

NOVEMBER, 2010

QUEEN'S HERALD

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NOVEMBER MEETING ANNUAL AUCTION – 6PM

On Thursday, November 18th we will be having our annual Rose Auction. This is our major fund raising event of the year. **Be sure to bring some friends along with you to share the fun and get some great bargains.**

Our meeting will start with a potluck dinner at 6PM. Bring your favorite dish or soup. Desserts and snacks are also welcome. No time to fix something? Come anyway – there will be lots of food to share.

The auction starts at 7:00 PM with our rose angel Bruce Lind as auctioneer. Raft Island Roses and Portland Ave Nursery are donating roses. Many of our members are digging out roses from their yards to make room for next year's new roses. We expect to have all types of roses.

Take the time to look in your yard right now. There are probably some healthy roses that you'd like to put up for adoption. When you dig them up, immediately wrap the roots with moistened newspaper and place the roots, paper and all, in a plastic bag. Double bag? We don't want to mess up the carpeting at Life Manor. They'll be okay for a couple of days as long as they are protected from drying out or freezing. **If you know ahead of time what roses you will be bringing, let Barbara Lind know** (see last page for contact information) so she can add them to the Auction List. See you there!

If you can help with set-up, please come at about 4PM.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Cliff Martin

November is here, so it is time to clean up the garden. I had to start with my six foot tomato vines. What a mess, if you let them go.

I also trim our roses back about 1/3 to 1/2 and clean up the debris before we head for AZ, but the rest of you may want to wait into late November and December. You might consult our CRs for more details.

Now that some leaves are falling off, I've noticed more black canes. Surprisingly, some have supported strong growth and nice blooms. Most rosarians say this is not a good sign, so I will cut out all of these ugly black canes, even if it means most of the bush must go.

In the last Queen's Herald, I ended by suggesting that you ask me about **fruit flies on roses**. No one asked, so I am telling you anyway! Last month, I took several bouquets of roses to the Highland Golf Clubhouse. A few of the roses had small bugs on them which I assumed were aphids. "Not so!" complained the golfing ingrates. "Those are fruit flies from your roses and they are everywhere!" There were dozens and then hundreds. So, they set traps. Day after day, the traps consisting of vinegar, water and detergent were black with the bodies of dead bugs. Finally, they began disappearing. When I inquired "Why?" I was told that they had found the real source of fruit flies. They came from some garbage someone put in the closet. It was just thick with fruit flies. After the garbage was cleaned out, no more fruit flies! "We threw it out and it ended the problem, so you can bring more roses now." I was pretty irritated, but they promised me free coffee for the rest of the year if I would bring more roses. I guess I will.

Keep your sticks on the ice.
Cliff

NOMINATIONS FOR TRS OFFICERS FOR 2011



**'CH-CHING'
GRANDIFLORA**

The following people have been nominated as officers for 2011. "Write-in" nominations and voting will occur at our November meeting.

- President *Cliff Martin*
- Rose Show Co-Chairs *Bruce Lind and Anne Theivagt*
- Program Chair: *Bruce Bleckert*
- Secretary *Margaret Leisner*
- Treasurer: *Barbara Lind*
- Board Members: *Linda Corkery, Betty Shambrook, Monica Weidman, Diane Proff to complete Bruce Bleckert's term, Greta Hixon remains on the board to complete her 2 year term.*

FALL DOME SHOW THANKS

Gracias! gracias to George Heger, Ellen Wold, Betty Shambrook, Bev Bolieu, Bruce & Mary Bleckert, Ava Brock, Lance Norton, Anne Theivagt, Greta Hixon, Monica Weidman, Jim Neese, Keith Ripley, Deborah Jackson, Cathy Sanderson, and Bruce & Barbara Lind for their help and support as we completed another year of service to the community. Lots of compliments from the public and the Dome personnel. Job well done! Thanks, Marie Cayton and Daisy Radloff.

JO MARTIN

OUTSTANDING JUDGE 2010

Our own Jo Martin was honored with the Outstanding Judge Award for 2010 at the PNW Fall Conference. It was both richly deserved and overdue!

