

OCTOBER, 2010

# QUEEN'S HERALD

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### OCTOBER MEETING

THURSDAY,  
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BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, 10/25,  
7PM AT GEORGE  
HEGER'S HOME

### PNW DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE

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HEATHMAN  
LODGE  
VANCOUVER, WA

TACOMA HOME & GARDEN SHOW  
TACOMA DOME  
OCT. 28 - 31

### NOVEMBER MEETING:

ANNUAL ROSE  
AUCTION &  
POTLUCK, 11/18

PRUNING AT PT. DEFIANCE ROSE GARDEN  
MARCH 5, 2011

GARDEN SALE AT PT. DEFIANCE PAGODA  
MARCH 26, 2011

ANNUAL TRS PICNIC - LODGE AT PT. DEFIANCE  
AUGUST 14, 2011

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TREATS FOR THE OCTOBER MEETING  
MARY BLECKERT  
OTHERS?

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## **OCTOBER PROGRAM: FABULOUS FLORIBUNDAS BY JEFF WYCKOFF**

*TRS is fortunate to have The American Rose Society President Jeff Wyckoff as the presenter for our October program. Jeff is well known for his passion about roses, the depth of his knowledge about roses, and his skill as a presenter. Jeff and Kathy Wyckoff have made a habit of creating winning exhibits of floribunda and other cluster-flowered roses at all levels of rose competition. Of course, to create these stunning displays you have to start with excellent well-grown roses. Jeff will share some images and stories featuring many of his favorite varieties. Be sure to attend, as this will be a very special program!*

***As usual, the main meeting will start at 7:30 PM. For those who can come early at 7PM, we will have a continuation of our discussion on fall chores in the rose garden. Also, be sure to be thinking about just which roses you plan to dig out of your garden to share with other rose lovers at our November Rose Auction and Potluck!***

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Cliff Martin**

*The third rose show at the Puyallup Fair was very nice this year, despite the heavy rains. The word is that those who put covers over their roses and/or went and shook the water out periodically did better than others. One of the newer members, Leanne Ufford, won the Novice Trophy. Congratulations to Leanne!*

*Many thanks to Ava Brock, Gracie Baker, Greta and Matt Hixon, Young Kim and Tom Harker, Bruce and Mary Bleckert, Jane Micheline and Leanne and John Ufford for minding our TRS information booth. Also, a big thanks to Anne Theivagt for hours helping the novice exhibitors with their entries. Well done, everyone!*

*Our team is getting in place for our upcoming Centennial year, District Convention and Rose Show (1911-2011). Jo Martin is the Czar in charge of coordinating the event with Bruce Lind and Anne Theivagt serving as co-chairs of the District and Tacoma Rose Show on June 25. We will have more updates at our future meetings, so stay tuned.*

*Daisy Radloff is in charge of our TRS information booth at the Fall Home and Garden Show in the Tacoma Dome, October 28-31. Our members will be working in the TRS booth. If you go to the show, be sure to drop in. Urge your friends and neighbors to stop by the booth for free literature and advice.*

*Well, that's it folks! We will be leaving for Arizona soon and returning in early December. Keep your stick on the ice!  
P.S. Ask me about fruit flies on roses.  
Cliff Martin*

**UNDERWATER DESIGNS REVISITED**  
*by Designing Woman*

Earlier this year, we discussed the intriguing and often difficult design known as Underwater. It is that design that has part of the design submerged in a clear or transparent glass container, one of the modern/creative styles. The reason I am writing about this style again is that questions have arisen from exhibitors who have tried or want to get more information about Underwaters.

Recently, I received a note from an exhibitor wondering if it would be allowed to put ALL of the design underwater. My first thought was that it would not be a good idea, but with the very limited information in our Arranger's Guidelines on Underwaters, I have asked the National Committee on Arrangements for their input. (They meet in Atlanta this month for the Fall National Rose Show). Sandy Dixon, chair of this committee gave her sage advice that "since 30 points of the Scorecard are devoted to the horticulture of the rose(s) and other plant materials, it would be difficult to judge horticulture underwater."

She also reminded that we are not judging aquariums, which I thought was a humorous way to look at it. Sandy felt that the only path of reason would be to follow the Guidelines, which the judges are bound by. In a nutshell, no submarine designs!

Another problem is that Underwater designs can be messy. If water spills on the show table it may interfere with other exhibitors. At one show, the table actually collapsed under the weight of an Underwater design!

Again, if you are a devoted arranger, I hope you are checking the Arranger's Bulletins available on the ARS website: [www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org). Well-worth making printed copies for future reference.

Happy Autumn, Ta Ta DW

**NOMINATIONS FOR TRS OFFICERS FOR 2011**

The following people have been nominated as officers for 2011. Further nominations will be accepted at our October meeting or by contacting president Cliff Martin. Voting will occur at our November meeting.

