

FEBRUARY, 2011

QUEEN'S HERALD

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARCH MEETING
THURSDAY,
MARCH 17
LIFE MANOR
7PM

TRS BOARD
MEETING:
MONDAY, FEB. 28
AT 7PM AT JO &
CLIFF MARTIN'S
HOME

PRUNING AT PT.
DEFIANCE ROSE
GARDEN
MARCH 5, 2011

GARDEN SALE AT
PT. DEFIANCE
PAGODA
MARCH 26, 2011

TRS ROSE SHOW
DISTRICT ROSE
SHOW AND
CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION
JUNE 25, 2011
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FEBRUARY MEETING – FEBRUARY 17 **GROWING ROSES USING ORGANIC METHODS** *by Jeff Wyckoff*

ARS president Jeff Wyckoff will talk about growing roses using organic methods. He will discuss plant selection, fertilizers and integrated pest management. There will be copies of his new book "Better Homes and Gardens Rose Gardening" available for purchase. It is an excellent book covering all aspects of rose growing. A portion of each sale will be donated to the American Rose Society.

*We will begin our meeting at 7PM with two educational "clinics". Bruce Lind will talk about **Pruning and Planting Roses** while Jo Martin will talk about **Rose Arranging**. We'll divide into two groups, so you will need to decide which group to join. Both will be interesting!*

Our regular meeting will start at 7:30 PM as usual.

*Before long we will be doing spring pruning. It is time to get your pruners and loppers ready. Our pruner sharpeners extraordinaire, Jim Leisner and Dave Sheppard, will be ready to **sharpen your pruners and loppers for a donation to the TRS**. When you hand them over, please be sure your name is on your tools so there won't be a problem getting them back to you.*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Cliff Martin*

What a great banquet! Many thanks to Betty Shambrook and her committee: Diane Proff and Keith Ripley. Others deserving credit include Jo Martin and Keith Ripley for beautiful rose table arrangements, (used for door prizes); Gracie Baker for lovely corsages; George Heger, Anne Theivagt, Ellen Wold for kitchen help; Margaret Leisner for the Silent Auction assisted by Bruce and Barbara Lind, Lyle Webster and others; George Heger for his humorous installation with his opening line, "Don't try to correct me, I've turned off my hearing aids". Many thanks, also, to Barbara and Jim at the entry table and Bruce and Mary Bleckert assisting Diane with the sparkling cider and crackers. Everyone who helped clean up was appreciated. Our sincere appreciation to Ken Sheppard of Seattle for his very interesting travelogue of Tuscany. It was a great function. Let's do it again next year!

Our booth at the Tacoma Dome Home and Garden Show was a success again this year thanks to all who participated, particularly the booth chair, Daisy Radloff, and the speakers, Frank Gatto, Bruce Lind and Bill Wilson.

*The November blast really hurt some of our roses out by the street. Lots of black canes on many that were exposed, so we will have to replace them. Sad!
Keep your stick on the ice!
Cliff*



**MARGARET
LEISNER
PRESENTING THE
BRONZE MEDAL
TO ELLEN WOLD**

NEW ROSES



'ALWAYS AND FOREVER'

HYBRID TEA
HT: 5'6"
BLOOMS 5"
LIGHT
FRAGRANCE



'BE MY BABY'

MINIATURE
HT: MED –
TALL
BLOOMS:
MED-LARGE,
DOUBLE,
FORMAL
FRAGRANCE:
MILD APPLE

AWARD OF
EXCELLENCE
2011

BRONZE MEDAL AWARDED TO ELLEN WOLD
by Margaret Leisner

Ellen Wold was awarded the 2010 ARS Bronze Medal for outstanding service to the Tacoma Rose Society at our annual banquet held at Life Manor on Sunday, January 23rd.

Since joining the TRS in 2002, Ellen has given generously of her time and talents wherever they were needed. She has been a faithful volunteer at the Point Defiance Rose Garden, which includes taking part in the annual pruning there, as well as being among the first to arrive at the garden each week during the summer deadheading. Ellen also helped conduct tours of the garden, volunteered at local nurseries each spring and at the annual Home & Garden Shows at the Tacoma Dome.

She served on the Board of Directors, and as rose show trophy co-chair; was elected 2nd VP and program chair, 1st VP and show chair and served faithfully and well for two terms as President of TRS. She is an ARS Consulting Rosarian and has been a member of the ARS for several years.

She continues to enlarge her own rose garden and to share her knowledge of, and love for roses with others.