Jo became a horticulture judge in 1979 and has continued to serve with distinction in this area since that time. When the ARS began a Rose Arrangement Judging program in the PNW District Jo was a natural person to call upon to lead that effort. She was an accredited Garden Club arrangement judge and well known for her excellence as both a designer and teacher. Jo conducted the first class in the PNW District that was designed to teach horticulture judges so they could begin the apprenticeship needed for them to become rose arrangement judges. Many of the current Rose Arrangement Judges in our district got their start in the program under Jo's tutelage. Jo's service to the ARS Rose Arrangement Judging Program has taken place at the national, district and local levels. She headed up the District Rose Arrangement program for many years and has served several terms on the National Rose Arrangement Judging Committee. It is important to note that Jo is always learning and always trying new and challenging projects in floral design.

We in TRS know Jo to be both a dynamic teacher and an arranger without peer. We are very pleased to see Jo receive recognition on the District level for her excellent service to the judging programs. Everyone in attendance at the District Fall Conference was delighted to have the chance to give recognition to Jo for her excellent work and in that way to say "Thanks" to her. It was also nice to see that Jo was both surprised and moved by the award.

It is worth recalling that Jo received the Silver Honor Medal from the PNW District in 1993.

THE "LYON ROSE" – A ROSE FROM TACOMA'S PAST

TRS member Greta Hixon is working hard to secure plants of "Lyon Rose." This rose was an early favorite of Tacoma Rose Society gardeners and exhibitors. It also was one of the varieties planted in the "new" rose garden at Pt. Defiance Park that opened in 1913. If you have any information about possible sources for plants of Lyon Rose or budwood or cuttings from a plant of Lyon Rose please let Greta know. Her phone number is on the last page of this newsletter.



**'DICK CLARK'
GRANDIFLORA
AARS**



**'DROP DEAD
RED'
FLORIBUNDA**



TOM CARRUTH – WEEKS ROSES

If you ever get the chance to attend a talk by Tom Carruth from Weeks Roses, don't pass up that opportunity! He is a great speaker. Tom spoke at the 2010 PNW Fall Conference and what a treat that was.

Tom Carruth is Research Director for Week's Roses, a position he has held since 1988. His AARS roses include 'Dick Clark' (2011); 'Cinco de Mayo' (2009); 'Strike It Rich' (2007); 'Julia Child' and 'Wild Blue Yonder' (2006); 'About Face' (2005); 'Memorial Day' (2004); 'Hot Cocoa' (2003);

'Betty Boop' and 'Fourth of July' (1999) and 'Scentimental' (1997).

It must be pretty neat for him to show pictures of his "babies" and then look out at the audience and see all of us nod as he talks about each one. I talked to him about 'Julia' and 'Dick Clark' (which is doing so well at the Rose Garden in Pt. Defiance Park) as if they were old friends that we shared. And as he talked about some new roses, I wanted every single one of them.

The rose photos featured in this newsletter are all Weeks Roses that will be available at Raft Island Roses next year.

'Candy Land' is a climber that Tom considers one of his top 5 varieties. He says its short internodal length makes it more beautiful because there are more leaves closer to the bloom. Its parents are 'Rosy Outlook' and 'Pretty Lady'.

'Ch-Ching' is a sport of 'Strike It Rich'. So it shares the strong grandiflora characteristics of one of my favorite garden roses.

'Dick Clark' is his latest AARS rose. It has captured the attention of all of us "deadheaders" at Pt. Defiance. We all have it on our lists of "must have" roses.

'Drop Dead Red' is a beautiful floribunda that did very well in our garden this year. Its parents are 'City of San Francisco' and 'Lasting Love'.

'Easy Does It' was the only AARS selection in 2010. It was hybridized by Harkness. Its parents are (Queen Charlotte X Della Balfour) X Baby Love. I asked why 'Baby Love' was used so often in hybridizing. The answer is that it is very disease resistant – one of the most prized characteristics in any new rose. 'Baby Love' is a beautiful deep yellow miniature with 5 petals. This nicely rounded bush is a great addition to any rose garden.

'Grande Dame' is a hybrid tea that makes you think of Austin roses. Weeks calls it "super saturated rose pink" with intense old rose fragrance.