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| 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.<br>Diane Proff to complete Bruce Bleckert's term,<br>Greta Hixon remains on the board to complete her 2<br>year term. |

Thanks to the nominating committee chaired by Margaret Leisner.



**UNDERWATER  
 DESIGN**



**'PRARIE  
 PRINCESS'  
 SHRUB  
 GRIFFITH  
 BUCK ROSE**



**'PRINCESSE  
 VERONA'  
 SHRUB  
 GRIFFITH  
 BUCK ROSE**

**ASK THE CONSULTING ROSARIAN**  
**Mitchie & John Moe**  
**Master Rosarians**

**Q** – I noticed that there are still a lot of buds developing on my roses. There are also some that never bloomed – they just have a grayish black look to those buds. Would they ever bloom when we get some more sun, or is it just too late and I should give up and prune?

**A** – Yes, we are getting to that season where the rains are prevalent and there is typically not enough sun during the daylight hours to really dry them and get them going. Basically they are water logged! With the cool damp wet weather, conditions are right to see that grey-black growth that indicates botrytis. The fungal activity is very noticeable so the thing to do is to start on your winterization, starting with pruning down a half to 2/3rds, followed by a spray of a good fungicide or a dormant spray – your choice.

**Q** – Is this a good time to transplant a rose bush?

**A** – You can, but it is a bit early yet. After the first frost, which has not occurred yet in our area is the best time. But with the cool, damp weather covering a lot of this area you should not have any difficulties and would be safe for you to move it, or to plant a new bush.

**Q** – With the onset of the rainy season and the increasing winds, a lot of spotted leaves are falling down on the ground. Should I pick them up and prune these canes, or should I leave them alone?

**A** – I would strongly suspect that those “spotted” leaves are diseased with blackspot, mildew or anthracnose. So, prevent problems from over-wintering. Be sure to remove all fallen leaves, and debris from around bushes. This helps to prevent diseases, and insects from moving in and making it their winter home. If you had a problem with disease, do not recycle them and put in the compost pile, but get them out of your yard once and for all. Then prune as I mentioned above followed by a fungal spray.

**Q** – I have heard that some hips should be left on the bush, and not prune all of them off, yet others tell me to prune them all! What purpose is served by leaving them?

**A** - Keep in mind, hips are nature’s way of maintaining the cycle of existence. By leaving the bush to produce seed pods, the rose bush will be fooled into thinking it's done for the season, and can start to go into its dormant state. Some hobbyists will collect the hips and experiment with growing from seed. They are actually very ornamental; particularly the hips from the rugosa’s, and birds enjoy them too. Rose hips are edible and are a great source of vitamin C; however, don’t use hips from plants that have been treated with a pesticide that is not labeled for use on edibles.

**VOLUNTEERS AT PT. DEFIANCE ROSE GARDEN**

Margaret Leisner does all the paperwork that documents the volunteer hours the Tacoma Rose Society contributes to the Point Defiance Rose Garden. This year’s total so far is an astounding **722.25 hours**. The vast majority of those hours are from deadheading the roses during the summer. We have had a great turnout of volunteers this summer. It also includes the hours spent pruning the roses in March, putting on the Garden Sale that benefits the Rose Garden and the work that the Pt. Defiance Committee does. The committee meets regularly with Steve Herbig to discuss the how the garden is doing and to plan improvements. They also periodically walk through the garden updating the computer lists of rose names and determining which roses need to be replaced. Replacement roses are purchased by the committee using funds generated by the annual Garden Sale. We can all take pride in our beautiful Pt. Defiance Rose Garden.



**‘BLANC  
 DOUBLE DE  
 COUBERT’  
 HYBRID  
 RUGOSA**



**‘HANSA’  
 HYBRID  
 RUGOSA**



**‘DORTMUND’  
 HYBRID  
 KORDESII**



CLIFF MARTIN SET UP THE TRS BOOTH



GRACIE BAKER WITH 'EYEPAIN'T'



ANNE THEIVAGT HELPING AT THE NOVICE TABLE



BILL & LENA WILSON PREPPING ROSES



KEITH RIPLEY DOING PAPERWORK



LEE ANN UFFORD WITH BEST NOVICE TROPHY

## AREN'T ALL ROSES SHRUBS?

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Reprinted from the ARS website

Well, yeah. Sort of. Botanically speaking, at least. Any plant that arises from the ground without a single woody trunk separating the roots from the branches is technically a shrub rather than a tree. That makes roses—at least those growing on their own God-given roots—shrubs. (The thing in the rose catalog called a tree rose is a Frankenstein creation of grafted parts from several roses; it doesn't exist in nature.)

