

Queen's Herald



Seattle Sunrise



Crown Princess Margareta



Baronne Prevost



Julia Child

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday September 16
at 6:30 pm at the Pt.
Defiance Ruston Senior
Center**

**Washington State Fair
Rose Shows**

September 6, 13 and 20



Justin Williams-Ruth

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



SEPTEMBER MEETING, WEDNESDAY, SEPT 16, 6:30PM "ROSE SHOW 'N' TELL"

We will start our meeting at 7PM with a Clinic by Bruce Lind about what to do in your garden in early Fall. Please bring your questions about Fall rose/garden care. Following that he will be asking you to share which roses did well in your garden this summer.

Our program this month involves the audience. Please cut and bring some roses from your garden. We will ask you to tell us about your rose: how well it did this summer, any problems with disease, what do you like about it, is it fragrant, etc. We might have additional information to share about your rose. We are looking forward to having everyone share their love of roses with us.

We look forward to seeing YOU at the meeting.

Zoom invitations for the September meeting

If you would like a Zoom Invitation, please let us know by responding to this email. The success of the Zoom session is entirely dependent on the strength and steadiness of the wi-fi signal at the Ruston Senior Center. We will do the best with what we have..

Treats for the September Meeting

Please feel free to bring something to our September Meeting.

Door Prizes for the Meeting

Please think about something you could bring for the door prize table at the next meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

JUSTIN WILLIAMS-RUTH

Somehow, we've made it to September, and I am feeling like I am just about ready to start July. The calendar keeps turning, even against my protests, so we just have to ride the wave. Thankfully, August tends to be a slower time in the garden as the flowers (and the gardener) succumb to the heat, so I'm not nearly as behind as I feel.

The beautiful thing about September, though, is that it gives us plenty of opportunities to get together. With three rose shows at the Washington State Fair, as well as the return of our monthly meetings, I'm looking forward to the chance to see my friends

and celebrate their flowers – it's also just a good chance to check back in and see what I've missed as summer has flown by.

One of the highlights of my summer was the TRS Picnic. I know that summer Saturdays are in high demand, so my husband and I were honored that so many of you came out, and that some of you took my invitation to widen the net to heart. There was no shortage of good food and good conversation, and the only thing that left me raising my eyebrow is wondering who this black folding chair on my back deck belongs to. Sadly, as is the risk with hosting, I didn't get to chat with people nearly as much as I would have wanted, so I am looking forward to our September meeting to see your beautiful faces.

Until then, enjoy the rain as it returns from its lengthy absence, and happy gardening.

WASHINGTON STATE FAIR

The Washington State Fair Rose Shows will be held on the first three Sundays in September. 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.

For More information about entering your roses, google The Fair.



Ask the Consulting Rosarian John Moe, ARS Master Rosarian

Q – I probably have the worst case of powdery mildew that I have ever had in my garden! I really don't want to use a fungicide if I don't need to as I would like to protect any beneficials that are present. What other options do I have?

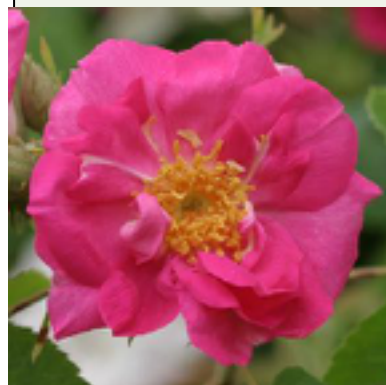
A – Powdery mildew is a common fungal disease that thrives in warm, humid conditions, so it is most common in late summer and early fall. Pruning for an open canopy is the single most effective preventive move you can make! Poor air circulation is the primary cause of severe infections so preventative steps like regular watering and pruning excess foliage can make a world of difference. Now for some options; Potassium bicarbonate is the most effective commonly available home-garden spray that is recommended. Baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) raises leaf pH and can inhibit spore germination, but it provides weaker protection than potassium bicarbonate. Neem oil works to reducing existing mild to medium infections. Now one that I have been reading about but have never tried is hydrogen peroxide. Hydrogen peroxide is the safest, cheapest, and most versatile fungicide for the garden. Diluted standard 3% hydrogen peroxide kills powdery mildew spores on contact by breaking down cell walls, leaving no harmful



