

Queen's Herald



Seattle Sunrise



Crown Princess



Baronne Prevost



Julia Child

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Meeting

Annual Picnic

**Saturday, August 15
Noon**

**Roses added to the
Pt. Defiance Rose
Garden in 2026**



**Desmond Tutu
Shrub, medium red**



**Distant Drums
Floribunda, mauve**



**Gabriel Oake
English, deep pink**



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

AUGUST MEETING - ANNUAL PICNIC

*The Tacoma Rose Society's annual picnic will be held on **Saturday, August 15 at the home of Justin & Brent Williams-Ruth.** It will start at noon, and we will plan to have food ready to eat at 1PM. TRS will provide coffee, water, cups, plates and silverware. Please come and bring a potluck dish to share with the group. As a loose guide for ideas of what to bring, If your last name starts with A-H please bring a salad, I-P, a dessert, Q-Z, a hot dish. That said, if there is something you really want to bring, but you are not on that list, please be sure to bring it anyway! We will likely be short on chairs. If you can bring some, that would be great. Carpooling is encouraged. **It will be lots of fun!***

Justin & Brent's home and rose garden are located at 34585 56th CT S; Auburn, WA 98001. They are situated between two roads (56th CT S, is the front of the house and 56th Avenue S is behind them). There is street parking with the most available street parking in the back along 56th Avenue South. Please pay attention to where there are No Parking signs. The front door will be unlocked, as will the gates to the back yard where we will be planning to have all the fun - help yourself in (there will be a photo of a rose on the door so you don't have to worry about walking through the wrong house).

Something to highlight this year is that we want to expand who we are welcoming into our community - while this is hosted by the Tacoma Rose Society, please feel free to invite your friends from other groups who may enjoy themselves and be interested in coming to South King County. If you have any questions, please reach out to justinowill1@gmail.com directly.



POST TACOMA ROSE SHOW

WHAT AM I TO DO IN JULY AND AUGUST??!

The 2026 Tacoma Rose Show was a beautiful rose and rose lovers filled event! The UPS Rotunda continues to be a beautiful place to showcase everyone's roses! One person signed our Guest Book and stated, "Just happy to be here!" I believe many of us agree with that statement and we hope to return there for our 2027 Rose Show!!!

So, now what will you do after the Rose Show??? We have many more months of beautiful rose blooms to come, so keep up with your spraying and fertilizing routine so that your roses continue to flourish and you have roses for any of the remaining Rose Shows and the Fairs across the state! Remember the Horticulture sections of the fairs need and want you to enter as this gives their visitors something beautiful to look at and smell! Remember...your entry can earn you \$\$\$ and get the TRS name out there...how many TRS members can be winners at the summertime fairs!!! Can't wait to hear the results at the September meeting!!!

WASHINGTON STATE FAIR

The Washington State Fair Rose Shows will be held on the first three Sundays in September. **An email with information about how to get registered and ready for the Fair Shows will be sent to TRS members in mid August.**

Bruce Lind has arranged for Judges for all three shows. Keith Ripley has arranged for volunteers for our informational booth on Sunday September 20. Thanks to everyone who volunteered. Be sure to put those dates on your calendar. Remember, if you bring roses to exhibit for the Rose Show, you get in for free! The Fair is always a lot of fun.



POINT DEFIANCE ROSE GARDEN NEWS

Keith Ripley ARS Master Rosarian

The TRS Deadheading Season at Point Defiance Park Rose Garden has just entered the second half on July 23, 2026. So far, we have been blessed with as many as 14 Deadheaders (June 25th) to as little as 7 (July 16), when our total hours for that day were down to 10 members. Never the less, we were energized and eager to get the roses deadheaded and we did it in just 1 ¾ hours each. Then too, this was on a very stormy morning where it mostly rained with lots of lightning and thunder. Yet, all of this did not stop us from completing our intended work schedule. None of us got very wet and we enjoyed getting our work finished rather quickly.

Scheduling our Deadheading Sessions for the early morning hours has paid off in the most recent days when the temperatures have climbed to the 80's and 90's in the afternoons. We hope to see you deadheading at the Rose Gardens soon. Remember it is every Thursday from 9 AM to 12 noon. Come on - you will enjoy it!

