

Queen's Herald



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UPCOMING EVENTS

TRS November Meeting

Thursday, Nov 16, 2017
6PM, Gloria Dei
Lutheran Church

No TRS Meeting in
December

January Banquet

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Saturday, Jan 20
(Tentative date)

Next TRS Board Meeting
In January

Home & Garden Show Tacoma Dome

Jan 25 - 28, 2018
Setup on Jan 24

Annual Pruning at the
Pt. Defiance Rose Garden
Saturday, March 3

Garden Sale
Pagoda, Pt. Defiance
March 24
Setup on March 23



Tacoma Rose Society

An Affiliate of the American Rose Society
Celebrating 100+ Years of Roses

Recipient of a City of Destiny Award for
Volunteer Work at the Pt. Defiance Rose Garden

NOVEMBER MEETING ANNUAL AUCTION & POTLUCK EARLY START TIME - 6PM

On Thursday, November 16th 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 usually donates some roses. Many of our members are digging out roses from their gardens to make room for next year's new roses. We expect to have all types of roses. Perennials and other plants are also welcome. Please double bag plants so they are not messy!

Take the time to look in your garden right now. There are probably some roses that you'd like to put up for adoption. You might want to donate roses because you need room to put in new roses you saw at the Fair or heard about recently. Donated roses should be *healthy* – think about roses you would like to buy. When you dig them up, put them in a pot or 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 make a mess at Gloria Dei Church. The roses will 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, please let Barbara Lind know (barbaralind@mac.com or 253-565-0246) so she can add them to the Auction List and find a photo to show off how great the rose will look in it's new home.

We plan to have the "fixed price" roses outside in the back parking lot of the church with halogen lights and flashlights handy. Bring an umbrella if it looks like rain. The "auction" roses will be in a separate area (hands off!) inside.

Please contact Barbara Lind ASAP with the names of roses you plan to donate for our Annual Auction! I will send out a list of roses via email closer to the Auction.

Come early for the best selection. We'll have garden carts to get the roses to your car. The back parking lot and the meeting room are on the same level - no steps to negotiate with all the roses you are adding to your garden.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Keith Ripley, Consulting Rosarian

A mystery was finally solved. In the last decade two boxes of awarded rose show "trophies" were given to the TRS to either reuse or repurpose for another use. The two labeled boxes of "trophies" were then given to George Heger and he placed them in his basement for safekeeping. As the years went by it was mentioned at our Board Meetings that we needed to do something with these "trophies". Nothing was done about them until after our good friend George died last year. His son said that he looked all over George's home and could not find them. When the estate sellers were preparing for the sale of George's items this October they were asked to be on the lookout for the "trophies". None were found.

Then, on the first day of George's estate sale I went to the basement and found what looked like the "trophies": they were silver-plated bowls and plates that had been engraved with the name of the awards and the winner's names and were in a large stack on a desk in plain sight for all to see. As was explained later- all along people had been looking for "trophies" much like those that would be given to the winners of bowling, tennis or baseball tournaments. They were all looking for a rose motif rather than a plate or a bowl. Kerry Tynes brought them to the Martin's home and now they are in the safekeeping of their basement patiently awaiting their reassignment.

Well, there was no mystery to John Moe's presentation of hard wood propagation that he delivered last Thursday. He did a very good job of covering the material with voice and with easy to follow pictures to illustrate exactly what he was talking about. If you did miss his program you can still view all of the frames from his wonderful PowerPoint presentation that is on the PNW District website under rose culture. There are many other very worthy programs there, too. For the e-address go to his Q/A section of October's QH.

