

**UPCOMING  
EVENTS:**

**JUNE MEETING**  
THURS., JUNE 16  
7PM, LIFE MANOR  
(SEE LAST PG FOR  
DIRECTIONS)

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

**NO MEETING IN  
JULY!**

**PNW DISTRICT**  
**FLORIBUNDA**  
**WORKSHOP**  
SATURDAY, JULY  
30, VANCOUVER,  
WA

**ANNUAL TRS**  
**PICNIC - LODGE AT**  
**PT. DEFIANCE**  
AUGUST 14

**TREATS FOR JUNE**  
**BETTY SHAMBROOK**  
**KIETH RIPLEY**

**OTHER ROSE**  
**SHOWS:**

**SEATTLE ROSE**  
**SHOW**  
FACTORIA MALL  
JUNE 18-19

**HERITAGE ROSE**  
**SHOW**  
**ANTIQUE ROSE**  
**FARM, SNOHOMISH**  
JUNE 26

**OLYMPIA ROSE**  
**SHOW**  
**ST MICHAEL'S**  
**CHURCH**  
JULY 2

**KITSAP ROSE SHOW**  
**SOUTH KITSAP**  
**HELPLINE AND**  
**NURSERY,**  
**PORT ORCHARD**  
JULY 9

**RAINY ROSE**  
**DISPLAY**  
**EMERALD DOWNS**  
JULY 16-17

**THE TACOMA ROSE SOCIETY**  
AN AFFILIATE OF THE AMERICAN  
ROSE SOCIETY  
**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF  
ROSES**



**WANTED: 1,000,000 ROSES on June 25, 2011**

(See article on page 6)

**JUNE MEETING – PRACTICE ROSE SHOW**

With our Centennial Rose Show coming up, a practice Rose Show is just what we need. Come at 7PM. Bring some of your roses and vases if you have them. There will be vases available. We'll have experienced exhibitors ready to help you groom them. You'll learn how to fill out entry tags and how to choose which class to enter your roses. There are classes for novices (for those who have not won more than 2 trophies for horticultural exhibits) and also for those with small gardens (25 or fewer rose bushes), so there is a spot for your roses. Bruce Lind will have a powerpoint presentation showing interesting rose show classes you can enter along with the basics of entering roses.

Also at 7PM, Jo Martin's arrangement class will review student's functional tea trays. They will discuss miniature arrangements and their requirements as well as what is required by the Duchess, Duke, and Personal Adornment classes.

There will also be time to ask questions about what to do in your rose garden right now. So come and join in the fun.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**By Cliff Martin**

If you missed the last meeting, you missed some very interesting programs. Our thanks to Bruce Bleckert, our Vice President, who shared his expertise in photography preparing us for our first photography competition, June 26, at Jackson Hall. One main hint: read your camera manual! A second program was by Bruce Lind, our historian and wearer of many hats. Much research went into his Powerpoint presentation of roses that were in the first rose garden in Point Defiance Park. Excellent job, Bruce! Also, if you missed last meeting, you missed out in receiving your green and white commemorative pen!

A friend had me help him prune his neighbor's roses. They were so bad that I suggested he 'shovel prune' them, but was told that the lethal solution was not an option. We finally pruned them down and applied a mixture of 50% alfalfa meal, 25% fish meal and 25% Tagro pellets from the Pierce County site at Chambers Bay. Three days later, my friend called to say the roses were blooming already! HA

Remember, our June meeting is free to everyone who brings a rose for our Practice Rose Show. Our judges promise to be very kind in their comments. Please be brave and bring lots of roses. This will be our last meeting before our big show on June 25, so we will go over a few of the last minutes details. We hope to see you there.

Keep your stick on the ice!

Cliff Martin

THE PHOTOS IN THIS ISSUE ARE OF ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR JO'S WORKSHOP AND OF SOME CATEGORIES TO ENTER IN A ROSE SHOW



A FUNCTIONAL TEA TRAY BY JO MARTIN



MASS ARRANGEMENT BY ANNE THEIVAGT

## POINT DEFIANCE ROSE GARDEN NEWS by Margaret Leisner

June is going to be a busy month for Tacoma Rose Society members. Our meeting at Life Manor is on the 16<sup>th</sup>, the long awaited Centennial Celebration is set for the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> and last but certainly not least, **SUMMER DEADHEADING AT THE POINT DEFIANCE ROSE GARDEN BEGINS AT 4:30 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, AND CONTINUES EACH THURSDAY THROUGH AND INCLUDING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>.**

This is one week later than our usual starting date, due to the final preparations for the rose show, so there will be plenty of deadheading to do and your help is needed at this annual community project, sponsored by the Tacoma Rose Society in cooperation with MetroParks/Tacoma.