Some Old Garden Roses In the Pt. Defiance Rose Garden



Blanc Double de
Coubert
Hybrid Rugosa, White



Duchess of Portland
Portland, medium red



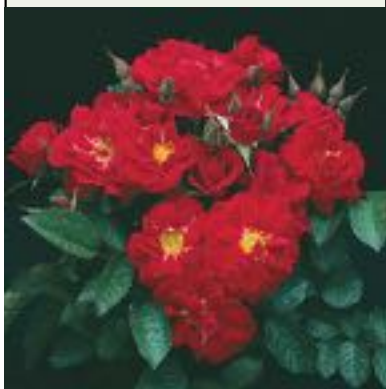
Hansa
Hybrid Rugosa
medium red



**Penelope
Hybrid Musk, light pink**



**Dortmund
Kordesii
Medium red**



**Linda Campbell
Hybrid Rugosa
Medium red**

chemical residue. Hydrogen peroxide is basically water with an extra oxygen atom. When you spray it on your plants, that extra oxygen atom breaks away and damages the walls of the fungal cells. That means it can't reproduce and spread to the rest of the plant. If you want to give it a try, mix 1 cup 3% hydrogen peroxide to 1 gallon of water and test it on a leaf and wait 24 hours to see that it does not burn the foliage. If it works, then repeat applications every 2 to 3 days until the active infection clears, then use a weekly spray for prevention. I have no powdery mildew so I cannot give it a try at this time. Let me know your thoughts.

Q – I do want to exhibit at the Puyallup Fair this year, but I am quite a newbie to exhibiting. What should I be doing now so that I will have some nice blooms to bring to the fair?

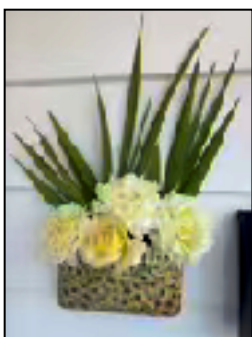
A – Keep your roses as healthy as you can – by keeping them well-watered, fertilized and as insect and disease free as you can, as it normally takes about 6 weeks to grow a nice bloom. You should be done with fertilizing and hopefully you did your last deadheading on the roses you want to exhibit about the first week in August. So you should have roses ready now to cut and take to the show on either the 6th, the 13th or the 20th of September. All roses must have at least two sets of leaves on each stem. Entries begin at 6 am, no entries after 8:45 am. Everyone that wants to exhibit will need to register with the fair, however if you didn't get around to registering, bring your roses anyway and you will receive a temporary exhibitor's number at the check-in desk. We hope that a good number of rosarians exhibit so we can "flood" the floral area with blooms and show the folks at the fair that we really love to exhibit there!

Q – I have a couple of bushes that did not do well this year, as they did not get enough sun. Would this be a good time to move them now to a sunnier location?

A – You can, as Fall an ideal time to move a bush. They are starting to get ready for the colder weather and slowing down some on their new growth. So, first water them well, and then grab a lopper/pruner and cut them, including all the blooms and buds. Knee high is good for the large roses (i.e., HT, Gr, F, etc.). The bush cannot support all of this above ground growth right now, for what you are trying to do after they are moved is to get the roots to grow after being in shock. Have the new hole dug and everything ready at the new location before you make the move. If you have a very large old rose plant, drive a spade down out around the drip line and repeat the process around the bush until all lateral roots have been cut. It is best if you could do part of the dig over several days so as to lessen the shock. Maybe do a quarter each day alternating around the bush. Water every day. Then finish the dig, move and replant the bush. Keep it well watered regardless of the weather!

ROSES IN WALL POCKET VASES

Jo Martin, ARS Master Rosarian



Wall pocket vases, you ask? Something new? Well, no, not exactly new. Thousands of years ago, people made and used some version of the present- day wall pockets. Often made of wood, these small wall pockets were carved and used to store small items. As time went on, the idea of a wall pocket became more popular when porcelain and glass pockets allowed them hold water.



You see where this is going? Now a handful of wildflowers could be enjoyed for days in a nice wall pocket. So, by definition, a wall pocket vase is a flat-backed ceramic, porcelain, metal or glass vessel designed to hang on a wall to hold fresh flowers.



The interest in wall pocket vases became very popular in the 18th century Europe and the Victorian Era (1837-1901). Wall pockets allowed fresh flowers to be enjoyed in the room without



the possibility of a vase of flowers being toppled over on the dining table. As a result of interest, a multitude of different types of vases emerged. Today, the Victorian vases are quite rare and are coveted by collectors.

Another surge of interest occurred between WWI and WWII. American pottery companies like McCoy, Hull, Roseville and others began producing quality wall pockets. Shortly after, the market saw Japanese imports and copies shaped like animals, fans and clocks emerged in the 50's and 60's.

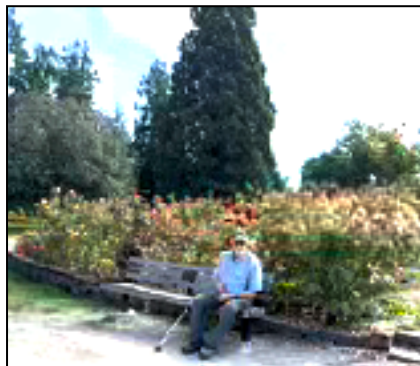
Vintage wall pockets can be found in second hand and antique stores as well as sites online. Most of the newer wall pockets are reasonably priced.



