursday afternoons during the summer months. She has served on various committees, including the nominating committee last fall; and two years ago when asked to serve a two year term on the board of directors, she did not hesitate to answer in the affirmative and add that it was an honor to be asked to serve. She is currently serving an extra year on the board to complete another board member's term. In other words, Betty is an ideal rose society member. She served as co chair of the January banquet in 2009 and again this year. Finally, everyone may not know that Betty is retired from a career in education as a Librarian and is an accomplished equestrian as well as being involved in NW horse shows for many years.

A FEW WORDS

by Designing Woman



**'ANDREA
STELZER'
HYBRID TEA**

These dreary winter months make one feel more like curling up with a good book rather than putting the mind to rose arranging. It is true that there isn't much in the garden that would inspire a person. Yet, keep an eye out for the newly sprouting pussy willows. They make such dandy line material for a spring bouquet. One nice trick is to pick the branches while they are in the peak of perfection. Place the branches in a very small amount of water, perhaps a half a cup of water and set the vase and branches aside to take up the water. Do NOT add more water. This small 'conditioning' will allow the pussy willow's gray buds to stay exactly as you have picked them. There will be no yellow pollen that eventually forms as the season for pussy willows comes to an end. Now, one will have nice line material for February through May (and beyond, if desired.) Speaking of a good book, I have just received the latest book on arranging with emphasis on modern/abstract/creative. While this coffee-table book is not specifically for roses, one may imagine the plant material with roses interchanged. The name of the book is "Flower Arranging – The American Way" by Nancy D'Oench, Deen Day Sanders and Mick Hales. It is beautifully illustrated and is put out by the World Association of Flower Arrangers (WAFA USA). Designs are by members of Garden Clubs of America and The National Clubs, Inc.



**'BLACK
MAGIC'
HYBRID TEA**

While the book is very pricey if ordered through the Garden Clubs, we found it available at a much reduced rate through Amazon.com. Through the Garden Clubs it is \$50 plus \$10 shipping. Through Amazon.com it was \$30, plus shipping/handling/tax for \$37, arriving in two to three days. This would make a spectacular gift for arrangers who enjoy the challenge of creative flower arranging.

ARS JUNIOR ROSETTE – There has been a change in the look of the ARS Junior Rosette for best arrangement by a junior (under 17 years old). The new rosette will not have the word "Royalty" on it anymore. This is information directed mostly for judges and those ordering show supplies. (Now, if ARS could just run through the supply of ARS Royalty Rosettes which still say "Queen of Arrangements" on them. Maybe in my lifetime??)

Out to pick some pussy willows! TaTa DW

“BARBARA, A GOOD FRIEND AND A LOVELY ROSE!”

by Mitchie Moe

After years of exhibiting and winning our share of rose show ribbons, trophies and awards I needed a new challenge. This got me into the Pacific Northwest hybridizing group, and after hybridizing for more than fifteen years; it still is very exciting to discover seven new seedlings that had very clean foliage, when others started to show powdery mildew. My main hybridizing goals are now that any rose has to have the following characteristics for me to keep them; they have to be better than their parents; that they have a good resistance to disease, and that they have some possible exhibition potential.

Those seven new seedlings were from a cross three years ago of ('Love and Peace' x 'Blue Peter'). They remained clean and outside until the weather started to turn cold; and when we had the first frost, they were moved to the greenhouse for more observation, where they maintained their clean look throughout the winter. Of the seven plants, two are mauve, one is a pink blend and four are different shades of apricot and yellow. As I write this they still remain very clean and disease free; with most showing very vigorous growth, new growth from every leaf axil, and lots of new basil breaks. Even with the heat we had last summer at our place (109°); they tolerated it very well. One of these is 'Barbara', a yellow blend. Two sister seedlings, equally as disease resistant and vigorous have been given the names of another two very good friends, 'Judie', an apricot blend and 'Lynn', a mauve. All three have been registered with the IRAR. I have taken cuttings of all of them, and they propagate very well. John said he would bud each of them next summer. 'Barbara' and 'Judie' are miniflora size, whereas 'Lynn' is a miniature.