Come also to the Rose Gardens to enjoy all the expert care Teresa Berg has given to the Wishing Well Garden over the past year. Weeds and dead wood are gone and not all bushes are named-yet. However, it has, once again, bloomed into its usual loveliness.

TRS has replaced many older roses in the gardens this past spring and they are thriving. Our Editor, Barbara Lind, has placed some photos of these new roses around the borders of articles in the Queen's Herald for your learning experience. Be on the lookout for them in the newsletter and in the Rose Garden look for large colored tags on these newest bushes. Come join us for some great comradery and happy treasure hunting. You not only will feel refreshed—you will be refreshed.



Living the Dream
Grandiflora, yell blend



Martha Stewart
Hybrid tea, pink blend



Maurice Utrillo
Hybrid tea, red blend



Olivia Rose Austin
English, medium pink



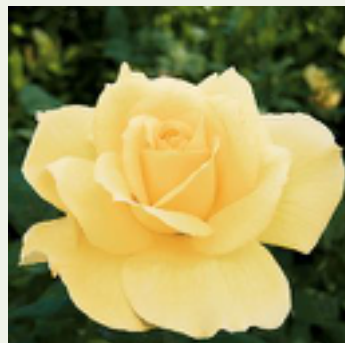
Princes Alexandra of Kent
English, medium pink



Princes Anne
English, medium pink



Princesse Charlene de Monaco
Hybrid tea, Light pink



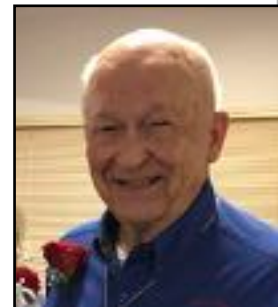
Summer Love
Hybrid tea
Medium yellow

ASK THE CONSULTING ROSARIAN

John Moe, ARS Master Rosarian

Q – With the warm weather we are having, I probably need to water more often, but do I need to change my watering schedule or do anything different as I really don't want to lose any of my roses?

A – You might not have to, but do you know your system is working properly! Water is vital for your roses! What you might do is to go out when the system is running (it is quite light at 0500 so hopefully your neighbor won't be calling the Police about a burglar) and see that water covers your beds as you designed. Often bits of sediment can and do plug up the tiny holes in a dripper/sprayer/etc. as Bruce described in his June program when he was talking about a filter in your system and that has changed the pattern, so you might need to make some adjustments. Are you giving them enough water? Check your soil first – dig down several inches and if the soil feels dry to your touch, water is needed! You might need to change your watering schedule temporarily until it gets cooler. Water early in the morning when air is still and cool, as this prevents water from evaporating or drying in the wind before the plants receive adequate water to meet the demands of the hot afternoon sun. Water until the soil is saturated to the root level of the plants. This encourages roots to form deep in the soil, where light watering causes roots to form near the surface. As a result the plants depend on you for watering as soon as the top few inches become dry. Plants with deep roots are better able to withstand these periods of hot weather. Most plants are OK with deep watering a couple of times a week, but during these hot dry spells you may need to water more often. Now I water every other day. Water container grown plants more often. Develop a regular routine and check your garden often to prevent the stress from lack of water.



2026 TACOMA ROSE SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS

Bruce Lind, ARS Master Rosarian

On Friday afternoon at 4pm a team of TRS members showed up to make the Rotunda ready for the Rose Show. Photography display stands were assembled, horticultural and arrangement tables were covered, trophy tables were set up. Thanks to Trophy Chair Ron Bryan who did an amazing job.

5:30 AM is an early start, but a crew of early rising TRS members were at the Rotunda on Show Day, June 13, to prepare the setup area for show entries. Many TRS members volunteered to get everything ready to welcome our guests to the 2026 Tacoma Rose Society Annual Rose Show. The coffee was percolating as folks set to work unloading exhibit prep tables and box upon box of vases, containers, and display props. About 6:15am exhibitors began arriving to put finishing touches on their floral arrangements and get their blooms and photographs ready for the show. In due course the horticultural entry tables were filling up very nicely. The floribundas, hybrid teas, and shrubs – really roses of all types were plentifully present.