Recently, a dear friend passed away. Her friends were invited to take some item to remember her by. I was lucky to find a modern-day wall pocket vase and decided it would be nice to put it outside on our front door to welcome guests. The pocket vase is large enough to hold enough water to keep plant materials fresh for up to 3 days. The vase has a hole to secure it to the wall. My first experiment was using four large 'Elina' roses with crocosmia foliage. My second try was using the ground cover rose 'Flower Carpet' with rhododendron foliage. Another way to showcase our roses.

PT. DEFIANCE DEADHEADING 2026

On Thursday, September 10 at 9am, we will be doing the last deadheading of the roses at Pt. Defiance. Thanks to everyone who joined us and helped with this project. Deadheading once a week keeps the roses looking good for the many visitors who visit every day. In addition to seeing beautiful roses every week, we also get to talk to people from all over who come to see the flowers. They ask all sorts of interesting questions. Like "what are those round red things on the bushes?" They are the hips that contain the seeds for the rose bushes.



Here are some of the volunteers who worked in the Rose Garden this year.

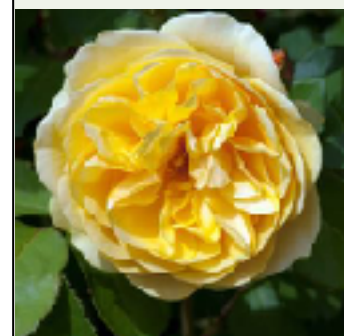


Turbo
Hybrid rugosa
Medium pink

Some more beautiful Old Garden Roses



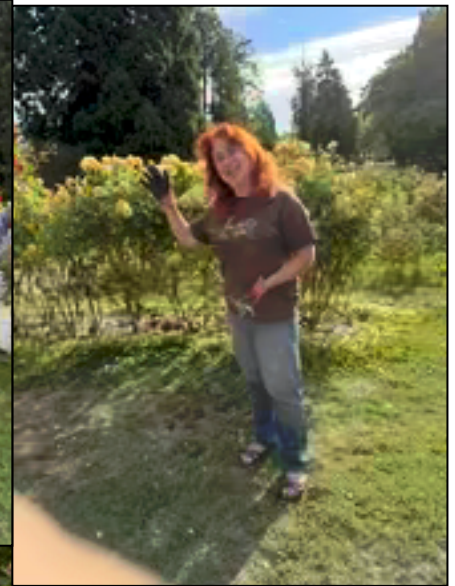
Charles de Mills
Hybrid gallica
Dark red



Graham Thomas
Shrub, deep yellow



**Pink Grootendorst
Hybrid rugosa
Medium pik**



**Variegata di Bologna
Bourbon, red blend**



**Ferdinand Pichard
Hybrid perpetual
Red blend**



2026 PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

FALL CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026 6:00 PM - 10:30 PM



To the left: *Daybreaker* (F)
To the right: *Good As Gold* (HT)
Photos by Rich Baer

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM



The Heathman Lodge
7801 NE Greenwood Drive
Vancouver, Washington 98662

Friday Evening: Arrangement Workshop (Hands-on learning and creating a floral design) presented by Judy Fleck

Friday Evening: Horticulture Judging Audit presented by Bruce Lind and Gretchen Humphrey

Saturday Speakers:

1. Carrie Bergs, current Vice President of the **ARS**, will give us an update on the new **ARS**.
2. Mindy Jessop, from **Mountain Home Roses**, located in Colorado, will share her experiences growing and selling rose plants.
3. Rebecca Koraytem, the PNW expert on **David Austen Roses**, will share her love of David Austen Roses.
4. Dr. Gary Ritchie, our resident scientist, will present another excellent program on Roses.
5. Jolene Angelos will present the 2026 PNW District Photo Contest Winners
6. Caroline Fredette, the District Prizes & Awards Chair, will present the Award Winners for 2026.

Please call the Heathman Lodge at 360-254-3100 and mention "American Rose Society" to receive the special room rates of: \$120.00. Hotel reservations need to be made by Friday, October 2, 2026, to receive this special rate. We do have a block of rooms. And please remember to bring items for the Silent Auction!