'Jacob's Robe' is a climber with the same colors as the very popular 'Joseph's Coat'. The difference is that it is much more vigorous with better disease resistance.

'Julia Child' is an AARS winner and the ARS Members' Choice Winner in 2009. This rose is just spectacular in the Rose Garden at Pt. Defiance.

'Over the Moon' is a beautiful hybrid tea that Tom described as an improved 'Just Joey'. It was just great in our garden last year. He recommends light pruning.

'Pumpkin Patch' is a floribunda that is described as caramel orange. Its parents are 'Goldmarie' X 'Honey Dijon'. That makes sense – a mixture of yellow with the unusual russet color of 'Honey Dijon'.

'Purple Splash' is a new climber that reminds you of Tom's 'Fourth of July' – only purple. Its parents are 'Soaring Spirits' X 'Rhapsody in Blue'. Tom says its stripes show up best in cooler weather. We got this rose late this year and I'm really looking forward to what it will do next year.

'Rock & Roll' is a striped grandiflora. It was so beautiful at Pt. Defiance that I decided we had to have it. We got it at last year's TRS auction. Don't forget to come to this year's auction – you never know what treasures you might find!

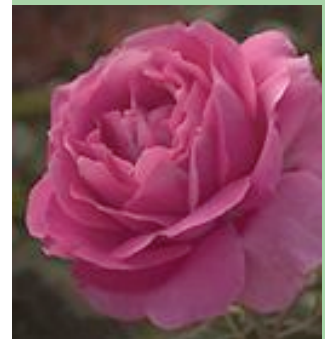
'Smoke Rings' is a new miniature. It is described as "melon orange with a smoky purple border". Most unusual!

'Warm & Fuzzy' is a beautiful red miniature. You can tell it has a moss rose in its parentage by the fuzzy buds that release a fragrance of sweet juniper when rubbed. This rose was also in our TRS auction last year.

'White Licorice' is a floribunda with 'a strong sweet licorice and lemon blossom' fragrance.



**'EASY DOES IT'
FLORIBUNDA
AARS**



**'GRANDE DAME'
HYBRID TEA**



**'JACOB'S ROBE'
CLIMBER**

George Heger has been bragging about this rose ever since he got it. He says it is packed with blooms.

Tom talked about other roses, some of them too new to have access to pictures. One hint to take note of – he said *you should not deadhead 'Home Run'* since the new blooms come directly from the old ones. Maybe that's why our bush didn't have that many flowers.

Rich Baer also gave a wonderful presentation of new roses. He talked about many of the same roses that Tom mentioned. It was interesting to see that the color of his roses (grown in Portland) was much deeper/richer than those grown in California. It must be the cooler weather. Aren't we lucky!

DISTRICT DOINGS

Jack Kiley, PNW District Director



Almost one hundred and ten of us just returned from the District's Annual Conference, held at The Heathman Lodge, in Vancouver, Washington, Oct. 22-24. From the myriad comments we heard it

appears that most who attended this general meeting at the end of the year believed it was very much a success.

Char Mutschler's popular Arrangement Workshop again was the kick off of the Conference on Friday evening. On Saturday, beginning with Tom Carruth's unique presentation as chief hybridizer of Weeks Roses, followed by Dr. Gary Ritchie's detailed discussion of the impact of light on successful rose growing, the formal presentations that concluded with Rich Baer's photo update in the afternoon were truly educational and inspiring.

My counterpart, Pat Shanley, the New York District Director, was a guest, as was Laura Pfender, Membership Director of ARS. Both Pat and Laura, along with ARS President Jeff Wyckoff discussed the current state of the ARS, and particularly the need to expand the trial membership program. The immediate Past President of the ARS, Steve Jones and his wife Susie, from the Santa Clarita Rose Society in Southern California, were also Conference attendees.

At the business meeting, under the direction of Lou Little, the District's by-laws were updated and approved by the Conference membership. Lou, along with John and Mitchie Moe, presented the annual awards: Designations as Master Rosarians went to Caroline Fredette, John Harmeling, Norma Boswell, and Jeff Wyckoff. Dorothy Butler received the Lifetime Achievement Award (her family was present for the award ceremony), Pat Allen was honored as the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian, and Jo Martin was honored as the Outstanding Judge. The District's highest award, the Silver Honor Medal was presented to Caroline Fredette of the Seattle Rose Society for her many years of service to Seattle, the PNW District, and her national rose show responsibilities.

