

SEPTEMBER, 2010

QUEEN'S HERALD

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SEPTEMBER
MEETING
THURSDAY,
SEPT. 16, LIFE
MANOR,
DIRECTIONS ON
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TRS DAY,
SATURDAY, 9/25

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7PM
AT JO & CLIFF
MARTIN'S HOME

OCTOBER
MEETING:
THURSDAY, 10/21
SPEAKER: JEFF
WYCKOFF

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

NOVEMBER
MEETING:
ANNUAL ROSE
AUCTION &
POTLUCK

DEADLINE FOR
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SEPTEMBER MEETING **TRAVIS VALBERT OF GARDENSPHERE**

Our speaker for September's meeting is Travis Valbert. He and his siblings started Gardensphere in May of 2004. It is located in the Proctor District of Tacoma. Their website says it "is a different concept in garden centers, instead of being miles and miles of the same shrub one after another we specialize in providing you the highest quality in the most efficient arrangement of space. We offer the same pricing, diversity and products as many nurseries 5x our size but we offer better quality, ease of shopping and locality, and if we don't have it we'll order it for you!" Travis has loads of experience in gardening and landscape design with an emphasis on organic methods. And he is an excellent speaker, so be sure and come.

If you can, come early (at 7PM) for a question and answer session about late summer / early fall rose gardening. We look forward to seeing you there.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE **by Cliff Martin**

You may have heard that after our rose show we stored the vases and supplies at our house. The plan was to have a big cleaning, sorting and boxing party complete with a club-funded pizza party. Relax! It never happened. Jo convinced me that it would be easier if we did in ourselves (remember, she is Management and I am Labor!) Well, it is done – all cleaned, boxed, labeled and thanks to the help of Bruce and Barbara Lind, our supplies are stored away in their usual place in a Midland garage.

The final count shows that we have 474 of our most popular 9" vases and 204 more of the 9" vases with wider bases. If we include the 432 mini vases we have well over 1500 vases. Plenty for our District Rose Show, June 25, 2011, that Tacoma Rose Society will host at the Tacoma Yacht Club.

On another note, we are reminded that election of new officers/board is in November. Margaret Leisner, Betty Shambrook and Barbara Lind are on the Nominating Committee. If you know someone who would like to be considered, let a committee member know.

Tacoma Rose Show hosts the September 19 Puyallup Fair rose show booth. If you would like to help out in the booth, I will have tickets and parking passes for that day. Shifts are from 11-1, 1-3, 3-5 and 5-7. See me at the September 16 meeting. Take Care, Cliff

POINT DEFIANCE ROSE GARDEN NEWS
By Margaret Leisner



**'FAME!'
 GRANDIFLORA**

It is September once again, and that signals the end of summer (although fall does not officially begin until the 22nd.) It does mean that the summer deadheading at the Point Defiance Rose Garden is ending, with September 9th being the final date for this annual project.

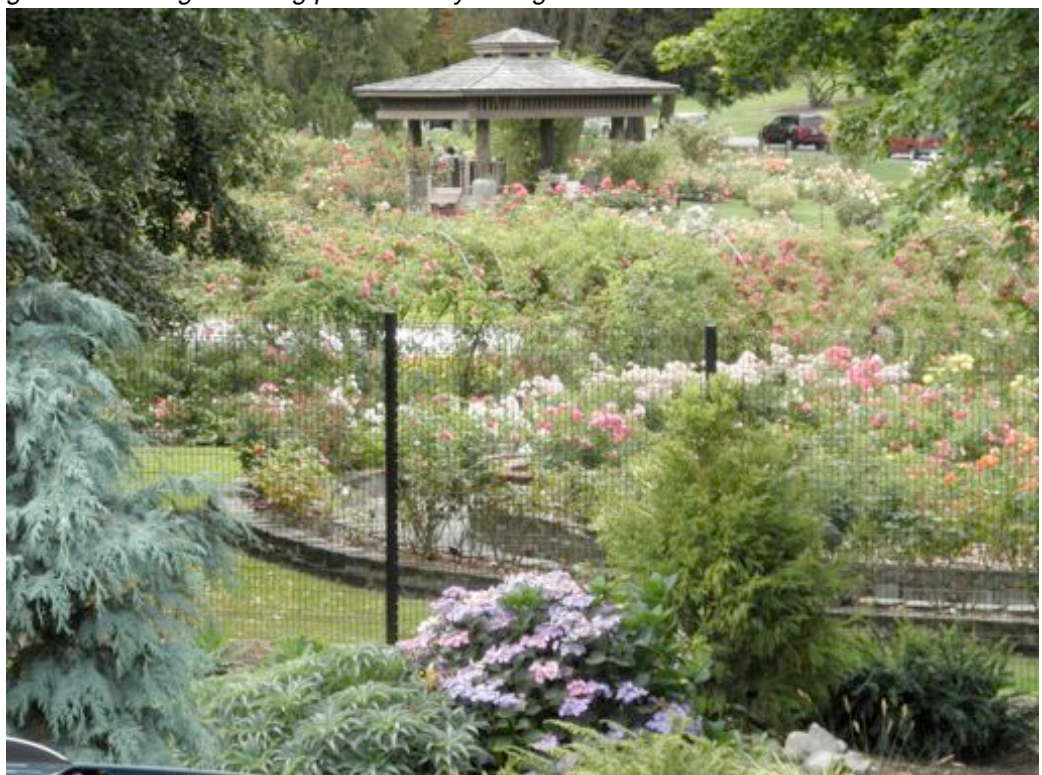
It has been a wonderful summer at the garden and the roses have never been more beautiful. The response from Tacoma Rose Society members to help with the weekly deadheading has been, to put it simply, terrific! Through the end of August, on average, 19 volunteers came to the garden each Thursday afternoon, rain or shine. This made it possible to deadhead the roses in the adjoining miniature rose garden as well as those in the main garden. Names will not be listed here to avoid omitting someone, but everyone who helped deserves a round of applause for showing up week after week, even on days when it was very warm.