If you were not at our PNW Fall Conference in Vancouver, Washington this past weekend I would be puzzled by what kept you away. TRS members who attended the Conference numbered close to 25!!! Our members added greatly to the record breaking number of over 120 attendees. I thank each one of you for attending, I know you had fun, enjoyed fabulous fellowship with other rosarians, got a lot of your rose culture questions answered and received a little swelling of your head from Dr. Ritchie's dissertation on 'The Cell'. However, I think I was the only one who was overjoyed by being the winner of TWO raffle baskets. Oh, what a day it was when we actually were there when our Mike Peterson received two huge awards for all his service in the District and Jack Kiley was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award. There is no mystery as to why these two rosarians were honored - as you only had to observe a few of all the things they have accomplished for The Society.

Please remember to come a little early for this month's meeting for our pot-luck dinner and rose auction. This is a very important date for our programs are supplied with funding out of the proceeds of this evening. If you bring a dish to share and your check book, the 'Rose Angel' will bless you with a lovely rose or two.
If you know of someone that will be alone this Thanksgiving, why not invite them to join you for the festivities at your home. Even if they say, no thank you, I can guarantee you that they will feel blessed that you cared enough about them - to even ask. Happy Thanksgiving! (Editor's note: Keith's design was spectacular),

ASK THE CONSULTING ROSARIAN

John Moe, Master Rosarian

Q - In Bruce's last month's handout on late fall rose garden care, he mentioned we should be adding lime when getting our roses ready for winter. I have added lime in the spring, but why now? Wouldn't it just be wasted?

A - Bruce is correct! This is a good time to add lime. When the pH of our soil is down to around 5 (which is quite normal for the Puget Sound area). not much of

**These are pictures from
the PNW District Fall
Conference**



**Arrangement by
Char Mutschler**



**Arrangement by
Jim Sadler**



**Arrangement by
Keith Ripley**



**Dried Miniature Arrangements
By Jim Sadler**



our fertilizer is available to the plant. Fall and winter rains tend to leach nutrients out of the soil leaving us with even a more acidic soil. Because it moves down so slowly, adding lime now will help adjust the pH to a more desirable 6 – 6.5 range in the root zone before next season's growth, so it is not wasted. If soil pH tests are offered at a spring meeting, take advantage of them and if your pH is still low add some lime then as well. More later about spring soil care.

Q – I try to walk around the garden every day to enjoy the beauty, but I was gone for a couple of weeks and now I see a few of the roses have red spots on them and some have turned to an ugly color of gray. What is happening?

A – What you are seeing is one of the problems that we can have with the rainy cool weather we have here in the PNW. You are looking at a fungus disease called botrytis that generally lives on dying tissue. The disease affects the petals and those spots look like water spots, but are caused by the plants' reaction to the invasion of the fungus. It will leave a bloom that is still developing to not fully open as the moisture trapped between the petals rots and turns them into those ugly gray balls. Sometimes if you accidentally hit one that is highly infected it can literally explode into a mass of grayish dust that contains millions of fungal spores that can spread to other blooms. Grab your pruners and carefully remove the highly infected bloom before it can spread any spores to other blooms.

Q – At the District conference, one of the CR's wanted to know what he should tell someone about using a dormant spray, as he wasn't sure how it really works.

A – I basically told him that the Pacific Northwest with its mild, damp conditions is a wonderful place to garden, but those conditions give us more than our fair share of fungus diseases! Dormant spraying can be an effective preventive measure to help control diseases and insects when the plants are resting during the winter months. There are sprays to aid in control of both. We have used lime sulfur for the diseases and horticultural oil for the insect eggs/larvae. Most rose diseases overwinter on the canes, and it is these spores that move to new foliage early in the spring to begin again the disease cycle. Horticultural oil works to kill insect eggs/larvae by suffocating them. Read the labels of whatever you use and follow the directions. Horticultural oil needs 24 hours above freezing to be effective – so be aware of pending weather.

