

Queen's Herald



Seattle Sunrise



Crown Princess



Baronne Prevost



Julia Child

UPCOMING EVENTS

February Meeting
Wednesday, February 18
Pt. Defiance/Rustin Senior Center

Pruning Pt. Defiance Rose Garden
Saturday, March 7

Garden Sale
Pt. Defiance Pagoda
Saturday March 21

TRS Rose Show
Saturday, June 13



President, Debbie Jackson



'The Poet's Wife'
English, deep yellow

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



JANUARY BANQUET - SATURDAY, JAN 24

Program - World Federation of Roses in Fukuyama, Japan
John Moe, Faith Gant, Elena Williams

Our Annual Banquet will be held on Saturday January 24. Our banquet committee, led by Keith Ripley & Jo Martin, has a great afternoon planned for us. The doors will be open at 9:30am for anyone who would like to help with the room setup. We start at noon with time to chat with fellow members.

Our TRS President Debbie Jackson will welcome everyone and we will have a toast with sparkling cider. Then it is time to check out the silent auction items. If you have any items you would like to donate, please bring them to the banquet. Items to donate include just about anything including rose related items such as books, vases, tools, etc. (We will have silent auctions with roses starting in February).

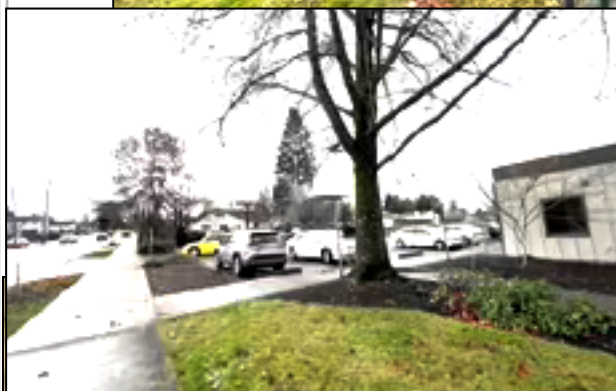
*The dinner, starting at about 1pm, is potluck. The TRS will provide the decorations, coffee, tea, plates, utensils, ham, etc. Please bring your favorite salad, hot dish or dessert. After dinner we will have the installation of TRS officers for 2026. **Our program will be given by TRS John Moe, Faith Gant, and Elena Williams.** They will be sharing their trip to Japan for the World Federation of Roses in May, 2025.*

NEW MEETING LOCATION & MEETING NIGHT CHANGE

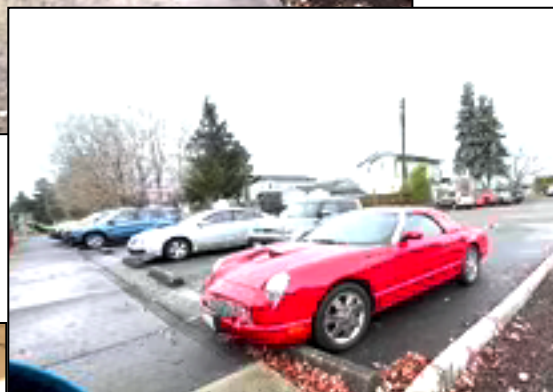
Gloria Dei Church signed a lease with a company to use the meeting room we usually meet in and the floor above. They wanted us to continue to meet there in the hallway with the restrooms and the area in front of the chapel. We would have to bring up tables and chairs from the basement and return them after the meeting. We decided to look for a new location. We feel that we have found a great new meeting place. Thanks to Ava Brock for finding this location.