Name _____ Home Society _____

E-mail address _____ Phone _____

Friday Evening Arrangement Workshop (6:30-9:30pm) Arrangement Workshop Fee: \$15 _____

Friday Evening Horticulture Judging Audit (7:00-9:00pm) (NO FEE) _____

Friday Evening Welcome Reception (9:00-10:30 pm) _____

Saturday Morning Coffee _____ Saturday Lunch _____ \$75.00 _____

Via Zoom (stay home and watch via Zoom Saturday only) \$15.00 _____

Please make your check, payable to: Pacific NW District – ARS OR you may pay via credit card VISA/MC

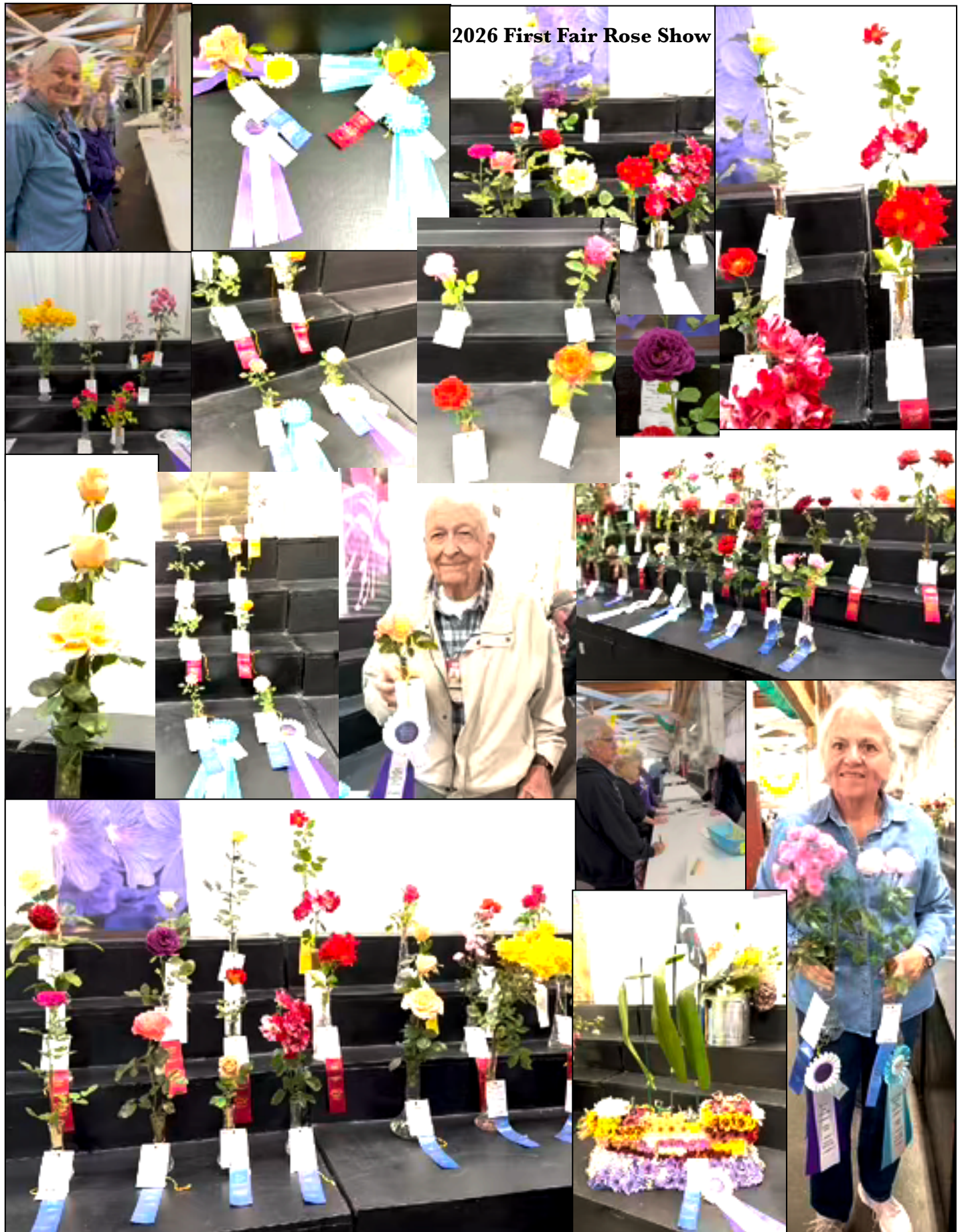
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TACOMA ROSE SOCIETY - YEAR 2026 DUES

\$20 per member/family/calendar year

Make checks payable to the **Tacoma Rose Society**

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I prefer my newsletter by e-mail (in color!) _____ hard copy _____

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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Parking on both sides of the building

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take the Highway 16W Exit (132).
Continue Westbound to Pearl St./Hwy 163
Exit and travel Northbound (right) on Pearl
St (like you were headed to Pt. Defiance
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