Congratulations, Ellen, on this award; it is well deserved!

GETTING READY FOR THE BIG PARTY
by Designing Woman

Party? What party? Oh, yes, Tacoma Rose Society is celebrating its one-hundredth year this June 25. We are hosting the Pacific Northwest District Convention and Rose Show at the beautiful Tacoma Yacht Club. Our theme, of course, is "Our Centennial Celebration" and all of the arrangement classes are focused on that theme. There will be arrangement classes for all levels of expertise: advanced, amateur and novice arrangers. The schedule will have all of the rules and regulations along with a scale of points that judges use while evaluating an arrangement. If you have never entered a rose show arrangement before, it can be a turning point in your life! Believe me, I know.

*Years ago, I became acquainted with a lovely rose-loving couple, Betty and Walter Gutoski who maintained a tidy rose garden on the north end of Tacoma. Betty's enthusiasm was infectious and she encouraged me to enter the show. Her favorite color was pink and she preferred traditional, very ladylike arrangements. Both Betty and Walt devoted themselves to our society, so it was only fitting that there be a special challenge class at District in their honor. It is the **Betty and Walt Gutoski Arrangement Trophy (PNW 14)** and Tacoma Rose Society always donates the trophy for this class each year. Another unique feature in our arrangement schedule this year will be the offering of the **ARS Mildred Bryant Rose Arrangement Trophy** (a rotating trophy that may be kept for one year). Mrs. Bryant was one of the early rose arrangement 'Grande Dames' and an expert in both traditional and modern designs. The rules call for a Special Challenge Class (arrangers must be members of the ARS and registered for the convention) for a design using miniature roses.*

*Now, for the next step. For the next four months (February, March, April and May) I will be conducting a brief **arranging clinic** before the TRS meeting. We will meet quietly in the back of the room at 7 p.m. I hope you will join me.*

Ta Ta, DW

POINT DEFIANCE ROSE GARDEN NEWS -#1

By Margaret Leisner

The days are getting longer and the rose bushes are beginning to leaf out, which means that it will soon be time to prune the rose garden at Point Defiance Park. This year the date is **SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH**, beginning at 9:00 a.m., rain or shine. As always, the support of Tacoma Rose Society members is needed for this important community event, held each year in cooperation with Metro Parks/Tacoma.

The following information should be helpful to new members and will serve as reminders for those who have volunteered in the past:

(1) Novices are welcome, as are members of the general public. (2) Please arrive at the rose garden by 9:00 a.m., dressed for the weather and ready to receive instructions from TRS member and Master Rosarian Bruce Lind. (3) Come equipped with sharpened pruners, plus loppers and a rose saw, if you have them. (Pruners and loppers can be sharpened at the February TRS meeting for a donation to our society.) (4) Sturdy gloves are a must, and a small bucket will be needed for your clippings, which can then be transferred 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 need to dip your tools frequently in a Lysol solution, which will be in orange soup cans placed throughout the garden. Plastic ribbons will be tied to bushes at the ends of each row after it has been pruned to avoid duplicating the work.

Here is where the "fun" part of the day starts: When the pruning is completed, usually around noon, all volunteers are 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. If past years are any indication, there will also be some delicious hot soups and casseroles prepared by the world famous TRS cooks! There has never been a shortage of tempting desserts either, so mark your calendar and plan to be a part of this special day on March 5th.

If you need additional information or have questions about any of the above, please contact me or any of the officers or Board members listed in this newsletter.

TACOMA HOME & GARDEN SHOW

by Daisy Radloff

Thanks to all TRS members who volunteered at the Tacoma Home and Garden Show.

Sharing our information, knowledge and enjoyment of growing roses was well received by the public. Many rose questions were answered to their satisfaction.

The speakers were given lots of "kudos" for their clear, short and to the point information about rose growing, thus lessening the "fear" and "myth" surrounding care and growing of "The Rose",

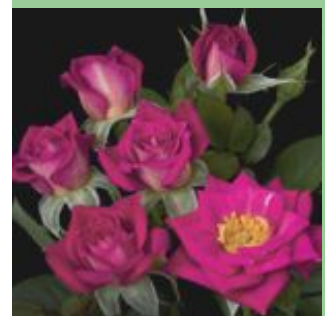
The highlight and the fun moments at the Dome were observing the perplexing expressions on the faces of the public as they smelled and smelled the bouquet of roses on the table. (The secret: we used a rose scented spray).

