Queen's Herald



Seattle Sunrise



Crown Princess Margareta



Baronne Prevost



Julia Child

UPCOMING EVENTS

November TRS Meeting
Wednesday, Nov 18
6pm
Annual Rose Auction



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Tacoma Rose Society

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NOVEMBER MEETING - ROSE AUCTION
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18,
6PM

On Thursday, November 18, we will be having our annual Rose Auction. ***This is our major fund raising event of the year.*** *Please note the early meeting time of 6pm. There will be coffee and tea. If you can, bring some light snacks or desserts to share. The auction starts at 6:30 PM with our rose angel Bruce Lind as auctioneer. Raft Island Roses is donating a bunch of roses and 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.*

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 in the newsletter or roses you 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 or paper towels and place the roots, paper and all, in a plastic bag. Double bag! We don't want to make a mess at our Pt. Defiance Ruston Senior Center meeting room. The roses will be okay for a couple of days as long as they are protected from drying out or freezing.*

Please let Barbara Lind know what roses you will be donating for the sale (tacomarosesociety@gmail.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 south parking lot 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.

After the auction we'll have helpers to get your new roses to your vehicle. The back parking lot and the meeting room are on the same

level - no steps to negotiate with the roses you are adding to your garden.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Justin Williams Ruth

One of the earliest garden lessons I received as a kid was that "the garden starts in the Fall." As a kid, it made no sense, and I was sure it was just a way to get me to not complain about getting muddy and cold – now, though, it makes more sense than ever. While so many jokes have been made over the last decade or so about linear time not making sense (specifically, there is no way that 2016 was 10 (nearly 11!) years ago). Cyclical time, however, is making more and more sense – the patterns that come through seasons as each year passes.

By the time Spring rolls around, so many of us already feel behind in the garden – the weeds have already taken off, the pests are emerging faster than we can count, and new growth almost certainly has chosen a direction that we would have planned differently. In the fall, though, the garden seems to take a breath. While our roses (and their friends) may not actually go dormant, they do seem to put themselves down for a bit of rest – growth is slowed and redirected beneath the soil; pests have retreated (for the most part); and disease… well… let's say dormant sprays exist for a reason.

While the garden has slowed, it's a great chance for the Gardener to do some reflection on the past year(s) to see what could change for the better. Moving and replacing plants is well suited to Autumn, before the winter chill takes hold. New layouts are easily designed on paper or computer programs. Seed catalogs provide the promise of everything sweet, savory, and scented. Sadly, the retail systems in place tend to push out their inventory in the Spring when color is at the top of everyone's minds. This is where TRS comes in!

Every November we close out our year with a Rose Auction. These roses have been donated by our members, by the public looking to rehome what they cannot care for, and by our great friends and patrons at Raft Island Roses. Many of the roses for sale come in well below retail, while others come with the opportunity for a great story of how you beat out the whole room for a prized acquisition. Everyone is welcome to join us for the auction, whether they are a member or not.

Please – invite your friends, family, neighbors, mortal enemies, and anyone you meet in line while shopping. Wednesday, November 18 will be here before we know it!

Disease Resistant Roses



'America'
Climber
Orange pink



Baronne Prevost
HYbrid perpetual
Medium pink



Betty Prior
Floribunda
Medium pink



Blanc Double de Coubert
Hybrid Rugosa
White



Mlle Cecile Brunner
Polyantha
Light pink



China Doll
Polyantha
Medium pink

Bruce Lind *here - The November TRS meeting will have just two parts, the election of Officers & Board Members for 2027 (takes very little time) and the Rose Auction.*
Again this year Raft Island Roses has made a very generous donation of potted roses. These plants were planted this year so they will be in great shape for planting in your garden this fall.
Our meeting will start close to 6pm or a little before, so come a little early so you have time to get a bidding number and do some shopping for fixed price roses!

We look forward to seeing you there! Bruce

(For instructions on how to prepare any plants you will be donating see the section which is at the end.)

Ask the Consulting Rosarian
John Moe, ARS Master Rosarian



Q – We had some very good discussion at the program last month on winterizing but after the meeting one rosarian said that he knew there were seeds in the hips like you showed in one of your slides and really wanted to try and plant them but being winter was not far off could he still give them a try?

A – As I recall I said that we do grow roses from seeds, and it was possible to collect the seeds now, but the planting can be postponed so we can sow seeds when we are heading into a warmer time of the year. I mentioned that the hips should be from the first bloom cycle to ensure that the seeds had been in the hip long enuf (90 – 120 days) to mature. The rose that you could get might not be the same rose as the pollination could also have been from the bees. The only rose that will come true from seed are the species roses. If you want to learn some more about the process of sowing and growing the seeds, here is link to the PNW District website https://pnwdistr.ipower.com/hybridizing-roses.html, where in the later part of the PowerPoint program it follows the process of collecting, processing and growing of the seeds.

Q –I was walking around my garden the other day thinking about cutting them down and mulching and then I feel overwhelmed when considering all that I have to do every season of the year. Oh don't get me wrong – I love my roses, but it isn't getting any easier to bend over or get down on my knees. Maybe the garden is too big, and I feeling like I am doing too much and should really

consider downsizing. Have you heard others express such thoughts? What would be your advice to them?

A – I have heard this from a good number of rosarians over the years and will probably hear about this from others as well. In one of Howard Walters articles written 36 years ago in Rosarian Ramblings he writes –"You and your roses will be happier if you plant fewer and care better. More isn't necessarily better when it comes to rosebushes; concentrate on the bushes you can really care for. Get rid of marginal bushes and beds – set up a rose program you can live with. For most of us, new roses mean getting rid of something in the ground. To justify this expenditure, make a "good deal" by giving the old, reliable bushes to a gardening friend or start a "friendly" garden in your area." You can see that his advice is just as timely today as when he wrote it! So if this situation is similar to what you are feeling, then give those "old but reliable" bushes another rosarian that might have room for them and enjoy the work that you did to care for them for a few good years.