Once again, we had the arrangement tables filled from end to end. This year's show theme was "Celebrating 250 Years with Roses in America" with each arrangement class having a title that suggested an historical event in the world of roses. TRS designers as well as visitors were well represented, and the top awards went to truly special designs. Well done, Arrangers!

2026 Tacoma Rose Show Awards

2026 Arrangement Awards

ARR	AWARD / DONOR	WINNER	Rose(s)
1ARR	ARS GOLD CERTIFICATE	Leandra Thorne	Bliss Parfume
2ARR	ARS SILVER CERTIFICATE	Megan Barnes	Sugar Moon
3ARR	ARS BRONZE CERTIFICATE	Megan Barnes	Sally Holmes
4ARR	ARS ROYALTY AWARD L	Leandra Thorne	Bliss Parfume
5ARR	ARS ARTIST'S AWARD	Keith Ripley	South Africa
6ARR	ARS EAST ASIAN AWARD	Megan Barnes	Sugar Moon
7ARR	ARS DUCHESS AWARD	No entry	
8ARR	ARS DUKE AWARD	Megan Barnes	Sally Holmes
9ARR	ARS Court of Etiquette	Leandra Thorne	Sigrid
10ARR	ARS MINI GOLD CERT	Judy Fleck	Sweet Marilyn
11ARR	ARS MINI SILVER CERT	Elena Williams	Sweet Diana
12ARR	ARS MINI BRONZE CERT	Judy Fleck	Bobbi Sox
13ARR	ARS MINI ROYALTY AWARD	Judy Fleck	Sweet Marilyn
14ARR	ARS MINI ARTIST'S AWARD	Keith Ripley	Sweet Revenge
15ARR	ARS MINI EAST ASIAN AWARD	Elena Williams	Sweet Diana
16ARR	ARS BEST NOVICE ARR AW	Ariel Jamieson	South Africa
17ARR	BEST AMATEUR ARR AWARD	Leandra Thorne	Bliss Parfume
18ARR	BEST ADV AMATEUR ARR	Megan Barnes	Sally Holmes
19ARR	ARS JUNIOR ARR AWARD	Jonathan Barnes	Signature
20ARR	BEST IN SHOW DESIGN	Leandra Thorne	Bliss Parfume



**St. Tropez
Floribunda
Apricot blend**



**Sunbeam Veranda
Floribunda, deep
yellow**

2026 HORTICULTURE AWARDS

<i>BEST IN SHOW.</i>	<i>Ava Brock</i>	<i>'Flower Girl'</i>
<i>QUEEN OF SHOW</i>	<i>Gretchen & Michael Humphrey</i>	<i>'Marilyn Monroe'</i>
<i>KING OF SHOW</i>	<i>Ken Sheppard.</i>	<i>'ARC Angel'</i>
<i>PRINCESS OF SHOW</i>	<i>Gretchen & Michael Humphrey</i>	<i>'Solitaire'</i>
<i>MINIATURE QUEEN</i>	<i>Caroline Fredette.</i>	<i>'Alysheba'</i>
<i>MINIATURE KING</i>	<i>Jo Martin</i>	<i>'Sweet Revenge'</i>
<i>MINIATURE PRINCESS</i>	<i>Betsy Rezba</i>	<i>'Irresistible'</i>
<i>SHOW THEME CHALLENGE</i>	<i>No entry</i>	
<i>COLORAMA CHALLENGE</i>	<i>No Entry</i>	
<i>JUDIE PHILLIPS MEMORIAL CHALL.</i>	<i>Gretchen & Mike Humphrey</i>	<i>'English Garden', 'Sharifa Asma', 'Lady Gardener'</i>
<i>BLECKERT CHALLENGE</i>	<i>Teresa Berg</i>	<i>'Baby Love'</i>
<i>FLORIBUNDA CHALLENGE</i>	<i>Betsy Rezba</i>	<i>'Hannah Gordon', 'Europeana', 'Julia Child'</i>
<i>PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE</i>	<i>No Entry</i>	
<i>BLOOM CYCLE CHALLENGE</i>	<i>No Entry</i>	
<i>OGR CHALLENGE</i>	<i>Ken Sheppard</i>	<i>'Charles de Mills', 'Tuscany Superb', 'Louise Odier'</i>
<i>ROSE IN A BOWL</i>	<i>Gretchen & Michael Humphrey</i>	<i>'Sunstruck'</i>
<i>HT/GR PORTRAIT CHALLENGE</i>	<i>Gretchen & Michael Humphrey</i>	<i>'Savoy Hotel'</i>
<i>MINI BLOOM CYCLE</i>	<i>Barbara Lind</i>	<i>'Sweet Marilyn'</i>
<i>MINI ENGLISH BOX</i>	<i>Caroline Fredette</i>	<i>'Joy'</i>
<i>MITCHIE MOE CHALLENGE</i>	<i>No Entry</i>	
<i>FRAGRANCE CHALLENGE</i>	<i>Justin Williams-Ruth</i>	<i>'Martha Stewart'</i>
<i>BEST OPEN BLOOM</i>	<i>Ken Sheppard</i>	<i>'ARC Angel'</i>
<i>BEST 3 HT/GR SPRAYS</i>	<i>Gretchen & Michael Humphrey</i>	<i>'Whisper'</i>
<i>BEST HT/GR SPRAY</i>	<i>Elena Williams</i>	<i>'South Africa'</i>
<i>BEST 3 HT/GR SPRAYS</i>	<i>No Entry</i>	