Thanks again for a lively time at the Dome show – 1/26/11 – 1/30/11.



'CRESCENDO'

HYBRID TEA
HT: 5'6"
BLOOMS: 5"
FRAGRANCE:
SPICY, STRONG



**'DADDY'S
LITTLE
GIRL'**

MINIATURE
HT: 12"-18"
BLOOMS:
MED-SMALL,
DOUBLE
FRAGRANCE:
SLIGHT

SPRING ROSE PRUNING: WHEN AND HOW

by *Bruce Lind*



**'DICK
CLARK'**

GRANDIFLORA

HT: MED –
TALL

BLOOMS:
MED-LARGE,
DOUBLE,
FORMAL

FRAGRANCE:
MILD APPLE

AARS 2011



**'DROP
DEAD RED'**

FLORIBUNDA
HT: MED-TALL

BLOOMS:
MED-LARGE,
DOUBLE

FRAGRANCE:
MILD TEA

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 color; no yellow on the **Forsythia** and no pink on the **Quince**. To add emphasis to this point of spring not being here, it has been very cold. We have seen black canes on our roses. 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 5.

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 17.

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.

TACOMA ROSE HISTORY

by *Greta Hixon*

Ed. Note: TRS board member Greta Hixon has been busy investigating the history of the Tacoma Rose Society, early Tacoma Rose Society Rose Shows, and the early stages of Tacoma's love affair with roses. Greta has consulted resources at both the Tacoma Public Library and the Washington State Historical Society. In this article Greta shares some of the information she has uncovered.

Tacoma has had a love of roses for many, many years. Our city was once referred to as the "City of Roses." In the mid 1890's Tacoma was already staging Rose Carnivals. These carnivals had parades with floats and plenty of prominent people. They even had a Rose Queen, rose shows, concerts, and a ball. I bet the whole town was there, and you know they had rain. The school children of Tacoma contributed quite a bit by taking cuttings of roses. These rose cuttings were propagated by E. R. Roberts, and the resulting rose plants were used to support the rose carnivals. E. R. Roberts also used these same roses as he formed the first rose gardens in Pt. Defiance Park. The well-know landscape architect Sidney J. Hare was hired in 1902 to develop a master plan for Pt. Defiance Park. The city did not actually receive title to the land in Pt. Defiance Park

until 1905. Hare's master plan was never fully implemented, but in 1911 an updated version of the plan was used as the basis for starting the construction of the basic rose garden we currently enjoy. The first bloom in the garden was in the summer of 1913. Moving now to some basics of the beginnings of the Tacoma Rose Society.

The Tacoma Rose Society was officially organized at a meeting on March 14, 1911. The Society was first incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington on May 3, 1913. The first official rose show sponsored by TRS was staged in the Tacoma Armory on June 23 and June 24 of 1911. A June 24, 1911 article in the Tacoma Ledger reports on the first day of the rose show and prior preparations. The large armory room was crowned with ropes of resinous boughs. Ferns were also used for backgrounds, and there were more roses displayed than anyone expected. More than 3200 bowls and vases were used, and this was not a sufficient number. Tables were added until there was no further room, and a halt had to be called to entries. The tables were lined with pink cloths, and the table nearest the main entry were filled with pink roses of all shades; from the palest pink of La France to the rich color of Belle Siebrecht (aka Mrs. W. J. Grant). Other rose varieties on display were the white roses Frau Karl Druschki, Mme. Alfred Carriere, Kaiserin Auguste Viktoria, and White Killarney; the red roses of various shades Black Prince, American Beauty, General MacArthur, and General Jacqueminot. Contrasts in size were also in evidence as the displays ranged from the huge blooms of Paul Neyron to the tiny blooms of Cecile Brunner. Of course a great favorite was the Lyon Rose, the variety designated as the official "Rose of Tacoma." The Lyon Rose is shaded in pinks from a deep coral to the most delicate shade of pink. In all, there were more than 150 varieties of roses displayed at the show. The show was a great success, excelling shows in regions of the West Coast.

ASK THE CONSULTING ROSARIAN

**Mitchie & John Moe
Master Rosarians**

Q – I am starting to see quite a bit of new growth on many of my roses. Is it time to start doing some pruning as they develop?