Jo Martin, representing the Tacoma Rose Society, invited all to attend next year's District Rose Show and Convention, to be held June 25 at the Tacoma Yacht Club. The end of Saturday's activities was highlighted with many unique articles being purchased in the silent auction – including roses brought by Rich Baer – and the raffling of donated items and gift baskets brought by many societies and individuals.

The Conference formally concluded on Sunday morning with a Consulting Rosarian School and Audit, and a Horticulture Judging Audit.

Yet, despite all of these formal activities, I believe the highlight for many, if not all of the attendees, was the simple interaction and acknowledgement they experienced as being part of a common community – a community devoted to the love and nurturing of roses.

**WE EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO DIANE PERKINS
AND HER FAMILY. DIANE'S FATHER,
DR. JOHN PHILLIPS,
PASSED AWAY RECENTLY.**



**'JULIA CHILD'
FLORIBUNDA
AARS,
ARS
MEMBERS
CHOICE
AWARD**



**'OVER THE
MOON'
HYBRID TEA**



**'PUMPKIN
PATCH'
FLORIBUNDA**

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



**'PURPLE
SPLASH'
CLIMBER**



**'ROCK & ROLL'
GRANDIFLORA**



**'SMOKE
RINGS'
MINIATURE**

Q – Is it really necessary to remove the leaves from my rose bushes as a part of the winterization process? What is the reason to do this, as it looks like a lot of work?

A – Yes, it does take some effort to do this, especially if you have a lot of roses! A lot of the leaves will be gone when you do your regular fall pruning, and cut the bush down by at least one third. What we really want to do is to remove the diseased leaves and canes and get them out of the garden, so that the disease spores that are there will not winter over and cause you problems next season. After you have cut the bush down, take a look at the remaining leaves. Cut off the diseased ones, and do not pull as that leaves a wound for the disease to fester over the winter. Do all of this before you put mulch on to protect the bud union making sure that you did not leave diseased leaves on the ground to be covered by the mulch. Just remember that the leaves that are remaining as well as the canes are still providing the bush with the photosynthesis it needs as the plant is still growing during the winter.

Q – As I was looking at all those nice stems and leaves I was pruning off for the winter, I was wondering if I couldn't propagate some of them. Can I do this now?

A – Yes, you can! We talk about making softwood cuttings in the summer, and hardwood cuttings in the fall. This is a good time to do this. Sort of a similar process of what Grandma did with a Mason jar. The process is quite straightforward – either stick the cutting right next to where you obtained it, or find a fairly weed free patch that will have a bit of shade, and that you can leave for a year. Take your disease free cuttings, about pencil length and thickness leaving the top two sets of leaves. Break off the prickles (thorns) that will be below ground level. Trim the lower end at an angle just below a bud eye, and wound (scrape) lightly below and opposite that eye. Recut under water, and dip the wounded stem in a rooting hormone, dig a small hole and insert the cutting so the bottom leaves are just at, or slightly above soil level. Fill in the hole, firm in with your hands and water. Protect cuttings with a large plastic soda bottle. Cut the bottom off and be sure to leave the cap off. It will get warm inside the bottle, and you will see the moisture (condensation) on the inside. Be patient – leave it alone for a year! Fertilize lightly and water normally next summer, dig out and transplant next fall. Just remember, it is illegal to propagate patented or trademarked plants without permission.

Q – What is a dormant spray, and what does it do? Should I use it?

A - The Pacific Northwest with its mild, damp conditions is a wonderful place to garden. It is also the fungus capitol of the universe. These fungal spores over-winter in the crooks and fissures of bark and twigs, manifesting during the growing season as troublesome diseases. Dormant sprays are compounds that assist us in controlling fungal diseases and many insect infestations, and are used during the winter season while the plant is in its dormant phase. (The plant is dormant, not the spray!)