Novices are welcome, and after some brief instructions will be expert deadheaders, because deadheading is simply removing the spent or faded blossoms to encourage the bush to produce more blooms.

To join the "deadheaders", this is all you need to do:

1. Come to the rose garden at 4:30 or soon after on Thursday afternoons, beginning on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Free parking is nearby.
2. Bring sharpened pruners, sturdy gloves, a small bucket (for your clippings), and dress according to the weather. Don't forget the sunscreen; even on cloudy days. A hat is a good idea too.
3. You will be paired with another volunteer who will give you some pointers about deadheading.
4. Please spray your pruners with Lysol spray (provided) before starting to work to help prevent the spread of crown gall.

We hope that we can count on your help. It is a great way to perform a community service while spending some time with your fellow TRS members in the beautiful setting of the Point Defiance Rose Garden. And here is the best part: when the work is completed each week, everyone is invited to a no-host meal at the golden arches on North Pearl Street.

For more information, please contact me at (253) 537-2564 or [meleisner@comcast.net](mailto:meleisner@comcast.net), or any of the Board members listed on the last page of this Queen's Herald. We will see you at the garden!

## ROSE SHOW COUNTDOWN – T MINUS 1 by Bruce Lind

I am writing this on May 26, so it is just one month until "Showtime." As you know our 2011 TRS Rose Show will be held on Saturday, June 25 at the Tacoma Yacht Club. The show theme of Our Centennial Celebration reminds us that the first official TRS rose show was held in June of 1911 at the Armory Building. One hundred years later both the Armory building and the Tacoma Rose Society are still standing strong.

In the months leading up to our Centennial Rose Show we have been fortunate to have our own Jo Martin lead a series of clinics focusing on the various forms of traditional designs and also, last month, on the creation of a functional table setting. We all are looking forward to seeing the designs of Jo's most recent group of students and also the designs of those who have been sharing their creative efforts through the years. Tacoma is noted for having an outstanding display in the Rose Arrangements section of our rose show, and we want everyone to participate.

*In support of both the horticulture section of the show and the arrangement section we have been having our usual horticulture clinics. In final preparation for the Horticulture section of the show we will have a "practice rose show" as the program for our June TRS meeting. We used to refer to this event as a "pop bottle rose show." The current system of packaging "pop" in aluminum cans and plastic bottles has rung down the curtain on that era. For the June 16 meeting we are counting on you to bring roses and some maybe some vases, and we (TRS) will supply the rest of the vases. In the process of getting your roses ready for entry in the practice rose show, and in discussions by judges that talk about the roses entered, you will find out all you need to know about the "day of the rose show activities." We will also have examples of all the mysterious display properties used in the Challenge Class section of the rose show. Come to the June meeting to get your copy of Our Centennial Celebration rose show schedule and to learn all you need to know to participate in any rose show.*

*Now for some reminders of what we need to be doing now to make sure our roses are progressing well for the show. Keep up your spraying and fertilizing programs and be sure to keep your roses well-watered (no problem there in recent days!). Continue to look for blind shoots and also do some disbudding. We are still seeing some additional canes that are showing winter damage problems. These canes will look yellow, black, or possibly mottled. If they are bad they will be "brownish" in the center. We are cutting these canes out so new ones have room to replace the damaged ones. The new canes that develop now will not have roses for this rose show, but there is the Puyallup Fair in September and, of course the 2012 TRS rose show kicking off our second century. If your roses look like they need "pepping up," it is not too late to mix up some Alfalfa Tea to use as a (late) spring tonic. The recipe can be found in the May issue of the QH.*

*On the TRS history front we will take an "almost Twenty Five Years Ago" look at the 1987 TRS Show and PNW District Convention that was held at the (then) Sheraton Hotel in downtown Tacoma.*