A – No – wait a bit, at least until after the President's Holiday, or after the last hard freeze in your area. A good way to tell is to watch the Forsythia bush – once it blooms, the danger of a hard freeze is over. For us, ours doesn't bloom till almost the middle of March. When you prune, you are telling the bush to 'get growin', but we still can have some very cold weather – remember it is still winter! There are a lot of differing microclimates here in the PNW, so you need to determine your own best pruning date and not what someone tells you. Once you do prune, start on your spray program of fungicide.

Q – My hubby brought home a rose that caught his eye when he was shopping the other day. He said it was one I had mentioned before. Can I plant it now or should I just wait?

A – You can plant a rose anytime the ground is not frozen. It's a good idea to soak them with a bit of fungicide in the water until you have the planting materials on hand, and have the planting area ready. This is a good time to put some superphosphate down in the hole before planting so it will be at the root zone. Phosphate moves through the soil very slowly, so you will be giving your plant a head start. Trim any long roots and remove any broken ones. Be sure and hill it up until you see some new growth as we can still have some very cold weather ahead of us. I just bought a bagged one that I needed to photograph for a program that I am working on. A major disadvantage of the boxed or bagged is that the roots have been severely cut back, and that they are often quite dry in their sawdust mixture. If you do buy one of these, buy it early before it dries out. Generally speaking, you will have a better plant if you avoid the boxed or bagged ones and purchase your plants from a reputable nursery. Check out Raft Island Roses, an avid supporter with a lot of quality plants. (Continued on page 7)



'GRANDE DAME'

**HYBRID TEA
HT: TALL,
BUSHY
BLOOMS:
FULL, IN
NODDING
CLUSTERS
FRAGRANCE:
INTENSE OLD
ROSE**



'LOVE'S KISS'

**HYBRID TEA
HT: 4'-5'
BLOOMS: FULL,
POINTED
FRAGRANCE:
STRONG
DAMASK**



'PARTY HARDY'

SHRUB
HT: MED – TALL
BLOOMS: MED IN LARGE CLUSTERS
FRAGRANCE: MILD APPLE



JO MARTIN & KEITH RIPLEY
ROSE ARRANGERS



TRS BOOTH AT THE
TACOMA HOME & GARDEN SHOW

THE PT. DEFIANCE
BING CROSBY ROSE BED
IS BEING REDESIGNED
AND REBUILT



'PURPLE SPLASH'

CLIMBER
HT: CANES 10' – 14'
BLOOMS: MED-LG IN LARGE CLUSTERS
FRAGRANCE: MODERATE SWEET APPLE



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Q – I have heard that there are some big nurseries that are closing. Will we still be able to get plants by mail order?

A – We all have heard of some of the large nurseries in financial trouble. I suppose it is a sign of the economic difficulties we all are facing. Jackson & Perkins filed for bankruptcy, although they appear to be still operating. They have a catalog and a website full of beautiful roses, so it looks promising. Weeks Roses, a wholesale nursery, also is in some financial difficulties, but they also have a website of beautiful roses and should come out of this as well. Edmunds' Roses was purchased by the J.W. Jung Seed Co, and though they have a website their mailing address is in Wisconsin. We have no more information on them. One of the largest nurseries that is in the PNW and does accept mail orders is Heirloom Roses in St Paul, Oregon. Their website is <http://www.heirloomroses.com/>. But as we mentioned above, Raft Island Roses in Gig Harbor has a large selection of quality roses including many of the new introductions for 2011.

FERTILIZER AND ALFALFA

Puyallup Rose Fertilizer and alfalfa will be available at our April meeting. There will be a sign-up list at the February and March meetings. You can also place your order by contacting the treasurer (contact information on the last page). The fertilizer is \$21 per 50 pound bag and the alfalfa is \$12 per 50 pound bag. Please be sure to make arrangements to pick up your order at the April meeting.

DUES ARE DUE

Please remember that dues for 2011 are due! They are \$15 per household per calendar year. What a great bargain! You can bring your dues to the next meeting or send them to the treasurer (address on last page). You can tell if you are "paid up" by the mailing label on the hard copy of the newsletter or by the message that you get with the email version of the newsletter.

IS YOUR PHONE NUMBER CURRENT?

When calling to remind people of our January banquet, the calling committee found that some numbers had been disconnected. The current trend is to use cell phones instead of "land lines". If you have made this change, please let us know by contacting the treasurer (contact information on the last page) so we can keep you "in the loop".

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SLIGHT



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FLORIBUNDA
HT: MEDIUM
BLOOMS:
LG, DOUBLE,
CLASSIC FORM
FRAGRANCE:
STRONG SWEET
LICORICE &
LEMON
BLOSSOM

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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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