A notice about the weekly deadheading (or work parties) was listed each Wednesday during the summer in the Home & Garden Calendar of The News Tribune and this attracted several members of the public to join in the fun and learn more about "America's Flower". In addition, the garden was always filled with visitors who came to take photos and/or stop and "smell the roses". There were several TRS Consulting Rosarians among the volunteers each week to answer rose related questions from the public. Visitors who toured the garden were very generous with their comments about the roses and about how much they appreciated everyone who donated their time to keep the garden looking so beautiful.

With the days growing shorter and the blooming season coming to a close soon, the members of the Point Defiance Advisory Committee will be meeting with Metro Parks Horticulturist, Steve Herbig. Together they plan to do a thorough review of the rose garden and begin making plans for any changes needed for 2011.



**STEVE HERBIG
 METRO PARKS
 HORTICULTURIST**



ASK THE CONSULTING ROSARIAN MITCHIE & JOHN MOE MASTER ROSARIANS



**'SUNSTRUCK'
HYBRID TEA**

Q – It seems that my roses have stopped growing even though I have been watering them. The leaves look grayish and see some webbing on the undersides of some leaves. What can I do to get them growing again. I have heard that spider mites can be a problem at this time of the year. Is this what might be the problem with my roses?

A – Yes, it sounds like you are having spider mites visiting your roses. They cause their damage by sucking the sap from the leaves starting with the lower leaves. Their fine webbing can be seen there, and sometimes very small dark spots. Because of their size, determining their presence is not easy. They would be about the same size as a dot on this page. The tops of the affected leaflets start to turn yellow and brown in a salt and pepper looking pattern. The leaves then get crispy and curl up, then can turn completely brown, die and fall off. They are extremely prolific, producing a new generation every 5 days, so they can multiply very rapidly. They dislike humidity and rain. So the first thing to try is to use your water wand, every day for a week, and blast them off paying particular attention to the undersides of the leaves. This blasting action is to disrupt their breeding cycle. They do not have wings, and must crawl from plant to plant or be blown by the wind. If this does not work, then you need to spray with a miticide like Avid or Floramite or something similar. Most insecticides will not work, as a mite is of a different family of insects.



**'BLACK MAGIC'
HYBRID TEA**

Q – I was pruning my roses bushes and see that some of the canes are drooping. It hasn't rained for some time, but I have watered some. Do they need more water?

A – Yes, it sounds like you need to water more, especially with the hot weather we are having. You can never over water as long as you have good drainage. You need to find a way to get more moisture to the root zone. Break up the soil – can use a spade fork and poke some holes around the bush so the water will penetrate deeper. When watering – remember to water slowly and for a longer time and more often during these hot days! Water is one of the main elements for a rose to have good substance to thrive and for survival. It's also a good time to mulch your rose beds to stop the evaporation and keep the moisture in. Quite often we only think about mulching for winter protection to keep the bud union from freezing, but mulch will help in moisture retention during the growing season. Also, most mulch is a good organic source of slow-release nitrogen fertilizer. These organic mulches improve the soil by adding nutrients as they decompose and encouraging earthworm activity. This gives a very good environment for microbes to work in breaking down the elements so the bush gets the nutrients it needs.



**'SUNSET
CELEBRATION'
HYBRID TEA**

Q – Is it a good idea to prune my roses after they don't look so good anymore?