*The **Point Defiance/Rustin Senior Center is located at 4716 N. Baltimore Street** in Tacoma which is near Pt Defiance. It has a very nice meeting room with a full kitchen. There are parking places on both sides of the building. There are no steps to navigate. The price is also great. We were paying \$100 per meeting at Gloria Dei Church. The meeting rent at the Senior Center is \$25 per meeting. **Starting in February, our usual meeting night will change to Wednesday.***

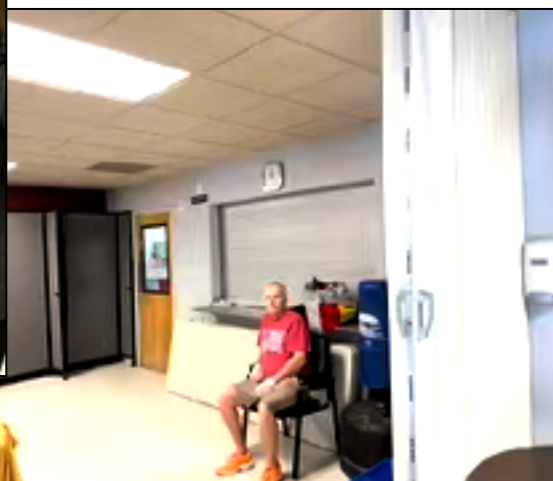
This Senior Center is very popular and is used a lot. There is a big screen TV with HDMI hookup for our meetings along with a sound system. Here are some photos.



**Parking on
both sides
of the
building.**



**Main meeting room with AV
equipment.**



**Second meeting room with dividers.
The kitchen is adjacent to this room
with access via a door & a counter
with a sliding divider.**



These are some the Austin roses that Raft Island Roses will have in 2026. Some of the older Austins have not been readily available.



'Crown Princess Margarita'
English, apricot blend



'Darcy Bustle'
English, red blend



'Desdemona'
English, white



'Eustacia Vye'
English, orange pink

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Debbie Jackson

.... And Just Like That 2025 is Over...As Is My 2 years Of Being the Tacoma Rose Society's President.

I want to Thank every member of the Tacoma Rose Society for helping to educate, lead and mentor me during my 2 years of being the President. I have to say that the Board has been unbelievably helpful in sharing their expertise and knowledge so that the TRS continues to be the BEST Rose Society in WA State! To all our members---our long-term and our newbies.... Thank you for being a part of the TRS and for accepting my 2 yrs of leadership.

I would not have accepted the nomination if it hadn't been for Jo Martin's assurance that she would be there to help guide me and share her immense knowledge of how things run and even how/where we needed to grow, build and maintain our membership! Jo was willing to help review and edit my early President's Message and make suggestions and even send out some Kudos! We are ALL so lucky to have Jo Martin as a leader of the TRS!

Bruce and Barbara Lind are also two longtime TRS members and Board Members who are willing to share their knowledge and expertise on how things are usually run for MANY of our events. They are also open to changing things up so that newer board members or general members can share their experiences or expertise to benefit TRS. We continue to offer ZOOM for members not able to make it to our meetings and they are on board for ways to continue to see us grow and attract more members and even some younger members.

One of the ways we have been able to reach out to many members, and some who are not even members...but they are "followers"is that we ramped up our Social Media content. With the help of Justin Williams-Ruth, Lori Bier and Steve Mitchell, our Instagram, Facebook and website have reached MANY more people than ever before...bringing people to the meetings, March Rose Sale, the Annual November Auction and our 1-time TRS Garage Sale! Steve has worked with Barbara on how he posts the Queen's Herald on our website to make it even more beautiful...now every picture "pops" in beautiful colors!

The Tacoma Rose Society offers every member a chance to find their niche and help to run the Society and to keep the traditions going but also move us into the continuing changing future! For the upcoming New Year, I encourage you to continue to engage in any/all the events...any event that you find joy in and even try one or two events out that you haven't yet tried....you might find something you really like!