My hybridizing goals have been on the “back burner” the past eight years as fighting cancer has taken up most of my time. I tire easy, but I made a few crosses last season, and have a nice crop of new seeds in stratification. We have a number of seedlings from prior years that we are still evaluating so I am keeping my hand in it, which has kept me going! There is nothing more relaxing than working in the rose garden, or spending some time on a cold sunny winter day in the greenhouse. As for my long-term objectives – it all depends on how my health sustains me and how well I feel, but to have my hand in coming up with a rose or two that my friends can enjoy would be all the fame I would want.

I met Barbara Lind back in 1986 when I joined the Tacoma Rose Society. She was very friendly and had such a sweet smile that I thought she was a nice lady. Ever since then I have respect for her as I find out how gracious she is. She is always doing something to see that society functions are running smoothly. Her concern for others is unselfish and, to me, is what makes her so special. Yes, Barbara is a super lady, and I'm very proud to have named a yellow blend miniflora for her! I sure hope that this rose will be worthy of her name. Nevertheless, it is very disease resistant, one of my best, and beautiful to look at. Most of all, it is vigorous, repeats fast, and does have exhibition quality. It is very easy to grow with minimum care. I hope to have some plants in late spring.

JANUARY BANQUET PROGRAM

Ellen Wold, who is now our past president, presented pictures of her trip to Weeks Roses in Wasco, CA. She showed us their state of the art distribution center and growing grounds. What a sight to see mile-long rows of roses. She had a personal tour of the facility and then “took us along” with her. It made us want to plan a trip to see it for ourselves.

**'BARBARA'
MINIFLORA****'ELINA'
HYBRID TEA****'ELLE'
HYBRID TEA**

PT. DEFIANCE NEWS

by Margaret Leisner



**'FREEDOM'
HYBRID TEA**



**'GEMINI'
HYBRID TEA**



**JOHANN
STRAUSS
FLORIBUNDA**

This new year is really moving along and with the holidays a distant memory, it is time to begin planning for the annual March pruning at the Point Defiance Rose Garden. The date set for this year is SATURDAY, MARCH 6TH, beginning at 9:00 a.m., rain or shine. Tacoma Rose Society members have always been very supportive of this annual community event, held in cooperation with Metro Parks/Tacoma, and hopefully that will be the case again this year.

For those members and friends of the rose garden who have not helped with the pruning in the past, the following information should be helpful. Novices are welcome as are members of the general public. Please be at the garden by 9:00 a.m., dressed for the weather, and ready to receive instructions from TRS member and Master Rosarian Bruce Lind. Come equipped with sharpened pruners, plus loppers and rose saws if you have them. (You can have the pruners and loppers sharpened at the February TRS meeting for a donation to TRS.) Sturdy gloves are a must and a small bucket will be needed for your clippings, which can then be dumped into large garbage cans provided by Metro Parks.

To help prevent the spread of the bacterial disease known as crown gall, which is present in all soil, you will be asked to dip your tools frequently in a Lysol solution, which will be in orange soup cans placed throughout the garden. Bright plastic ribbons will be tied to bushes at the ends of each row after it has been pruned to avoid duplicating the work.

Now for the best part: When the pruning is completed, usually around noon, everyone present is invited to a potluck luncheon at The Lodge (the large gray building near the garden). Please bring something to share and TRS will provide plenty of hot coffee and tea. There are sure to be some delicious hot soups and stews prepared by Tacoma Rose Society members as well as tempting desserts, so plan to join in the fun and fellowship on March 6th!

For additional information, or if you have questions about any of the above, please feel free to contact me or any of the officers or board members listed on the last page.