Dormant spraying is a very cost effective method of disease and insect control. It is essentially a sanitizing process performed when the plants are resting. A dormant spray will help to kill overwintering insects and disease organisms, and reduce spray use during the growing season.

The main dormant sprays are lime-sulfur and dormant oil. Lime-sulfur is a natural compound available in a liquid form. It is a fungicide effective against infestations of black spot, powdery mildew, peach leaf curl, rust, leaf spot, and apple scab.

Dormant oil is an insecticide, and acts as a non-toxic smothering agent on over-wintering insect eggs and insects such as aphids, leaf rollers, scale, mites, and white flies. It is good to use both the oil and the fungicide together. The lime-sulfur can be purchased with the oil already added and is the most convenient to use. It's important for the spray to dry on the plant. If it rains within 24 hours of spraying...yup, that's right, you need to get out there and do it again. So watch the weather report and wait for just the right timing.

ANNUAL AUCTION

If you haven't been to our auction before, here's what to expect.

This year, (so far), we have about 100 roses donated by Raft Island Roses. We want to thank them for their continued support of the Tacoma Rose Society. Please think of them when you are purchasing roses next year. In addition, many of our members will be donating bushes from their yards. These will be healthy plants that will do well in your yard.

When you get to our meeting room at Life Manor, you will see that we have covered the floor with tarps. They have recently put in new carpeting, so we'll be very careful to not get it dirty. The stage area is reserved for "sold" plants. Next is an area reserved for "auction" roses. And then, you will see roses grouped by type (hybrid tea, miniature, shrub, etc). These will have a fixed price (last year it was \$8 each!).

Please register at the door and get a number for the auction. You can also use this number for buying roses with a fixed price. Pick up a list of the roses available. On the list you will find the name of the rose, what type it is (climber, etc,) the color, American Rose Society rating (from 1-10 with 10 the best), comments, a reference for a picture, who donated it and if it has fragrance. There will be a number of catalogs with pictures on a table. If the rose you are interested in says HEIR08, p48 under PICTURE, that means that you will find the picture in the 2008 Heirloom catalog on page 48. There will also be a post-it on that page with the rose's name.

OK, so now you are ready to start. Please look over the "auction" roses, but don't touch. They will be up for auction. Look at the "fixed price" roses and other plants and choose the ones you want. Get a "SOLD" tag from the table, put your auction number on it and attach it to the plant with tape. Take your new plants to the sold area on the stage (ask for help if you need it). (We have divided the area by auction numbers to make it easier to find them when you are ready to go home. Last year this got pretty crowded – we may have to start putting them outside). It's a good idea to make a list of what you have bought – maybe on the back of your rose list.

When the auction starts, get your number ready and start bidding! As each rose comes up, we'll walk around with a picture so you can see how beautiful it is. Remember, there will be some roses that aren't on your list since they just came in the door. It's always fun to scramble to see if we can find a picture. As soon as you see a rose you must have, start bidding and continue until it is yours!

When the auction is over, it's a good time to check out the "fixed price" roses again. You may have missed a rose that you need to have. Any remaining roses will go to the Garden Sale at Pt. Defiance, which is held on March 26. All proceeds from the Garden Sale go to the Pt. Defiance Rose Garden.

When you are ready to pay, we will have a list of the roses you purchased during the auction. You will have to tell us which roses/plants you have purchased from the fixed price group. If you find that you don't have enough room in your car to take home all your roses (thanks!), we will deliver them in the immediate area for a donation to the TRS. There will be a delivery form to fill out. Delivery will be on Saturday.

We look forward to seeing you at the auction. Please bring your friends and neighbors. What a great way to get some wonderful roses.

OCTOBER MEETING – JEFF WYCKOFF

At our October meeting, our speaker Jeff Wyckoff presented a wonderful program on floribundas. Not only did he show us pictures of great floribundas, he also presented a history of hybridizers and their best roses. His list of the most disease resistant floribundas includes: 'Pretty Lady', 'Lions-Rose', 'Livin' Easy', 'Easy Going' and 'Julia Child'. Thanks Jeff, it was a lot of fun.



**'WARM & FUZZY'
MINIATURE
(MOSS ROSE)**



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WITH MITCHIE MOE**



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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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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 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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