*Again, Thank you for your membership, and engagement in the oldest and BEST Rose Society in WA state! I hope to see you at our January 24th Banquet, where all the new officers will be installed and you can start putting your "2026 TRS" To Do list together. **We will be at our NEW location - Pt. Defiance-Ruston Senior Center-4716 N. Baltimore Tacoma 98407.***

Happy New Year---Debbie Jackson

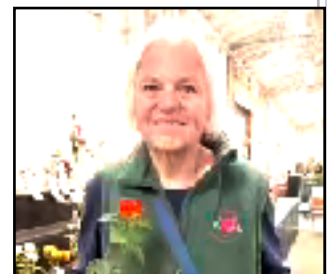
A ROSE PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Elena Williams, ARS Master Consulting Rosarian

A cautionary reminder to wear gloves and keep your tetanus shot up to date.

Have you ever been stuck by a rose thorn/prickle? I have, hundreds of times. Do you always remember to put on a pair of gloves on your way out to the garden? No, not every time. Have you ever gone out to the rose garden to "just pick up a few" cut canes because tomorrow is yard waste pick-up day? Oh sure...

This is a description of a "perfect storm" of conditions



that shocked me the week of November 9-13. Sunday was the day I was stuck by two thorns and I thought nothing of it. By Tuesday, my left middle finger was swollen and discolored. I went to Urgent Care where they wrapped up my finger, gave me antibiotics and ibuprofen, and an appointment the next day at the orthopedic hand surgeon. Now I am really shocked! The doc scheduled surgery for the next day and explained that she needed to clean out the puss from a tendon before there was a risk of sepsis. What? All this from prickles and punctures which has happened to me hundreds of times in the past. The recovery from surgery has been slow. Avoid this at all costs. **Wear gloves.**

**TRS OFFICERS , BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND SPECIAL ADVISORY BOARD
FOR 2026**

OFFICERS:

President: Justin Williams-Ruth
1st Vice President: Malcolm Davis
2nd Vice President: Teresa Berg
Secretary: Michelle Regan
Treasurer: Barbara Lind

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Lori Bier
Elena Williams
Ron Bryan
Sally Eastman
Stephanie Krilich
Past President: Debbie Jackson

SPECIAL ADVISORY BOARD

(Permanent positions)

Gracie Baker
Keith Ripley

Jo Martin
John Moe

Ava Brock
Bruce Lind

ROSE SHOW CO-CHAIRS

Malcolm Davis
Bruce Lind
Ava Brock

**Ask the Consulting Rosarian
John Moe, ARS Master Rosarian**

Q – In your program last fall you mentioned a dormant spray. Is it worthwhile or is it a waste of time? I really don't want to spend some time all decked up for winter weather messing with my roses. If I decide to do it, can I or is it too late?

A – No, it really isn't a waste of time! Most rosarians do not get around to it but do get your sprayer out and do it if you can! Your roses will really love it when they start to grow next spring. Dormant spraying is a very cost-effective method of disease and insect control.

Basically, it is horticultural oil with an emulsifier and a spreader sticker. A dormant spray will help to kill overwintering insects and disease organisms.



'Gabrial Oake'
English, deep pink



'Gertrude Jekyll'
English, medium pink



'James Galway'
English, light pink



'James L Austin'
English, deep pink



'Lady of Shalot'
English, orange blend



'Molineux'
English, deep yellow



'Olivia Rose Austin'
English, medium pink
ARS Members' Choice
+ Fragrance Winner



**'Princess Alexander
of Kent'**
English, medium pink

Horticultural oils also disrupt the development of insect eggs. The oil also traps overwintering fungal spores on canes and leaf axils and prevents them from spreading come spring. The spray needs 24 hours above freezing to be effective – so be aware of pending weather. Remember to clean your sprayer. Picked up 16 oz bottle of concentrate at Lowes for \$13.00 - will make 6 gal of spray.

Q – I received a pair of Barnel pruners for Christmas and although they look great, I have often heard both you and Bruce mention Felcos. What do you think of the Barnels? Are they comparable?