### **ASK THE CONSULTING ROSARIAN**

**Mitchie & John Moe  
Master Rosarians**

*Q – After I finished pruning, I realized that I lost most of the canes on my roses, including many on my climbers. I had to go down into the mulch to find wood that was green. I don't recall losing this many canes before, what happened?*

*A – At the last meeting Dr. Gary Ritchie talked about the rose cane and how it works. The cane is the large stem structure of the rose, and has a large amount of pith, or soft, spongy tissue. It provides support for leaves and buds and carries water, minerals and sugars – the nutrients up through the plant's vascular system. We don't want these nutrients to be up in the cane once it gets cold, so we should not fertilize with any nitrogen after August. Nitrogen is what gives us the growth above ground. Late last fall we did have some rapid temperature changes. We had roses for the Puyallup Fair in late September, and three weeks later we had the first heavy frost. Three weeks after that we had three days of snow followed on November 24th with a temperature of 8°F. With those conditions, the liquid nutrients in the canes most likely froze and never recovered. This happened to us as well on every rose bush in our garden. But this spring Mother Nature has given us a lot of new basils on most every bush so we should have roses, although a tad later than usual. This year I will pay closer attention to the Old Farmers Almanac that boasts an incredible 80-percent accuracy rating and watch our last fertilizing date!*

*Q - I keep hearing people talk about blind shoots. What is a blind shoot and what causes it?*

*A - Blind shoots are formed when flower buds do not develop at the tip of a growing rose shoot. In its place is a very small, hard tip or usually just a black end. Frost damage, lack*



**MASS  
ARRANGEMENT  
BY BETSY  
REZBA**



**MASS  
ARRANGEMENT  
BY KIYOKO  
LAZARCHICK**



**MASS  
ARRANGEMENT  
BY KEITH  
RIPLEY**

*of nutrients, shortage of light, tiny midges and other insects are a few of the main reasons. Opinions vary as to the cause, but whatever the reason, blind shoots happen when bud production can't keep up with foliage growth. If this hard tip is allowed to remain, no new side shoots will develop. Whenever you see this blind wood, treat it as if there had been a small bloom there and prune down to a healthy five-leaflet. Research shows that the failure of bloom encourages better blooms from the side buds the next few times around which removes much of the disappointment. Maintaining a high level of available potassium in the soil can help reduce the number of blind shoots on roses.*

*Q – I see that there are some buds on a bush that just don't seem to open while others do. They have some brown edges or a small black spot on them. What is causing this?  
A – It sounds like you may have a thrips problem. Even their name is annoying. Thrips is singular and plural. One annoying little insect is still a thrips; it is not a thrip! It's the season for them as thrips are the tiny insects that scratch open the surface of cells and feed on the contents. This results in brown edges on white petals and disfigurement on petals of all colors. Adult thrips have feather-like wings to fly from flower to flower where they feed on both pollen and plant sap. Female thrips lay their eggs in the damaged bloom where they quickly hatch. In a few days they drop to the ground and complete their transformation to winged adults in the soil, and start the process over. This process can be as short as 14 days in warm periods. One very important thing rosarians can do to reduce thrips populations is to remove spent blooms from the plant promptly and to destroy them along with the thrips inside. Insecticides such as Orthene are good at controlling thrips, as are a few others. When spraying, pay particular attention to the buds. If you use these products, do so with caution and read and follow label directions.*

**“OUR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION”  
ROSE ARRANGEMENT ENTRIES  
by Jo Martin**



**MASS  
ARRANGEMENT  
BY STEVE  
MITCHELL**

*The SCHEDULE has been printed and some of you have a copy. It is a keeper, I think! Bruce Lind printed working copies so you won't have to ruin this special issue. The schedule is also on our website: [www.tacomarosesociety.org](http://www.tacomarosesociety.org), so you may want to print the schedule for extra copies for yourself or friends.*

*Division III – Rose Arrangement Rules begins on page 11. Take a moment to read this page. It gives information necessary to your success. Entries may be entered from 6:30 – 9:45 AM on June 25.*