A – Yes, you need to be pruning your roses continuously all summer as new growth comes from where you prune. If you have a long cane then go down to the second or third set of five leaflet leaves and prune. If the cane is short or thin you want to go down to the original terminal cane where it started. What you don't want to see is a cane on a cane, etc. If the cane is too thin, it won't be able to support a flower without bending its neck. If you have new healthy growth, prune down to just above it. Just remember – you are in control and can shape the bush any way you want. Hopefully you will have some nice blooms for the shows at the Puyallup Fair!

**MESSAGE FROM JACK KILEY
DIRECTOR PNW DISTRICT, ARS**

You can email me at jack.kiley@comcast.net, or call me at 360-754-4937. It's almost that time. We have had many of our annual Rose Shows, including the District Rose Show hosted by the Fort Vancouver Rose Society. On July 31, also hosted by Fort Vancouver, we had a one-day workshop on Miniature and Miniflora roses organized by John & Mitchie Moe, District CR coordinators and Master Rosarians. With Portland's mini show recently concluded, three fall shows in Oregon will conclude the 2010 show season in September.

All of this leads up to the culmination of our rose year: the District's Fall Conference, October 22-24, 2010, to be held once again at **The Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, Washington**. It's time to schedule your participation at the Conference. Why? Because of what you'll find there:

- o Leading the way will be a presentation by **Tom Carruth**, chief hybridizer of Weeks Roses, and arguably the best hybridizer in the business. He'll be telling us what Weeks has in mind for the future. You won't get a better chance to know what's happening in the national rose world than to visit with Tom at the Conference.
- o The two Rays are coming from Missoula. **Ray Hoffman** and **Ray Waylett** have a unique and humorous program on a fascinating subject: dry-wrapping roses. They were in Richland for the District Show two years ago and caught the imagination of everyone that wanted to learn how to keep their roses fresh for long periods of time. If you weren't at their first talk, we're giving you a second chance.
- o From the ARS the person most of us contact when we have a membership question, or any question for that matter, is **Laura Pfender**. She is coming and will make her-self available to update us on what is happening at the American Rose Society.

The usual local trio is returning and to say they are immensely popular in the District is an understatement.

Char Mutschler, Salem Rose Society, recognized around the country as one of the premier arrangement instructors, will again begin the weekend on Friday evening with her popular Arrangement Seminar.

Rich Baer, Portland Rose Society, the best rose photographer in the country, will again wow us with photos of the newest and most popular varieties that are or soon will be available.

Gary Ritchie, Olympia Rose Society and retired Weyerhaeuser scientist, will again regale us with a rose culture issue that few of us would otherwise know or understand. His subject this year is "Let There be Light." Two years ago he posed the question "Epsom Salts For Roses?", while last year he took us "Inside a Rose Cane." The way he simplifies a complex subject means for many of us that the light actually comes on. **So if YOU want the light to come on**, you don't want to miss Char's Arrangement Seminar, Rich's photos, and Gary's exploration into how roses work, and why his explanation will help you grow better roses.

The weekend will conclude with our Consulting Rosarian and Horticulture Judging audits (quite a few of our members need to register for the audits) and possibly a school (if we can attract enough interest in being a CR).

We'll also have some other guests (including the current President of the ARS, the immediate Past President who is currently our Regional Director, and the District Director from New York), we'll conduct a little business, and we'll have our usual stock of fun things: photo contest winners, silent auction items of unique rose stuff, a raffle of local society gift baskets, and awards for Outstanding CR, Out-standing Judge, Lifetime Achievement Award, and the District's Silver Honor Medal.

Finally, we have a person coming that can personalize any item of apparel with your favorite rose photo. You only have to bring a digital image of whatever it is that you want displayed on a t-shirt, polo shirt, hat, or whatever, and it will be done as you wait. The cost will vary depending on the item you choose. This has already been done at one of our local rose shows this year and proved to be extremely popular.





**JACK KILEY
PNW DISTRICT
DIRECTOR**

So, end your rose year on a high note, get acquainted with other local society members in the District, and get educated by the best and brightest. Please register for the District's Fall Conference, October 22 – 24, 2010, at The Heathman Lodge, Vancouver, Washington (and make sure your room reservations are part of the District's allocation).

BUT COME ONLY IF YOU LOVE ROSES!

**SOME OF MY BEST ROSES FOR ARRANGEMENTS
by Designing Woman**

Not all roses are created equal! Some have great color, some have great form, some have great fragrance, and some have great 'holding power'. Only a few have all of the qualities needed or desired for rose arrangements. It is such a disappointment to compose a lovely rose arrangement for the dining table only to have shattered petals on the tablecloth just as the guests arrive. The same thought applies for an arrangement made for a rose show. No award is given for rose petals on the show table. So, I keep a list and my list of good roses for arrangements continues to evolve year after year.