*A - Congratulations on your gift! You did receive a quality piece of hardware that will last you a lifetime. Barnel pruners are made with Japanese sword steel blades, have replaceable parts and are available in right and left-handed models as well as some for small hands. The Swiss made Felco's have been the standard of the industry for years, but the Barnel's are right up there with them! They are comparable in price with the Felco's, so I would recommend either brand. I have both and use them regularly. Both are easy to sharpen and hold their edge for a long time! This is also a good time to check the rest of your garden tools for serviceability, and if you are considering replacements, do some checking at the **Tacoma Home and Garden show Jan 29-Feb 1, or the Northwest Flower and Garden show in Seattle Feb 18-22 for some good bargains!***

Q – The November auction was great! I did bring home several roses in 2 and 3-gallon containers that I didn't have the opportunity to plant at the time. I haven't done much winter protection for them either other than pruning them down some and putting them under my deck so they will be out of the snow. I can't recall your suggestions for protecting containerized roses. Can you tell me again?

A – Can do! We know we will have some harsh winter weather with many cold nights ahead for January and February. So being your roses are in fairly small containers, you really should do some more protection if you want them to survive! Roses in wood or plastic containers (5-gal or larger) generally survive if the bud union is well protected. Those in clay or smaller than 5-gal plastic need to be put in a warmer area or buried – if buried, cover bud union well with a good mulch. If you put them in your garage or covered area, be sure to water about once a month. Another option is to group them together (out of the wind if possible) and cover with leaves, mulch or wrap in a frost cloth like Agfabric or Reemay (both available from Amazon) to protect from drying winter winds.

TACOMA HOME & GARDEN SHOW 2026 **By Keith Ripley, ARS Master Rosarian**

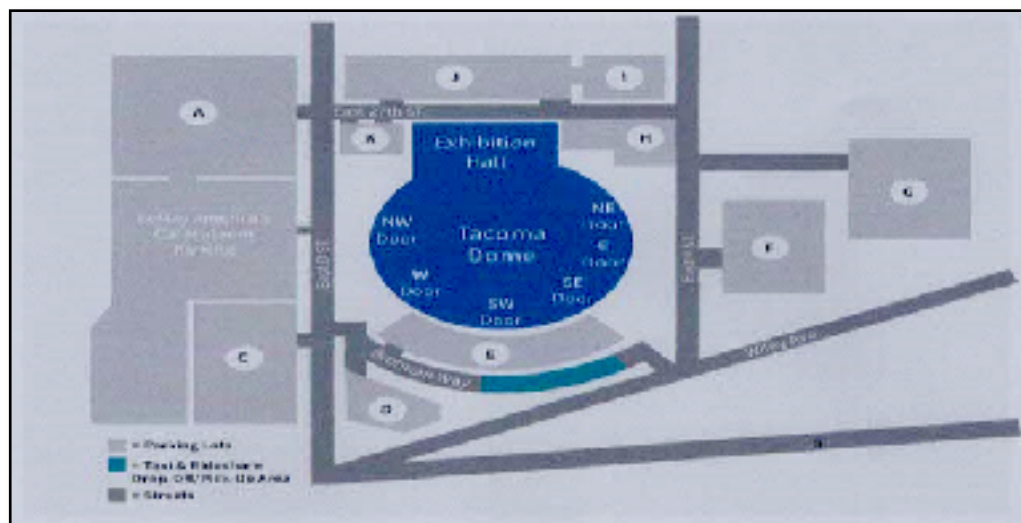
*The upcoming Tacoma Home & Garden Show is being held at the Tacoma Dome from Thursday January 29th to Sunday February 1st, 2026. **Our booth space, #1014**, is located in the Exhibition Hall, which is on the north side of the Dome. Since our booth space is complimentary, it is understood that it is subject to change for another space as sales expand or contract.*

*This article is a call to let you know that **we are in need of four more TRS members to volunteer to be in our booth** to converse about rose culture and answer attendee's questions. **We need two members to work the 1:30 to 4:00 pm shift on both Thursday and Friday.** If you have already been assigned a shift and can work one of these two shifts also, please let Keith know. His phone number is on the back of this newsletter.*



When you come to the show for your shift, there is no entry fee and parking is always free. Please park in lots F or G on the East side of the Dome. Then, enter the Dome through the NE door. Once inside, turn to the left and go down the first hallway to the show office. If you have walked over the huge "Office" sign, pick yourself up and turn into the Office where they will help you obtain your booth badge, which is needed to have access to the show floor. Then, walk across to the northwest side of the dome and go into the Exhibition Hall to booth 1014. Please read and abide by the booth DO's and Don'ts list.

