

UPCOMING
EVENTS:

MAY MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY
19, LIFE MANOR
7PM

TRS BOARD
MEETING:
MONDAY MAY 23
AT 7PM AT JO &
CLIFF MARTIN'S
HOME

JUNE MEETING
THURS. JUNE 16
PRACTICE ROSE
SHOW

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

PNW DISTRICT
FLORIBUNDA
WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, JULY
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ANNUAL TRS
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AT PT. DEFIANCE
AUGUST 14

TREATS FOR MAY
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NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE FOR
JUNE – MAY 27

THE ROSE
PHOTOS
FEATURED IN
THIS
NEWSLETTER
ARE FROM THE
2010
PNW DISTRICT
ROSE PHOTO
CONTEST

THE TACOMA ROSE SOCIETY
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ROSE SOCIETY
**CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF
ROSES**



MAY MEETING – MAY 19TH
BRUCE BLECKERT – PHOTO CONTEST

In keeping with our last few “jam packed” meetings, our May meeting will be fun. At 7PM, before the regular meeting, there will be two clinics to help us prepare for our rose show. Jo Martin’s arrangement clinic will be about table settings – specifically trays. At the same time, Bruce Lind will answer any questions you have about what your roses may need at this time of the year. He will also discuss what it takes to make a no-frills drip watering system for your roses.

We’ll start our regular meeting at 7:30. Our featured speaker is Bruce Bleckert who will help prepare us for the Rose Photo Contest that will be held on June 26th as part of our Centennial Celebration. Bruce taught photography, and along with his wife Mary, had a very successful photography business in downtown Tacoma. Be sure to come and to be inspired to get your camera out to take some photographs of roses. Bruce will show us how we can easily share those photos. This year the contest will be limited to TRS members only.

Following Bruce Bleckert’s presentation, Bruce Lind will show a powerpoint program with pictures of the roses in the 1913 Pt. Defiance Rose Garden. Prepared to be amazed! Don’t miss out on the fun!

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE
by Cliff Martin

Many thanks to all those who helped with our April meeting. It started early with the fertilizer/alfalfa delivery by Bill and Dan, with most of the heavy lifting done by Bruce and Mary Bleckert’s grandsons and granddaughter-in-law. Of course, Barbara Lind had the paperwork in apple pie order.

The group picture was a great idea. It now adorns the inner back page of our Rose Show Schedule. Like it or not, if you are in the picture, you are now a part of history! Thanks, Bruce Lind, Bruce Bleckert, and Triggerman, Dr Gary Ritchie.

And let’s not forget Bruce Lind’s sale of the left-over roses, many OGRs, from the Point Defiance rose sale in March. They were headed for the dumpster if not sold, so Bruce rescued them. He sold all of them! Great Job, Bruce!

Jo’s arrangement clinic before the meeting was well attended again. Everyone is getting ready for the big rose show, June 25.

Many thanks to Dr. Ritchie for presenting “What’s inside a Rose Cane?” in a manner that was both interesting and informative. Who will ever forget what a rose ‘prickle’ is? On the home front, I am happy to report that our roses have had one application of fertilizer and have been sprayed with fungicide three times. I am not so happy to report that every time I go through the garden, I find more dead canes, a result of the hard freeze in November. We have replaced over fifty roses and could have replaced more. They don’t look so good. Maybe this warmer weather will help. Anyway, we are keeping busy and hoping for the best.

Keep your stick on the ice!
Cliff

POINT DEFIANCE ROSE GARDEN NEWS

By Margaret Leisner



'MARILYN
MONROE'
HYBRID TEA
BY GARY
RITCHIE

I took advantage of a sunny day in late April to go to Point Defiance Park and get a first hand look at how things are progressing in the rose garden. While there I had an opportunity to speak with the garden horticulturist Steve Herbig. He and another Metro Parks employee were busy removing the winter mulch from around the bushes and weeding the beds. As weather permits, they will complete planting the bushes purchased earlier this year, as well as the 2012 AARS winner. Due to a very rainy March and cooler than normal April, the bushes are coming along slowly, (as they are in our home gardens.) Some very warm days in May should really give them a boost.