ELECTION OF TRS OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2018

The election of Tacoma Rose Society Officers and Board of Directors for 2018 will be held on Thursday, November 16th, along with the annual potluck and rose auction. Nominees were introduced at the October TRS meeting and are as follows:

OFFICERS: (1 One Year Term)

President: Keith Ripley
1st Vice President
and Rose Show Chair: Matt Hixon
2nd Vice President
and Program Chair: John Moe
Secretary: Margaret Leisner
Treasurer: Barbara Lind

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: (Two year term)

Diane Belknap
Kerry Tynes
Cliff Martin (to serve the 2nd year of Steve Mitchell's term.)
Remaining on the Board to complete the 2nd year of their term:
Gracie Baker
Rebecca Rehbarg



**Nana Mouskouri
Floribunda, white**



**Power Point
Miniflora, medium red**



**Special Occasion
Hybrid Tea, apricot blend**



**You're the One
Miniature, pink blend**

Ballots will be available at the sign-in table and all TRS members are encouraged to vote. Additional nominees will be accepted that evening and there are spaces on the ballots for write-in votes.

WREATH MAKING WITH BECKY REHBURG

TRS member Becky Rehborg will be teaching evergreen wreath making at her home again this year on Friday, November 24th & Saturday November 25th. Come anytime between 10AM and 4PM. Please bring a wire ring (any size) for the wreath, green wire and ribbon/bow. The event is held in Becky's garage, so dress for the weather. It will be lots of fun with snacks, warm beverages and a bazaar.



Last year the Dollar Store had wire rings for \$1. Check your local store and get them before they are gone!

Bruce, Diane Proff and I have been doing this for several years year. Becky has all sorts of different greens and stuff to make your wreath unique. We brought some variegated holly with berries and some cedar branches. If you have some neat greens, bring them with you to share with others. We had such a good time. We each made a wreath. They were beautiful and so much fun to make. They were so neat!

If you have questions, you can contact Becky at 253-229-7025 or at bcrehburg@gmail.com. Her address is 611 Montgomery St. in Steilacoom, WA.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE AUCTION

Please register at the door and get a number for the auction. 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, 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.) This will help you make informed choices.

There will be two types of roses/plants available: **fixed price roses/plants** and **auction roses**.

The **fixed-price roses** and plants will be outside and grouped alphabetically. To purchase them, please add your auction number to a SOLD sign, tape it to the rose/plant and put it in the "Sold" area, which is divided by groups of auction numbers. (Ask for help moving the plants if you need it). It's a good idea to start a list of fixed priced roses you have bought – maybe on the back of your rose list.

The **auction roses** will be inside. When the auction starts, get your number ready and start bidding! As each rose comes up, we'll show a photo 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. As soon as you see a rose you must have, start bidding and continue until it is yours! Sold roses will be taken outside to the "Sold" area which is divided by groups of auction numbers.

When the auction is over, it's a good time to check out the "fixed price" roses and plants again. You may have missed a rose that you need to have. Any remaining roses will go to the Garden Sale at Pt. Defiance in March.

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. After you have paid, all your roses should be in the SOLD area with your auction number on them. We will help you load all your purchases in your car.

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 Friday Nov. 17.

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

2017 FALL CONFERENCE

We had a great time at this year's Fall Conference. The TRS was well represented (see photo)! The talks were all great and informative. David Clemons talked about some of the beautiful miniatures and minifloras he has hybridized. Rachel Burlington gave an overview of the Portland International Rose Test Garden. Pat Frobles talked about Portland's Peninsula Park Rose Garden. This is one of the gardens we visited this summer with the PNW District Garden Tour. The garden now has only very disease resistant roses in it. I have a list of the roses and I will be sending that list to our membership via email. Diane Sommers and Chris Van Cleave, candidates for ARS Vice President both presented their ideas for the future of the ARS. Dr. Gary Ritchie presented the science behind rose growing with his talk about plant cells. Rich Baer talked about midge infestations on our roses and showed us what to look for in identifying this problem. Then he showed photos of the roses he donated for the silent auction. There was a rush at the last minute for updating bids and then the roses all disappeared rapidly.