**'GEMINI'
HYBRID TEA**

I have found that roses that do not hold long are generally those with fewer petals. Yet, that is not always true, either. Many old garden roses with hundreds of petals can shatter faster than 'Playboy', my husband's favorite single floribunda. A rose I would rarely use in a design is the single shrub 'Golden Wings', which is very difficult to get to a show with all petals intact. Another popular rose is a white hybrid tea, 'Pristine,' which is as beautiful as porcelain, and just about as fragile. From this, you can see that you must experiment with your roses to see which ones are reliable in a rose arrangement. It is trial and error. Of course, the conditioning of the particular rose is a given.

Some of the roses that hold well: 'Fame', 'Black Magic', 'Kardinal', 'Andrea Stelzer', 'Freedom', 'Gemini', 'Ingrid Bergman', 'LeAnn Rimes', 'Lynn Anderson', 'Marilyn Monroe', 'Octoberfest', 'Savoy Hotel', 'Signature', 'Sunstruck' and 'Sunset Celebration'.

Some disappointing roses of the newer ones: 'Legends', 'Strike it Rich', 'Paradise Found', 'Change of Heart', 'Gentle Giant', 'Pink Promise', and 'Candelabra'.



**'MARILYN
MONORE'
HYBRID TEA**

My experience with many of the David Austin Shrubs as used in arrangements has not been encouraging. Some with heavy petal count and large bloom size like 'Abraham Darby' and 'L.D. Braithwaite' are better than 'Gertrude Jekyll' and 'Golden Celebration'. 'Mary Rose', 'Heritage' and 'Falstaff' also shatter easily. Selecting Austin roses a little before fully open will give better results.

Happy arranging, DW

ARS NEW PUBLICATION

The American Rose Society is planning an e-Newsletter. They would like to send it to all members of local Rose Societies, whether they belong to the ARS or not. In order to do that, they will need your email address. If you are interested in getting this e-Newsletter, please let me know (barbaralind@mac.com) by sending me an email authorizing me to send them your email address.

There will also be a sign-up list at our September meeting.

DEADHEADING, 2010

COME JOIN
THE FUN!



REGISTRATION FOR FALL CONFERENCE

Please print the participant(s) name(s) in the following form as you want them to appear on nametags. The Registration fee includes Saturday lunch and breaks, and is \$45/person, prior to October 1. On / after October 1, the Registration fee is \$60 per person. Other fees remain the same. Additional fees apply for those attending the Arrangement Seminar, the Consulting Rosarian School, and the Horticulture Judging Audit. Please make your check for the total amount, payable to the Pacific Northwest District. Send this registration form or a facsimile, along with payment to: John Sitton, 1120 25th Avenue SW, Albany, OR 97321.

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| Regular District Meeting, Luncheon and Breaks | Pre Oct. 1 | On/after Oct. 1 |
| 1. _____ | \$45 | \$60 |
| 2. _____ | \$45 | \$60 |
| Arrangement Seminar | | |
| 1. _____ | \$15 | |
| (to help cover the cost of the room) | | |
| 2. _____ | \$15 | |
| (to help cover the cost of the room) | | |
| Horticulture Judging Audit | | |
| 1. _____ | \$20 | |
| (to help cover the cost of the room) | | |
| 2. _____ | \$20 | |
| (to help cover the cost of the room) | | |
| Consulting Rosarian Seminar/School (On Sunday) | | |
| 1. _____ | \$20 | |
| (bring a \$10 check to the ARS for the exam fee) | | |
| 2. _____ | \$20 | |
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| Consulting Rosarian Audit (on Sunday) | | |
| 1. _____ | \$20 | |
| Local Society: _____ | | |
| Total Enclosed: _____ | | |

DO THE PUYALLUP!

September is here and that means “back to school” and “The Fair”! It is a lot of fun to enter your roses at the fair. And, you get in free so you can enjoy the rest of the fair after you enter your roses. You should know that vases and wedging are provided. The shows are held in the Floral Building (at the Red Gate on 9th Avenue S.W.) Special entry tags are provided and there will be people to help you. And, if you win ribbons, you get money! You can get the complete information about the fair at their website www.thefair.com. Here is the basic information from that website:

Three complete shows will be held, each of which include divisions for Juniors and Novices. The shows are open to all rose growers. A society membership is not required. An exhibitor may enter as many as 6 entries in each class but may not enter more than two roses of each variety in a single class.

The first show will be held on Sunday, September 13, the second show will be held on Sunday, September 20 (sponsored by the **Tacoma Rose Society**) and the third show will be held on Saturday, September 26. Entries may be made the previous night between 7pm and 9pm or 6am to 9am the day of the show. Judging will begin at 10:30am on the show day. NO exhibitors will be allowed in the building during judging. Roses will be judged according to American Rose Society alphabetical rules. Entries after 9am will be considered for display only. Entries may not be removed before Monday, September 24.



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

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

Website:

www.tacomarosesociety.org

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 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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