As soon as you finish your shift—please go straight back to the Show Office and return your badge as we only get 5 badges and the next volunteer will have to have your badge to get into the show. If you lose your badge it will cost \$7.00 to replace it. Other than following a few rules, this will be a most enjoyable experience for you—as it has been for me over the last 14 years. Thank you for your participation!



**2025 TRS Booth at the
Home and Garden**



**'Tranquility'
English, white**



**'Wollerton Hall'
English, apricot blend**



**'Princess Anne'
English, medium pink**



**'Queen of Sweden'
English, light pink**



**'Roald Dahl'
English, apricot blend**



**'Strawberry Hill'
English, light pink**

LOOKING AHEAD TO TRS EVENTS IN 2026

Bruce Lind, ARS Master Rosarian



'Teasing Georgia'
English, yellow blend



'Tess of the d'Urbervilles'
English, dark red



'The Alnwick Rose'
English, pink blend



Charlotte Chalker

It is not too soon to start thinking about what we will be doing together at TRS events in 2026 and also what we will be doing in our home gardens in early 2026.

*In January the focus for TRS is on our Annual Banquet and for us in our own gardens it is time to be sure that we have all our winter protection complete as soon as possible. For those of us who purchased roses at the November rose auction and sale we should be protecting our new plants so they don't suffer from the cold. Be sure to **take another look at John Moe's Q & A Column** on how to do the best job for our newest roses. Also, those of us who are fostering the plants to be sold at 2026 TRS fundraisers need to do the same things (to more plants).*

February will feature our regular TRS meeting and program with some discussion of early pruning so we are ready for the annual TRS Pruning of the Pt. Defiance Rose Garden on Saturday March 7th. In our home gardens we should be keeping an eye out for any storm/weather damage and pruning as necessary to fix any problems.

In addition to our regular March meeting, TRS sponsors two major events in March; Pruning the Pt. Defiance Garden on the 7th and the Garden Sale at the Pagoda on Saturday, March 21st. As usual, we can use all the help we can get and we hope all of us can work together on the special events. Many hands help the work go faster and we will have fun catching up with our fellow pruners and sale helpers.

If we are lucky, the weather will be warming up in April and our chores will become Spring Chores. Of course our Spring Chores will be fewer and easier if we keep up with our winter chores. When you see me please remind me to "practice what I preach"! May 2026 be a great year of Roses, Fun, and Friendship for the Tacoma Rose Society!

*PS: Please make sure to **save Saturday, June 13, 2026 for the Annual Tacoma Rose Society Rose Show**. We will have the show in the University of Puget Sound Rotunda and we need all of you and your roses so we have the best possible show!*

IN CELEBRATION OF CHARLOTTE NYGREN CHALKER, ESQ.

*Please join us on **Saturday, January 17th from 11am to 4pm at the Tacoma Country and Golf Club** for a celebration of life. The TCGC was one of my mother's favorite places for dinner and special events, so it is fitting to have her last party here. There will be refreshments and ample time for visiting with friends. We'll have a short program around 12:00 during which we hope you will consider sharing a special memory of Charlotte with other guests.*

In lieu of flowers/gifts, please consider donating to one of the programs that my mother supported over the years.

*Pacific Lutheran University
Tacoma Art Museum
YMCA of Pierce & Kitsap County.*

Please note:

If you are planning to attend, please let me know by Jan. 10. You can respond in an email to this email with the QH or by calling me (phone number on last page). They need to know how many people to expect in terms of refreshments. I will reply with directions to the Tacoma Country and Golf Club.