Steve has also been busy working in the area next to the main garden where the Bing Crosby rose bed had been. Instead of one large structure, he has built five small beds composed of raised concrete blocks. As stated in a previous column, the bed nearest the monument will be planted with "Bing Crosby" hybrid tea roses, an AARS winner from 1981. This will continue the tradition of honoring the late entertainer who was born in Tacoma. The remaining four beds will have other roses in them; one has already been planted with "Pink Home Run" roses.

Deadheading at the Point Defiance Rose Garden will begin this year on **THURSDAY, JUNE 30th** and continue at 4:30 p.m. each Thursday afternoon through and including **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th**. Watch for complete details in the next QH on how you can be involved in this annual project.

ROSE SHOW COUNTDOWN – T MINUS 2

by Bruce Lind



'PERFECT
MOMENT'
HYBRID TEA
BY MIKE
CABALLERO

It is, by now, well known that our 2011 TRS Rose Show will be on Saturday, June 25. This is less than two months away! The show will be followed by a second day of events in Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the formal founding of the Tacoma Rose Society.

Now for some reminders of what we need to be doing **now** to make sure our roses are progressing well for the show (and for garden beauty all summer)! To be sure our roses are ready to grow well and to produce quality blooms for the rose, we need to continue with our extra-special care. In this issue of the QH, the Ask a Consulting Rosarian (by Mltchie & John Moe) continues to address timely and relevant topics on the "hows and whys" of growing quality roses. This month's tips offer suggestions on how to deal with aphids and also why we do not start feeding our roses in the cold early spring. Along related lines, we also need to be on the lookout for 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 have found and pruned out some of these canes in our own garden and TRS had a work party to eliminate such canes in the Pt. Defiance Rose Garden.

I hope you have done/will do a round of fertilizing of your roses before the May meeting. Also, continue to use those fungicides (if you are a "sprayer"). Our weather this spring has been somewhat variable, but mostly cool and damp. Several recent mornings have had temperatures in the mid 30's – uff da! If your roses look like they need "pepping up," why not try mixing up some **Alfalfa Tea** to use as a spring tonic. In a 32-gallon garbage can with a cover, add 10 – 12 cups of alfalfa pellets or meal (an old pillowcase tied off works well as a "tea bag"). Fill the can with water, cover and let brew for 10 days. Then add 2 cups of Epsom salts (MgSO₄) and ½ cup of chelated iron. Mix and then give one gallon per large bush or 1 quart per miniature.

On the TRS history front we will highlight another Tacoma and Northwest rose pioneer, the Reverend Dr. Spencer S. Sulliger. Rev. Sulliger was one of the leading evangelists for the rose in the Northwest and in Tacoma. He was a leader in our community, our state, and also in the larger rose world. In fact, in 1934 he was elected to serve as President of the American Rose Society for 1935. I hope you enjoy "hearing from" another of the early rose fanciers in Tacoma.



'TINEKE'
HYBRID TEA
BY MERRIL
ALLEN

**Ask the Consulting Rosarian
Mitchie & John Moe
Master Rosarians**

Q – I noticed that the aphids have started to appear on my roses. How much damage can they do, and how should I get rid of them?

A - Aphids are tiny (1/8 inch) insects that can come in many colors, but usually green or pink. They congregate on the new tender growth and flower buds. Remember last month we wrote about the new red growth poking up through the mulch. The aphids just love this tender growth; so do not ignore them when getting rid of these pests. They do damage as they suck the plant juice with their needlelike nose. They leave behind a sticky sap that attracts ants. This sap can also cause a sooty mold which can do further damage. They are usually out in cool temperatures, spring and fall so they are quite easy to control. You can knock them off with a strong jet of water from a hose and, as they cannot fly, they cannot return. Most insecticides will also control them. Be sure to read the label of whatever you use.