The silent auction was incredible with many rose related items for sale. Thanks to everyone from the TRS who donated items. The TRS gift basket was raffled off with the rest of the baskets. A lot of people bought raffle tickets. Harlow Young announced the top Photo Contest winners. He framed a number of them and they were a big part of the silent auction. (I am in love with the photo of Grace Seward by Rich Baer which is now in our sunroom). A bundle of money was raised by the auction which allowed "us" to be "in the black" after the convention. The cost of registration has been kept at the same low amount for several years even though it does not cover the expense of holding the Conference at the beautiful Heathman Lodge. This year we had 120 attendees! Plan on attending next year!

The following awards were given to honor District members. John Moe and Elena Williams (Consulting Rosarian Co-Chairs) presented the **Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award** to Mike Peterson (Puyallup Rose Society). Bruce Lind and Jim Linman (Horticulture Judging Co-Chairs) awarded the **Outstanding Judge Award** to Mike Peterson (Puyallup Rose Society). It was the first time I have seen both awards given to the same person at the Conference. Lynn Schafer (Prizes & Awards Committee) awarded the **Lifetime Achievement Award** to Jack Kiley (Olympia Rose Society). Lynn then awarded the **Silver Honor Medal** to Gretchen Humphrey (Portland Rose Society).

TENTATIVE ROSE SHOW DATES FOR 2018

Here are the tentative Rose Show dates for 2018. Obviously not all societies have indicated a date for their rose show or display. It has not been determined if or when the PNW District Rose show will be held.

June 2	Tri-City Rose Society Rose Show
June 7 & 8	Portland Rose Society Spring Show
June 9 & 10	Seattle Rose Society Rose Show
June 16	Tacoma Rose Society Rose Show
June 23	Spokane Rose Society Rose Show
August 4	Portland Rose Society Mini Rose Show
Sept 14 & 15	Portland Rose Society Fall Rose Show

Some roses donated for our November Auction



Bella'roma
Hybrid Tea, Pink blend



Dublin
Hybrid Tea, medium red



Lipstick 'n' Lace
Miniature, red blend
Photo by Rich Baer



Mutabilis
China, yellow blend

LATE FALL ROSE GARDEN CARE **by Bruce Lind, Master Rosarian**



Commonwealth Glory
Hybrid tea, apricot blend



First and Foremost
Miniflora, pink blend



Irresistible
Miniature, white



Solar Flair
Miniflora, yellow blend

Much of what I know I have learned from others. Some of this is based on hard science and some is rose lore passed down through generations of rose growers. What follows is a brief overview on late fall rose care.

The rain of the last few days has convinced me to turn off my drip irrigation system. Frost warnings will trigger the removal of the hardware and draining of the system. Since it is cooler and the days have been getting shorter your roses will make it with the water provided by Mother Nature. Try to do that end-of-season spray with a spore killing fungicide in between rainy spells.

Continue weeding your garden this fall. Many of our most pesky weeds will continue to bloom and multiply throughout the fall and winter. The cleaner you keep your garden, the easier your spring chores will be. In general, keeping your garden clean - free of weeds and debris - will give all of the "enemies" of our roses a diminished chance of living through the winter.

Usually the "topping" of the roses (reducing their height by about a third) would be done in late November or early December, but you should do this when the time is right for your schedule. This "topping" will help prevent damage to the root system of your roses by the wind and the cane by a snow fall. In the fall your rose garden is surely tapering off in bloom production. This year the bloom season has extended well into October. At this time of the year, as the blooms fade, you can just pull the petals off to help keep the garden neat. Don't bother to cut off the stems as you will be getting rid of them when you do your "topping" in another month to six weeks. Having some rose hips in the garden can provide some fall and winter color. The hips will last until you do the "topping" to prevent the bushes from being whipped around by the wind and broken down by any heavy snow we might happen to get in late fall and winter.