So why would we refer to just some roses as shrub roses? On his website, Minnesota nurseryman Sam Kedem admits that, "The term 'shrub rose' is somewhat arbitrary and may lead to ambiguity." Sam's right, so let's try to clear up the picture as much as we can.

When the American Rose Society talks about shrub roses, we're talking about something quite specific. Officially, there are two major divisions of the ARS shrub rose classification. Under classic shrubs we place hybrid rugosas, hybrid musks, Kordesii hybrids, and moyesii hybrids. Musks, rugosas, moyesii and Kordesii are splendid old rose lines that have been used to hybridize many roses, a few handfuls of which are still grown.

However, it's the other major division— modern shrubs —that have put shrub roses on gardeners' view screens because this is where David Austin placed his wildly popular new-old-fashioned English roses. I suspect that without Austin and like-minded breeders swelling this category with innovative looks in roses that didn't quite fit in the usual groupings, the ARS shrub category would have remained insignificant. For a good portion of the 20th century, hybrid teas held the field with growers and exhibitors, and it is Austin who gets most of the credit for giving legitimacy to roses that didn't fit in the mainstream categories but are marvelous in their own right. That's benefited both exhibitors (there are exhibition trophies just for shrub roses) as well as growers looking for great garden roses.

So if you're a rose exhibitor, you can only use the term "shrub" if the ARS classifies your rose that way. If, like me, you're just a gardener who loves roses, you couldn't care less what label someone put on a rose: if it's pretty, healthy, productive, and easy to grow, I want to make its acquaintance. Informally, rose growers often refer to roses like that as shrub roses. Many nurseries, too, use the term to refer to a broader selection of roses than is included in the ARS classification. Sam Kedem (who's done much to promote tough shrubs for his weather-challenged Minnesota customers) explains his shrub rose list this way: "There is an inherent difficulty in separating modern from antique, ground covers from bushes, floribunda from shrub, landscape from garden roses and so on.

This category comprises delegates from many types of roses, past and present, with a single common denominator: garden beautiful."

So when nurserymen and gardeners talk about shrub roses, they're usually not confining themselves to musks, Kordesii, rugosas and Austins; they'll include any rose that has superb garden qualities like these:

**Unfussy growers.** A good shrub rose should be one that an amateur can grow.

Roses that look good in the yard. I love hybrid teas, but I think you'd have a hard time making the case that most hybrid tea bushes look as nice in a landscape as their blossoms do in a vase. While shrubs may have bouquet-quality flowers, they'll also do good service in the landscape.

**Disease resistance.** Disease resistance is currently the holy grail of rose breeding. While resistance is improving in all rose categories, you'll have the best chance of finding it among the shrubs.

**Cold hardiness.** Several hybridizers (the late Dr. Griffith Buck, and the Morden Research Station in Manitoba, among others) have worked to develop handsome shrub roses that will stand up to bitterly cold northern winters—and they've succeeded.



'THE FAIRY'  
POLYTHANA



'EDEN' AKA  
'PIERRE DE  
RONSARD'  
CLIMBER  
ROMANTICA



'POLKA'  
CLIMBER  
ROMANTICA



'STRAWBERRY HILL' SHRUB HARKNESS

*Unconventional blossoms.* Thanks to florists and illustrators, a lot of folks for a long time supposed that a real rose always had to look like a hybrid tea. As a consequence, lots of gorgeous roses were ignored because they didn't match that ideal. If you, like me, love old-fashioned looking roses and single roses, you'll be happy for the new interest in shrub roses, because that's where a lot of lovely but unconventional blooms found their *raison d'être*.

*Showy displays.* Though the size of the blossoms on shrub roses varies, you'll soon see that some make their biggest contribution in abundant displays of blossoms that individually may not be remarkable.

*Perfume.* What's the first thing every person—adult or child—does when confronted with a rose? Stick their nose into it! A justifiable grievance about modern hybrid teas is that they haven't enough fragrance— often none at all. Look among the shrubs for roses with good perfume.

Here are a few places where you might look for roses with these qualities.

**David Austin Roses.** Some of the Austins have the qualities we want in a good garden shrub – though to be perfectly frank some don't. Perhaps because they are developed for England's climate, perhaps because marketing and reputation sometimes race ahead of experience in consumers' gardens, some of the Austins simply aren't as hardy or nicely-formed in American gardens as we might like. This does not take away a whit from the undeniable fact that David Austin's creative genius is responsible for making the world love old-fashioned roses again.

**Griffith Buck roses.** A mixed bag of pretty good roses, whose claim to fame is winter survivability in northern climes. Some also have decent disease resistance. Check them out in person at Ames, Iowa's Reiman Gardens .