ROSE SHOW COUNTDOWN – T MINUS 5 MONTHS

by Bruce Lind

*The Tacoma Rose Society is planning a big centennial celebration for June of 2011. A major feature will be the 2011 TRS rose show. That makes our upcoming 2010 show the **Dress Rehearsal** for the big event. Since our 2010 TRS rose show is scheduled for July 3 at Jackson Hall on the Multi-Care Campus we each need to continue (or get started!) on our preparation for “show time.” One thing every member can do is to make a late New Year’s Resolution to get involved in helping with our rose show. First, it would be great if we could have a big increase in the percentage of TRS members who take the step of sharing their best roses with all who attend the show. A second step you can take is to volunteer to help in the production of the show. Help in the planning stages for the show is always welcome, but even more important is the help of volunteers on set up day (July 2, 2010) and show day.*

*Whoever first expressed the sentiment “many hands make light work” had things just right. A third step you can make is to respond to the request of our Awards Committee and make a donation to our “**trophy fund**” or donate a prize to be awarded at the show. Most of the show awards are crystal (vases, bowls, trays, compotes, etc.), but books with a rose or floral focus, garden tools and framed rose or garden prints are also highly prized. If you wish to donate, please let us know.*

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 get started now on clean-up and then do our real pruning in late February or early March. While you are doing your clean-up, be sure to check for damage caused by our early hard frosts. We will

have more to say about pruning in this issue of the QH, and a 7:00 PM "Pruning Clinic" at our February TRS meeting. I look forward to seeing many of you at that time. The roots of Tacoma's love affair with roses go deeper in time than 100 years. Major civic celebrations centered on roses happened sporadically starting in the 1890's here in Tacoma. In future columns we will explore some of these events and trace an historical path through the history of TRS. We are now in the middle of our Centennial Celebration of the rose in Tacoma. Let's make a vow to enjoy this year by taking an active part in all of our TRS events.

ROSES WORTH HAVING & ROSES THAT HAVE BEEN BANISHED

by Jo Martin

Editor's note: Last month I asked for lists of roses that did well last summer. Here is Jo Martin's list of good and bad roses. Next month: Margaret Leisner's list and others? I have used Help Me Find Roses as my reference.

First, the roses worth having:

'Andrea Stelzer' is a pink hybrid tea bred by W. Kordes & Sons in Germany in 1992. It is tall, very prolific and long stemmed. It has a mild fragrance. It is a great exhibition rose. Andrea Stelzer was Miss South Africa in 1985.

'Black Magic' is a dark, velvety red hybrid tea. It is tall and prolific. It holds forever. It was bred by Hans Jurgen Evers before 1955 and introduced into the US by Jackson & Perkins in 2001. It has a mild sweet fragrance. Its parents are 'Red Velvet' X 'Cora Marie'.

'Elina' is a soft yellow hybrid tea with abundant blooms. It is medium to tall in height. It was bred by Patrick Dickson in the United Kingdom in 1984. It has a mild fragrance. Its parents are 'Nana Mouskouri' X 'Lolita'. It was awarded ADR status (Germany) in 1987. The main characteristic for this evaluation is resistance to pests and diseases.

'Elle' is a pink/yellow hybrid tea. It has a strong, citrus, spice fragrance. It has abundant blooms and is medium in height. It was bred by Meilland International in France in 1999 and introduced in the US by Jackson & Perkins and Star Roses in 2005. I was an All American Rose Selection (AARS) in 2005. It won the Bagatelle (Paris) Fragrance Award and the Geneva Silver Medal in 1999. Its seed parent is 'Purple Splendour' and its pollen parents are 'Chicago Peace' X MEIchanso. It is very disease resistant.

'Freedom' is a tall, medium yellow hybrid tea. It has a strong fragrance and it is always in bloom. It was bred by Patrick Dickson in the United Kingdom in 1984. Its seed parents are 'Eurorose' X 'Typhoon' and its pollen parent is 'Bright Smile'. It is very disease resistant. February 1st is Freedom Day. On February 1, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln approved the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which abolished slavery. This rose was named for Freedom Day.