Now, before the weather gets really nasty is a great time to mark those bushes that are just not producing as well as you expected. As an old friend Mike McCloud said: "Ask yourself: Is this bush worth the time nursing it back to health and worth the cost of the fertilizers, sprays and water?" It may seem coldhearted to remove a plant from the garden when it's not yet dead, but if you have a limited space for roses you should definitely do it. Dig and dispose of the worst plants! Those that are still healthy, but not quite up to your standard or taste, may be just what someone else is looking for. Mark those for digging out for our TRS Rose Auction in November! More instructions on how to do this in this issue of the QH.

After you do your garden cleanup be sure to apply lime to the garden. Our native soil is naturally acidic, and the winter rains also do their part in lowering the pH. Putting down some dolomitic or calcitic lime is a cheap way to bring a pH back towards neutral. Cover the beds so they are a light gray and then let the rains slowly carry the lime into the soil.

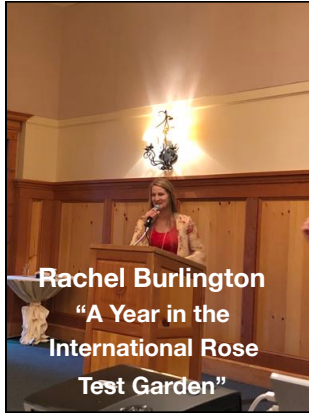
Many people recommend removing the last of the leaves to cut down on the amount of fungal spores that will survive the winter. Blackspot and mildew can continue to thrive as long as the days are warm and the spores have a stage that allows them to make it through the winter on the rose canes.

If you are in doubt about adding lime to your soil you may want to have a soil test done. The October Queen's Herald specified a procedure for getting that done in Washington. Kerry Tynes has also had good results using a lab at the University of Massachusetts - Amherst. Other TRS members only test the pH of their soil. Fall is a good time for either process as you have the winter for any needed soil additives to work their way down to the root zone. In a nutshell, if your soil is too acid (low pH), you can apply lime. It takes about three months for agricultural or dolomite lime to actually raise the pH.

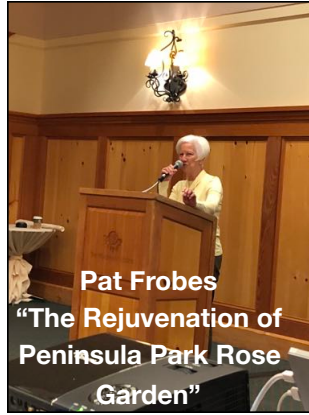
Most plants transplant best in fall, so this is the time to do any necessary rearranging of your rose plantings so the plants have the winter to get their root system established in their new location.



David Clemons
"Thoroughbred Roses"



Rachel Burlington
"A Year in the
International Rose
Test Garden"



Pat Frobos
"The Rejuvenation of
Peninsula Park Rose
Garden"



Gary Ritchie
"Cells"



Rich Baer
"Midge & New Roses"



Mike Peterson
Outstanding Consulting Rosarian



Gretchen Humphrey
Silver Honor Medal



Jack Kiley
Lifetime Achievement Award



Mike Peterson
Outstanding Judge Award



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Membership in the Tacoma Rose Society is open to all. TRS is a non-profit educational organization affiliated with the American Rose Society.

Meetings: the third Thursday of the months of Feb – June and Sept. – Nov. Annual banquet is in January with a picnic in August.

Dues: \$20 per household per calendar year. Check payable to the Tacoma Rose Society.

Website:

www.tacomarosesociety.org

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Meetings are held at
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
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Park and enter in the back!

Driving Directions

From Northbound or Southbound I-5
take the Highway 16W Exit (132).

Continue Westbound to Union Ave Exit (1B) and travel Northbound (right) on Union Ave. There is a stoplight at the intersection of Union Ave and S 19th St. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is about 1 block East. Turn right on S 19th and then left into the parking lot.

The parking lot can also be accessed via Union Ave & S 18th St.

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