Q – I remember hearing my father and my grandfather talk about making their own insecticide from cigarette and cigar butts. I did find some instructions on the web as to how to do it. Will it work on the insects on my roses?

A – Yes, it will, but we recommend in the strongest terms that you don't mess with this! Nicotine, although an "organic" substance is one of the most toxic that we know of, and just a few drops may be fatal if inhaled, swallowed or absorbed through the skin. Historically, most cases of nicotine poisoning have been the result of use of nicotine as an insecticide. There are plenty of insecticides available that will 'do the job', and not be so harmful to you.

Q – I picked up my Puyallup fertilizer at the last meeting, but I heard that I should wait a bit before using it – why is that? If I must wait, when should I start?

A – In order for a plant to be properly fed, whether with chemical or natural fertilizer, the microbial life in the soil must first process it to break down and release the nutrients into the soil in a form that the plant can absorb and use. For this to happen the microorganisms need warmth and moisture to do their job. Until the soil warms to about 50 degrees this transformation is very slow. About the time that we will be having our meeting, the soil should have warmed enough so that you have finished the first application of fertilizer on your roses. Natural (organic) fertilizers e.g., Alaska Fish emulsion or alfalfa can be applied earlier in the season, since they remain in the soil for longer periods. They have an easier time of breaking down than the chemical or inorganic types. Remember that on newly planted bushes, it is best to wait until after the first flush of blooms before using this fertilizer, or any with a high nitrogen content.

**NORTHWEST ROSE HISTORIANS
by Lee Ann Ufford**

The Northwest Rose Historians will dedicate an heirloom "La France" rose at the State Capital Museum in Olympia on Saturday, May 14th at 10 A.M. Following the dedication tea will be served and walking tours of the neighborhood conducted.

The Northwest Rose Historians collect and share our region's rose history as they increase awareness of the cultural value of heirloom roses. Central to their mission is replanting old garden roses, often in family gardens for generations, to public spaces. For more information, go to NorthwestRoseHistorians.com or contact Lee Ann Ufford, 983-1367.

MINIATURE ROSES FOR SALE

TRS member Bill Wilson will bring miniature roses for sale to our May meeting. Sales will benefit the Puyallup Rose Society. Varieties included are: 'Aristocrat', 'Gala', 'Iced Raspberry', 'Innocence', 'Peppermint Patty', 'Rainbow's End', 'Teddy Bear', and 'Winsome'. The cost is \$6 each. For more information and pictures of these roses, use helpmefindroses.com.



**'FALLING IN
LOVE'
HYBRID TEA
BY RICH
BAER**



**'ESCAPADE'
FLORIBUNDA
BY GARY
RITCHIE**



**'PEACH
BELLE'
HYBRID TEA
BY SUE
TIFFANY**

GETTING READY FOR THE CENTENNIAL SHOW

by Jo Martin

Since February, we have had rose arrangement clinics before the regular meetings to get exhibitors ready for June 25, our big show at the Tacoma Yacht Club. We have covered traditional line, line-mass, and mass designs. Students have practiced the designs and have brought their interpretations to the following meeting. Wonderful success! It is so gratifying to see new arrangers 'catch the fire' and I hope they will continue to enjoy floral design for as long as I have.

The long-awaited schedule will be distributed at the May meeting, but it will also be on the Tacoma Website: www.tacomarosesociety.org so exhibitors may print it out and get started with gathering containers, line materials, accessories. The schedule will have classes for traditional line, line-mass and mass similar to what students have practiced. The schedule's theme is historical and many people have worked hard to get all parts of the schedule as correct as possible. **The schedule is the law of the show**, so it must be read very carefully. Roses must be the most important flowers in a design. (One would not use large focal flowers like dahlias, gerbera daisies, or large orchids that would compete with the roses.) Roses need not be grown by the designer, but they **MUST** be out-door garden grown roses. (We cannot use purchased florist roses.) Arrangers are not allowed to paint, color, dye, fresh plant material, however, dried materials may be treated or painted, if the class allows. (However, we never paint dried roses, either.) Many classes have additional awards for arrangements that use roses the designer has grown. In this case, the designer must put AG on the entry tag to indicate arranger-grown.