*Three classes require advanced registration by June 22. They are ARS – 1 – The Mildred Bryant Miniature Arrangement Challenge and PNW – 14 – The Betty & Walt Gutoski Arrangement Challenge, both on page 13. These two require that you be an ARS member registered at this convention. The third advanced registration class is Section E – ARS Court of Etiquette on page 15. Class 12 is “A Queen's Tea” A functional tea tray for one. All requirements are listed, so read carefully. Please either email me: [tearoselady@harbournet.com](mailto:tearoselady@harbournet.com) or phone me: (253 – 752-5857) by June 22. Your space will be saved.*

*The Score card used by the judges is on page 12. It tells you what the judges are looking for when they evaluate your arrangement. The first category is CONFORMANCE – worth 15 points. Roses correctly named; conformance to the type of design; and other specific requirement of the schedule. This is followed by DESIGN principles (balance, dominance, contrast, rhythm, proportion, scale). PERFECTION OF THE ROSE(S) – 30 points. The last two categories are CREATIVITY AND EXPRESSIVENESS and DISTINCTION. The total is 100 points. A first place ribbon can range between 90-100 points, so even with deductions for minor points, the arrangement can receive a blue.*

The schedule has something for every level of arranger – novice, amateur, advanced. It has several types of arrangements: traditional, modern, oriental, miniature as well as a class for personal adornment items such as corsages, boutonnieres, or nosegays. You may incorporate miniature or miniflora roses in standard-sized arrangements BUT you may not use any other type of rose in the Miniature/Miniflora classes. The Schedule is specific and is the Law of the Show. Looking forward to your beautiful designs!

**ALMOST TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO  
THE 1987 TRS ROSE SHOW & PNW DISTRICT CONVENTION  
by Bruce Lind**

In 1987 TRS held its 76th annual rose show and hosted the PNW District Convention on June 25-28. Bob Bjorklund was TRS President in '87, and the Convention Co-chairs were Bob Martin and Bruce Lind. The Rose Show chair was Jordan Babbitt, and Jo Martin was chair of the Artistic Section. Judges chair was Walt Gutoski, Barbara Lind was in charge of Clerks, Esther Lobb was in charge of trophies, and Barbara and Bruce Lind did the schedule. A large cadre of TRS members worked hard and had lots of fun producing this big rose event. The show rules and regulations were very much as they are today, and entries were very numerous. The large ballroom of the Sheraton Hotel was packed with tables that were overflowing with roses and rose arrangements. The theme for the Artistic Division and Convention was "Roses Around the World." The rose that won Queen of the Show was "Keepsake," and it was grown and shown by Jason Fredette (age 7 at the time).

This was a big event, with a kick-off reception on Thursday night. We also had two refrigerated semi-trailers for roses brought by our out-of-town guests. The rose show entry period was from 6 – 10 AM on Friday. Jean Gardner, First Lady of the State of Washington, officially opened the rose show at Noon. After a special luncheon we had two speakers: Mary Mattix on "Old Garden Roses," and Daryl Johnson (of the Portland International Test Garden) on "Roses of the International Test Garden." We then enjoyed a dinner cruise on Puget Sound aboard the M.V. Cormorant.

Saturday morning began with Breakfast in The Rose Room (atop the Sheraton). We followed this with a marvelous lecture by Jo Martin on "Art and Technique of Rose Arrangements," and a captivating lecture by J. Stewart Lowther on "Capturing Rose Images." The TRS trophies were awarded at lunch, and the afternoon event was a tour of Dennis Konsmo's rose garden in Fife Heights. Saturday evening's event was a banquet in the Sheraton Ballroom (the rose show was "torn down" late that afternoon) and our featured speaker was Bev Dobson who delivered an address, with accompanying slides, on "Roses of the World in Color." Bev Dobson is the founder of the annual publication "Roses in Commerce." For those who still possessed the energy, there was a tour of the McCloud rose garden in Black Diamond on Sunday. Whew!!