**Rugosa roses and hybrids.** Rugosa blood is found in some great shrub roses, because of the rugosa's blackspot resistance, fragrance and cold survivability. Gardeners in the northernmost areas will want to check out Canadian creations like the Parklands roses. A warning: not all rugosa hybrids have all the rugosa's great qualities in full measure.

**Old Garden roses.** Technically, these are varieties from many genetic lines that were named before 1867. But who cares their age? Among them you'll find some durable good-looking roses.

**Kordesii roses.** A cross between a rugosa and a wichurana gave Kordes an unexpected fertile offspring—and a breeding stock that is still hard to beat. Dortmund is the highest rated shrub rose in ARS trials, not to mention one of the highest rated roses ever—and it deserves it.

**Hybrid teas and floribundas.** Yes, some of these supposedly finicky roses function as great shrubs. Silver Jubilee is a hybrid tea, but it is nonetheless a tough bush with healthy foliage and gorgeous flowers. Some floribundas make nice additions to a landscape, too.

**Romanticas.** Unlike Austin, who used the modern shrub designation for his masterpieces, Meiland placed most of their Romantica series in the hybrid tea category. Don't let that discourage you from trying these dazzling, strong, traditional-looking roses.

**Polyanthas.** Anyone who's seen *The Fairy* or its relatives in glorious bloom can confirm the usefulness of this group.

**Harkness roses.** Harkness is a United Kingdom breeder, some of whose creations deserve as much attention in American gardens as the Austins have received. There are many roses that will serve as great garden shrubs. The best advice is to trust the lists of shrub roses put together by nurserymen, who tend to group these roses not according to the official categories, but rather by how they see them best used by gardeners.

Finally, don't suppose that because you're planting shrub roses rather than more exacting varieties, you're sacrificing beauty. Many of the fussier roses are overrated, while their tougher cousins, the shrubs, are undervalued. To the assumption that



'PATRICIA KENT' SHRUB HARKNESS



'ALL THAT JAZZ' SHRUB

shrub roses are “hardy and low maintenance, yet of lesser enhancement than the popular hybrid teas,” Sam Kedem responds, “Nothing is further from reality.” Browse a garden of shrub roses, and you'll agree.

## **WINTER PROTECTION FOR YOUR ROSES** by Barbara Lind

*As I am writing this, it truly feels like fall. The temperature has dropped to the 50's and 60's and the rain is here along with the wind. Yesterday morning the sun was out and it looked pretty nice. But it was cold. I went out to deadhead because I knew that rain was coming. Instead of my usual pruning method, I just pulled off the petals from spent blooms or snapped off the bloom at the top leaving all those leaves to continue to provide energy for the bushes.*

*My goal was to put down lime on the beds before the rains came so it would be “watered in”. I guess I didn't make it in time. However, the weather forecast predicts a dry period next week. While we turned off the watering system yesterday because of the rain, we'll be turning it on again when (if) it stops raining. I plan to add lime one bed at a time. I'll rake up the leaves and pull any weeds, sprinkle on the dolomite lime and scratch it in. I'll use Cliff Martin's invention for fertilizing to apply the lime. It is a long stick with a cup-sized container attached to the end. It allows you to work without getting on your knees.*

*Bruce is planning on spraying at least once more for fungal diseases. He'll be using Daconil along with some Banner Maxx.*

*I have started a list of those roses that we'll take to the auction in November. This is just the beginning of the discussions we'll have to make room for new roses. I have started a list for new roses (both 'Dick Clark' and 'Walking on Sunshine' are looking good at Pt. Defiance).*

*We have a nice pile of mulch left over from the spring, so next month, when it gets colder, I'll “hill up” some additional mulch around the more tender roses. It should be easy to identify which ones those are – they are the ones that lost canes last winter. ('Day Breaker', 'Let Freedom Ring', and 'LeAnn Rimes' to name a few).*

*Also, next month it will be time to cut down the taller roses by about 1/3. That's to keep them from getting damaged in the strong winds to come and to lessen possible damage from wet snow (if we get any). Climbers should be tied up, not trimmed back. Some people recommend taking off all the leaves from your roses. That sounds like a lot of work, but maybe we will try it this year. For sure, I will keep raking up the debris. It has been a great year for roses in our garden. I certainly hope you had the same results.*

## **FALL HOME AND GARDEN SHOW**

*Once again we will have a booth at the Fall Home and Garden Show held at the Tacoma Dome. The dates are October 28 – 31. Daisy Radloff is in charge of the arrangements. Please contact her (253-272-0063) if you would like to help in the educational booth – she still has spots available. This is really a lot of fun. You get to talk with lots of people about roses. You also get a free ticket so you can enjoy the rest of the show. Please help out by volunteering.*



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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.

**Website:**

www.tacomarosociety.org

**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 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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