Our next class in May will deal with table settings, specifically trays. Section E – ARS Court of Etiquette, Class 12 – “A Queen’s Tea” requires a functional tea tray for one person which includes a rose arrangement, cup and saucer, teapot, and napkin. Tray size is limited to not over 22” in length. Reservations for this class are required by June 22 (my birthday!) Contact Jo Martin. It is fun! Try it! tearoselady@harbornet.com or call (253 752-5857

“OUR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION” 1911 – 2011

A short report that all committees are making excellent progress on our two-day celebration of the founding of the Tacoma Rose Society. I believe everyone feels as I do that we are involved in a very special celebration. I am very honored to be the event chairman.

The PNW District and Tacoma Rose Show will be held June 25 at the Tacoma Yacht Club. At our May meeting, schedules will be dispersed for those interested in entering the show. Co-Show chairpersons, Bruce Lind and Anne Theivagt are working on those parts related to the rose show with assistance by several chairpersons: schedule and publication, facilities and luncheon, judges and clerks, awards and ribbons, hospitality and registration, trophies, signs and calligraphy, historical display and décor, education table and ARS membership, publicity, posters and photography. It truly takes a village to put on a rose show! Check out page 2 of our schedule to see the names of these hard working chairpersons.

Gracie Baker has ordered dark green t-shirts for our show with white roses and slogan “Crazy About Roses”. Everyone will want one of these quality t-shirts for a nominal \$12. Margaret Leisner is our registrar. You might like to get your registration in early. Anne Theivagt promises a special hot luncheon buffet and birthday cake. Registration fee of \$25 includes the luncheon. Anne also promises ‘sunshine’ so we can sit out on the patio and view the splendid scenery of Puget Sound, Vashon Island, the water traffic and Mount Rainier! How special is this?

On Sunday, our celebration continues with garden tours in the morning and a varied program at our usual rose show site, Jackson Hall, across from Tacoma General Hospital from 1-3 p.m.



ARRANGEMENT
BY
KEITH RIPLEY



ARRANGEMENT
BY
STEVE
MITCHELL

Highlights of that afternoon include a PowerPoint of TRS history by Bruce Lind and a photography contest entered by TRS members and judged by the public. Free cut roses will be given to all guests.

As you notice, we have many tasks ahead of us, both on Saturday and on Sunday. We need many willing hands to help us each day. Please let me know if you can help.

At the May 19 TRS meeting, each person will receive a memorable gift commemorating our hundredth year.

Jo Martin, Centennial Celebration Chair

**PNW DISTRICT FLORIBUNDA WORKSHOP
SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2011**

Mark your calendar for the Floribunda Workshop scheduled for July 30, 2011, and mail your registration asap! We're still working on the details for the workshop, but you should expect to see the usual knowledgeable speakers from around the PNW District.

This full-day event covers horticultural aspects of growing floribundas, ranging from site selection to planting methods, variety selection, pruning, feeding, etc. – general topics of interest to the Consulting Rosarian in you. It also covers aspects of exhibiting floribundas, including variety selection, pruning for exhibition, and judging, with consideration for Challenge classes – general topics of interest to your inner Horticulture Judge. The workshop is open to everyone; you don't have to be a CR or a judge to attend, though if you are either one, you may get audit credits.

The workshop will be at the PUD Building in Vancouver, just off I-5 at E. Mill Plain, at 1200 Fort Vancouver Way. It's a large room, with plenty of seating, so attendance is not limited (though table space is limited). You may want to get together a group from your local society and carpool to the event.

Fort Vancouver Rose Society members will host with coffee, cookies, and lunch. The workshop is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and go to 3 or 4 p.m. (depending on how long folks stick around and discuss the topic).

Registration for the all-day workshop is a total of \$35, of which \$5 goes toward the cost of lunch.