'Gemini' is a pink blend hybrid tea with gorgeous blooms. It was bred by Dr. Keith Zary in the US in 1991 and introduced in the US by Bear Creek Gardens, Inc. in 1999. It has mild fragrance and is medium to tall in height. It was an AARS in 2000. Its parents are 'Anne Morrow Lindbergh' X 'New Year'. It is very disease resistant.

'Johann Strauss' is a soft pink floribunda. At times it has been considered a hybrid tea. It is medium in height and requires vigilant disbudding. It was bred by Alain Meilland in France in 1994 and is in their Romantica series. It is very disease resistant. Its seed parent is 'Flamingo' and its pollen parents are 'Pink Wonder' X 'Tip Top'.

'Lasting Love' is a dark red hybrid tea with a strong, fruity rose fragrance. It is medium to tall in height and has "the best leaves in town". It was bred by Michel Adam in France in 1993 and introduced in the US by Weeks Wholesale Rose Grower, Inc. in 2005. It won the Nantes Fragrance Award. Its parents are 'Color Wonder' X 'Manou Meilland'.



**'LASTING
LOVE'
HYBRID TEA**



**'MEMORIAL
DAY'
HYBRID TEA**



**'MELLOW
YELLOW'
HYBRID TEA**



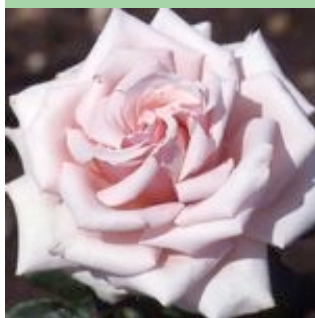
**'OVER THE MOON'
HYBRID TEA**

'Memorial Day' is a soft pink hybrid tea with a strong, damask fragrance. It is tall and has "tons of blooms". It was bred by Tom Carruth in 2001 and introduced in the US in 2004 by Weeks Wholesale Rose Grower. It was an AARS in 2004. Its parents are 'Blueberry Hill' X 'New Zealand'.

'Mellow Yellow' is a medium yellow hybrid tea, which is tall and has "tons of blooms". It was bred by Tom Carruth in the US in 2000 and introduced in the US by Weeks Wholesale Rose Grower, Inc in 2000. It has a strong, citrus, fruity fragrance. Its parents are 'O Sole Mio' X 'Midas Touch'. It is disease resistant but susceptible to blackspot.

'Over the Moon' is a soft apricot hybrid tea. New to the Martin's garden, it is short and "waiting to grow up". It has a moderate, fruity fragrance. It was bred by Establissemments Horticoles Orard in 2008 and introduced to the US in 2009 by Weeks Wholesale Rose Grower, Inc. Its parents are 'Christopher Columbus' X 'Cleopatra'.

'Savoy Hotel' is a soft pink hybrid tea with 'armloads of blooms'. It has a mild fragrance and is tall. It was bred by Harkness in the United Kingdom in 1987 and introduced in the United Kingdom in 1989. It is very disease resistant. Its parents are 'Silver Jubilee' X 'Amber Queen'.



**'SAVOY HOTEL'
HYBRID TEA**

'Sunset Celebration' is a soft apricot hybrid tea. Jo says it is "a must have" rose. It has a mild, fruity fragrance and is medium in height. It was bred by Gareth Fryer in the United Kingdom in 1997 and introduced in the US by Weeks Wholesale Rose Grower, Inc. It is very disease resistant. Its seed parent is 'Pot o'Gold' and its pollen parents are Seedling X 'Cheshire Life'. It was an AARS in 1998 and won The Hague Gold Medal in 1997 – only the second HT to win this award since 'Peace' in 1965. This rose celebrates the 100th anniversary of Sunset Magazine.

'Whisper' is a white hybrid tea with "beautiful long stems and healthy foliage". It was bred by Colin Dickson in 2002 in the United Kingdom. It is very disease resistant. It was an AARS in 2003. Its parents are 'Solitaire' X 'Elina'.