**1987 ROSE SHOW  
QUEEN OF SHOW  
WINNER JASON  
FREDETTE, DENNIS  
& MERILYN  
KONSMO,  
WITH JO MARTIN'S  
HUGE ROSE  
ARRANGEMENT IN  
THE LOBBY OF THE  
SHERATON HOTEL**



**MAXI-MINI  
PORTRAIT  
FRAME**



**MINIATURE  
ENGLISH BOX**



**FLOATING  
AUSTIN ROSES**



*Shows tend to be smaller these days, and we are compressing our celebration into a two-day period. The roses will be as good or better than ever and we will still have lots and lots of fun. Be sure to take an active part in our Centennial Celebration this year so you can have your share of the fun!*

**WE NEED YOU, YOUR ROSES, AND YOUR ENERGY TO MAKE THIS EVENT A BIG SUCCESS! PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR ROSE SOCIETY.**

**DO I NEED TO REGISTER FOR THE TRS ROSE SHOW?**

*There seems to be some concern about whether people need to register for our TRS & District Rose show. **There is no fee for entering the TRS Rose Show.** The \$25 registration fee is essentially to pay for the wonderful luncheon that will be catered by the Tacoma Yacht Club and to take part in the rose garden tours on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Actually, we will be paying more than \$25 for each person's lunch. If you only plan to enter your roses and arrangements in the Tacoma Rose Society portion of the show, you do not have to register. However, the rules for District and National ARS classes require ARS membership and registration for the convention. **Don't forget: the deadline for registration is June 10, 2011.***

**TROPHIES FOR THE TRS SHOW**

*If you have not already done so, please contact Ellen Wold (253-564-3546) or Jo Martin (253-752-5857) to arrange the donation of your trophy or money towards a trophy for our Rose Show. If you have already donated, **thank you very much** for your support of the 2011 TRS Centennial Celebration!*

**1,000,000 MILLION ROSES WANTED ON JUNE 25, 2011**

*In the early years of TRS Shows headlines such as this appeared in Tacoma newspapers a week or so before the annual rose show. We can be very sure that a goal of 1,000,000 roses was never achieved, but TRS members and the community responded with amazing volumes of rose blooms. This year we do not seek 1,000,000 blooms, **but we do need every TRS member to bring roses in support of our Centennial Rose Show.** The weather this year has been difficult and it is unlikely that any one TRS member will be able to bring large numbers of exhibits to the show. The good thing is that if we all pull together we can muster the blooms needed for a display worthy of our Centennial Rose Show. If you have never taken the step of sharing your roses with a wider audience, please let this be the year you take that plunge. Our June 16, 2011 meeting will be devoted to a practice rose show and to covering everything you need to know to be ready to participate in your 2011 TRS Rose Show. Jo Martin will be having her clinic at 7:00 PM, people will be on hand to help those who bring roses for our practice rose show prepare them for entry, judges will provide comments and suggestions focusing on the roses that are entered, and we will have examples of all the special display properties to see (and touch!). There will be handouts, show schedules and entry tags for you to take home so you can have the easiest time possible preparing your roses for the big event on June 25.*

*One of the special handouts is titled **Some Suggestions for Novice Exhibitors**, and it makes good reading for everyone. The first suggestion is: Cut your roses in the early evening of the day before the show. Follow that advice and come to the Tacoma Yacht Club between 6:30 and 9:45 AM on June 25. You will have fun, and also the satisfaction of knowing you made an important contribution to our Centennial Celebration.*

**BLOOM CYCLE**



**ROSE IN A BOWL**

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

**CONVENTION SCHEDULE**

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



**TACOMA YACHT CLUB NEAR PT. DEFIANCE PARK**

**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**

Registration is required if you plan to attend the luncheon. Juniors and others planning only to enter the Tacoma portion of the rose show do not have to register. 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](http://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.

Please print your name(s) as they should appear on your name tag(s):  
 Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

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Want to clerk? \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like a schedule mailed to you? \_\_\_\_ Do you want your ribbons mailed to you? \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to the Tacoma Rose Society and mail to: Margaret Leisner, 510 S. 91<sup>st</sup> Street, Tacoma, WA 98444-6148, [meleisner@comcast.net](mailto:meleisner@comcast.net), (253) 537-2564 For more information, contact Jo Martin, 1801 N. Bristol Street, Tacoma, WA 98406-2510, [tearoselady@harbornet.com](mailto:tearoselady@harbornet.com), (253) 752-5857.



**OUR CONVENTION T-SHIRT**

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**Membership** in the Tacoma Rose Society is open to all. The TRS is a non-profit educational organization affiliated with the American Rose Society. Meetings are on the third Thursday of the months of Feb – June and Sept. – Nov. Annual banquet is in January with a picnic in August.

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

**Website:**

www.tacomarosesociety.org

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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. 15<sup>th</sup> 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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