Q – I know that I will relent and come home with a few roses from the auction, but I'm not sure if I want to put them in the ground now or maybe see if I can just replace some that didn't do so well this past year in the spring. What should I do with them until I decide?

A – Great question! But first a bit of advice – anytime you bring in new roses to your garden, give them several days of isolation to see that they have no diseases, which I hope you do! If they are in containers, you can dig some holes in one of your beds or in your garden and set them (container and all) down in those holes. If they are wrapped in wet newspaper and in a plastic bag, prune them down some, bare root them and put them in a 5-gallon bucket with water and isolate like I mentioned before heeling them in temporarily in your garden. Get that bud union down to about ground level, and mulch like you would do with the rest of your roses. Then after you have the winter to decide where to plant them, you can move them in the spring after you have built your new beds.

2026 PNWD Fall Conference
Awards

The awards were presented by Caroline Fredette, PNWD Prizes and Awards Chair.

Outstanding Consulting Rosarian
Louis Rosetto, Ft. Vancouver Rose Society

Outstanding Judges
Cheryl & Gary McClain, Portland Rose Society



Crimson Bouquet
Grandiflora
Dark red
AARS



Dortmund
Kordesii
Medium red



Dublin Bay
Climber
Medium red



Europeana
Floribunda
Dark red



Louis Rosetto



Cheryl & Gary McClain



Gemini
Hybrid tea
Pink Blend
AARS



Margaret Snitzler



Judy Fleck



Hansa
Hybrid Rugosa
Medium red

Lifetime Achievement Award
Margaret Snitzler, Ft. Vancouver Rose Society

Silver Honor Medal
Judy Fleck, Portland Rose Society

Master Rosarians Designations
Judy Redmond, Seattle Rose Society
Jerry Kaija, Tacoma Rose Society
Julie Goggin, Ft. Vancouver Rose Society

TRS RECOMMENDED ROSES HANDOUT

Sally Eastman, email: eastman.sally @yahoo.com, is updating this handout listing roses that members love and recommend to include newly available roses. She is asking that you send her your top 10 recommendations.

The roses on the list should be "in commerce" and available for purchase. The current list is attached to this email.

Please have your suggestions to her by December 1st. Thank you.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE ROSE AUCTION

Please register at the door and get a number for the auction. Michelle Regan and Keith Ripley have volunteered to handle the registration and recording of roses purchased at the auction. Pick up a list of the roses available and a copy of Auction Rules which has an area for recording the roses you purchased. On the rose list you will find the name of the rose, what type it is (climber, etc) the color, comments, who donated it and if it has fragrance. 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. They have been generously donated by Raft Island Roses and others. To purchase them, please add the name of the rose and your auction number to a SOLD sign, tape to the rose/plant and put it in the "Sold" area, which is divided by groups of auction numbers. (Ask for help moving plants if you need it.) it's a good idea to start a list of fixed priced roses you are buying. There is a spot on the back page of the "Auction Rules" handout.

The auction roses will be inside. Steve Mitchell and Ron Brian have volunteered to help Bruce, the auctioneer. When the auction starts, get your number ready and start bidding! Remember, there will be some roses that aren't on your list since they just came



Keepsake
Hybrid tea
Pink blend



Knockout
Shrub
Red Blend
AARS



Magic Carrousel
Miniature
Red Blend



New Dawn
Climber
Light pink



Pink Parfait
Grandiflora
Pink blend
AARS



Queen Elizabeth
Grandiflora
Medium pink
AARS

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.

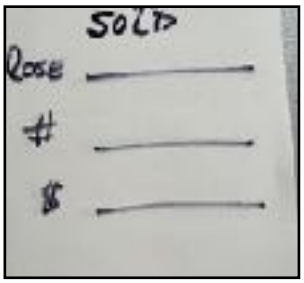
When the auction is over, it's a good time to check out the "fixed price" roses again. You may have missed a rose that you need to have. Any remaining roses will go the Garden Sale at Pt. Defiance in March or to another sale.

When you are ready to pay, we will have a list of the roses you purchased during the auction. You will need to tell us which roses you have in the HOLD area with your auction number on them. We will help you load all your purchases in you car. ***Please note; payment is by cash, check or Venmo.***

We look forward to seeing you at the auction. What a great way to get some wonderful roses and meet new and old friends.



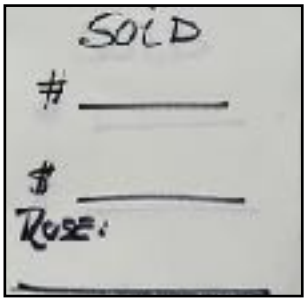
Auction Sign-in List



Fixed price roses form to fill out and attach to the rose



Sign for Sold Roses area divided by auction #



Sign for sold auction roses - filled out by Ava and attached to the bush



There will be a few TRS hats for sale ($15) at the meeting.

TACOMA ROSE SOCIETY - YEAR 2027 DUES

$20 per member/family/calendar year
Make checks payable to the **Tacoma Rose Society**
Please send to Barbara Lind, 2132 Bridgeport Way, University Place, WA 98466

Name _____

Address
_____

City, State, Zip
_____

Telephone _____Email address _____

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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Meetings *are held at*
Pt. Defiance/Ruston Senior Center
4716 N. Baltimore Street
Tacoma, WA
Parking on both sides of the building

Driving Directions

From Northbound or Southbound I-5 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 Park). Turn right onto N 46 St. and then left on N. Baltimore. The Ruston Senior Center is three blocks (N) on your left side.

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