And the ones that have been banished:

'April in Paris' is a pink blend hybrid tea bred by Dr. Keith Zary in the US in 2007 and introduced by Jackson & Perkins in 2008. Jo says "rarely a well-formed bloom and blotchy color".

'Eliza' is a pink hybrid tea bred by Tim Hermann Kordes in Germany in 1995. Jo says "disappointing floppy blooms".

'Legends' is a red hybrid tea bred by Tom Carruth in the US in 2006. Jo says "short with huge blooms that shatter quickly".

'Scharze Madonna' is a red hybrid tea bred by W. Kordes & Sons in Germany in 1992. Jo says "yucky waste of money".



**'SUNSET CELEBRATION'
HYBRID TEA**

DISTRICT DOINGS

Jack Kiley, PNW District Director

I recently had the great pleasure of attending three holiday banquets hosted by the Puyallup, Tacoma and Corvallis Rose Societies. While we all continue to confront the challenge of declining membership, these holiday celebrations were truly special.

They were special because the attendees in each case usually are the core membership of the societies; they're the members absolutely dedicated to the future of their societies, and usually include both the old and new officers. Indeed, one of the functions at each of the banquets was the installation of new officers for 2010.

And that was special too. Most of us have the proclivity of sitting back and letting someone else be responsible for getting things done, for making the future happen. Yet every year, in most cases, we have to seek out new leadership, a daunting task at best for our societies.

And every year somehow we are able to find these new leaders, or perhaps persuade those in office to extend their terms for another year. Whatever, these are very special people, and we all are indebted to them. Without their stepping up, our societies would die (as some have done recently), and when societies die, the ARS itself is in peril.

So it was with immense pleasure that I attended these annual celebrations, and witnessed the passing of the torch – the advent of new leaders that will guide their respective societies in 2010, and perhaps beyond. And while I live with the constant challenge of finding new

members here in the Pacific Northwest District, I took great pride in being part of ceremonies designed to ensure that our societies will survive; a survival based primarily on the caliber of those long-term members who agreed to step up and lead their societies. All of us can be proud.

SPRING ROSE PRUNING: WHEN AND HOW
by Bruce Lind

Every day Barbara and I go for a walk in our neighborhood. This gives us a chance to see lot of gardens over a several mile stretch. Other than a few reddish buds at the tips of rose canes there are no serious signs of spring in evidence. The usual telltale plants that indicate when we should do our spring rose pruning are not showing any colors; no yellow on the **Forsythia** and no pink on the **Quince**. To add emphasis to this point of spring not being here, just two days ago we had a light frost on the car windows. Try to be a little patient and wait to do your pruning until the end of February or the beginning of March.

As to how to prune, let me first say that most old garden roses and climbers need special treatment. For details, come to the clinic at the February TRS meeting and also come out for some hands-on experience at Pt. Defiance Park Rose Garden on Saturday, March 6.

For modern hybrid tea roses we want to accomplish two things (at least). We want to get rid of any dead, diseased, or damaged canes and we want to open up the center of the bush. In addition, we want to shape our plants and keep them inside the area in which we want them to grow.

We remove canes in the order listed above: first any dead canes, followed by any diseased and/or damaged canes. We should use sharp, clean pruning tools. (If you need to have your pruners sharpened bring them to the February or March TRS meetings.) Since rose canes are soft in the center, we need to use pruners that do not crush the canes (making them damaged!). Usually cuts should be made about 3/8 inch above an outward-facing bud eye. If you don't see any sprouting eyes, then cut 3/8 inch above a "leaf scar" that faces outward. Be sure that your cut has been made where the cane has healthy wood. If the color of the "pith" in the center of the rose cane is at all brown, keep cutting until you find pith that looks like the inside of a good apple. If this sounds like mumbo jumbo, then by all means come to the 7:00PM clinic at the TRS meeting on February 18.

Roses are very hardy, so if we have a hard frost after you have done your "final pruning," don't fret, just be aware that you may have to go out and do some re-pruning to get down to healthy wood.

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**'WHISPER'
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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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