**Tess of the
D'ubervilles
English, dark red**



**Tranquility
English, Light pink**



**Veranda Cream
Floribunda, Apricot
blend**



**Veranda Lavender
Floribunda, mauve**



**Voodoo
Hybrid tea, orange
blend**



**Wollerton Old Hall
English,
apricot blend**

BEST FLORIBUNDA SPRAY
BEST 3 FLORIBUNDA SPRAYS
BEST 1 BLOOM FLORIBUNDA
BEST CLIMBER
BEST CLASSIC SHRUB
BEST MODERN SHRUB
BEST POLYANTHA
DOWAGER QUEEN
VICTORIAN AWARD
GENESIS AWARD
BEST SEEDLING
'Lynn'

BEST 1 BLOOM MINIFLORA
BEST 3 MINI/MINIFLORAs
BEST MINI/MINIFLORA SPRAY
BEST 1 BLOOM SINGLE
MINI/MINIFLORA
BEST MINI/MINIFLORA
OPEN BLOOM
BEST SMALL GARDEN
NOVICE BEST FLORIBUNDA
BEST JUNIOR HORTICULTURE
QUEEN OF PHOTOGRAPHS
KING OF PHOTOGRAPHS
PRINCESS OF PHOTOGRAPHS
BEST JUNIOR PHOTOGRAPH

Caroline Fredette
Caroline Fredette
Betsy Rezba
Ken Sheppard
Mary Hoover
Ava Brock
No Entry
Ken Sheppard
Tom & Laura Jowett
Bruce Lind
John Moe

Barbara Lind
No Entry
Jo Martin

Teresa Berg

Caroline Fredette
Sally Eastman
Cheryl Giddings
Jonathan Barnes
Barbara Lind
Faith Gant
Bruce Lind
No Entry

'Julia Child'
'Julia Child'
'Pensioner's Voice'
'Altissimo'
'Ballerina'
'Flower Girl'

'Tuscany Superb'
'Rose de Rescht'
'R. Gallica Officinalis'
'Liverpool Echo' x

'Sweet Marilyn'

'Mariotta'

'Baby Love'

'X-Rated'
'Fashion Forward'
'Colorific'
'Barbara Streisand'
'Crescendo'
Rose Activity
'Emma G'







TRS JULY SALE



TRS DEADHEADERS

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\$20 per member/family/calendar year

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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 Wednesday of the months of Feb – June and Sept. – Nov. Annual banquet is in January with a picnic in July/August.

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

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Exit and travel Northbound (right) on Pearl
St (like you were headed to Pt. Defiance
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then left on N. Baltimore. The Ruston
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