To register, send a check for \$35 (payable to Pacific NW District – ARS) to John Sitton, 1120 25th Avenue, SW, Albany OR 97321

Name: _____

CR Credit: Yes ____ No ____

Judging Credit: Yes ____ No ____



**ARRANGEMENT
BY KIYOKO
LAZARCHICK**



**ARRANGEMENT
BY
BETSY REZBA**



**'TEMPO'
CLIMBER
BY MERRIL
ALLEN**



**'LYDA ROSE'
SHRUB
BY MERRIL
ALLEN**



**S. S. SULLIGER
ARS
PRESIDENT
1935**



Reverend Spenser S. Sulliger – The Dean Hole of America

Spencer S. Sulliger was born in Ohio in 1854 and passed away in Tacoma in 1935. At the time of his death he was the President of the American Rose Society and was, and had been for many years, an active member of the Tacoma Rose Society. His passion for roses was contagious, and his knowledge was both wide and deep.

In 1910, as a member of both the Royal National Rose Society and the American Rose Society, Reverend Sulliger was a delegate from the ARS to the Rose Show of the Royal National Rose Society held in London. Sulliger reported on this experience in the 1911 ARS Annual Proceedings and Bulletin. In his own words, “the event [in English rose shows] is the annual Rose Show held in London.” Rev. Sulliger marveled at the setting, the people and, of course, the roses. It is clear from his description that this was a wonderfully exciting time in his life. The show was held on July 8, 1910 in the Royal Botanic Gardens, Regent’s Park, London. Sulliger has much to say about roses and rose shows. In particular, he says “[the purpose of a rose show is] to encourage the individual rose grower to grow high-class roses. This idea must dominate any permanently successful rose exhibit.”

Rev. Sulliger offers his own evaluation of some of the roses exhibited in the show, and in this way is able to inform and possibly inspire other “rose cranks.” [Ed. Note: it is clear that the word “crank” had a somewhat different meaning in 1911.] “Each of the great Rose nurserymen has ample space allotted to them and it sets a Rose crank well-nigh wild as he passes from display to display, drinking in not only the mingled perfume of the many roses, but trying his best to properly consider the individual charms of the different floral queens.” Sulliger is critical of the almost exclusive use of “boxes” to display roses, an opinion shared by the London press.

For Sulliger it is all about the roses. Rose varieties singled out for mention in Sulliger’s essay are: ‘Lady Hillingdon’ “the finest mass display of roses and foliage in the whole show was this one.” Gold medals were awarded to S. McGredy & Son, for ‘Edward Mawley’ and ‘Mrs. Joseph H. Welch’, and to Pernet-Ducher for ‘Rayon d’ Or’. Rev. Sulliger also comments on his impressions of Gold Medal winners of previous years, saying “in every collection of Roses that was awarded a first prize [at the 1910 London show] were present: ‘Frau Karl Druschki’*, ‘Mildred Grant’*, ‘Dean Hole’*, ‘Lyon Rose’*, and ‘Mme Melanie Soupert’. ... there is no question that ‘Dean Hole’, ‘Lyon Rose’, and ‘Mme Melanie Soupert’ clearly led over any other three roses.” The roses with “stars” were included in the 1911 planting of the Pt. Defiance Rose Garden. ‘Mme. Melanie Soupert’ and ‘Mrs. Joseph H. Welch’ each won “Queen” in Tacoma three times. Rev. Sulliger and the TRS advisors for the Pt. Defiance planting surely had excellent rose sense. For more about Rev. Sulliger and his inspiring life check the 2011 Tacoma Rose Society Rose Show schedule.*

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	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

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

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 _____

Home phone _____ Home Society _____

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. 91st Street, Tacoma, WA 98444-6148, meleisner@comcast.net, (253) 537-2564 For more information, contact Jo Martin, 1801 N. Bristol Street, Tacoma, WA 98406-2510, tearoselady@harbornet.com, (253) 752-5857.



TACOMA YACHT CLUB NEAR PT. DEFIANCE PARK



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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.

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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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