

Rose of the Month: Pink Gruss an Aachen

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As a gift rose, landscape rose or a show rose, the floribunda **Pink Gruss an Aachen** is superb. I have given this plant to people as a special gift or thank you more than any other rose. Many of us favored it with its former name and classification, **Irene Watts, OGR**, but a really good rose by any name is still a really good rose. This one is legal and easy to propagate from cuttings and does well on its own roots. In bloom it looks like a living pink bouquet and will grow in hot or cool climates.



At the San Diego County Fair I once created a prize-winning landscape garden using only roses of this variety and Madame Carrier. It blended beautifully with various catnips, lambs' ears and other herbal plants with gray or green foliage and lavender blooms. I have also put a plant or two of it in a "moonlight garden" with white and yellow flowering plants, flagstone and a silver gazing ball.

Although I love it mostly because it fits well in the landscape with its three foot height, it makes a lovely box-of-six entry or a vase of sprays entry in a show. I don't spray it regularly except when thrips are at their worst. It is a very forgiving, easy growing, easy-maintenance rose. It is wonderful in filling in the gaps between a row of minis and a row of hybrid teas.



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a hundred years or more; roses on rootstock have generally shorter life spans. The potential that each rose bush (just an infant really) in your garden, could live a long and beautiful life with reasonable care is an amazing incentive for any rosarian to provide the TLC that Roger suggests. With risk of sending readers on a guilt trip, I might add to that. If you do choose to replace a sickly or unsightly bush, don't just toss it into the Green recycle bin. Move it to another location in the garden or give it to another rosarian to nurture. It deserves a second chance.

Come to think about it. That twenty-year-old bush that I was planning to yank out of my garden next week may now get a stay of execution. Who knows? It could outlive us all.



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SAN DIEGO ROSE SHOW 2007
RETURN TO BALBOA PARK
"A CELEBRATION OF BALBOA PARK"

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The San Diego Rose Society's 80th show will be held May 19 and 20, 2007, in a return to the Balboa Park Club in Balboa Park. The original date in April was changed when we were able to secure the Balboa Park location



Inez Grant Parker Rose Garden in Balboa Park

at a reasonable price. The May date was the only one available and the Board of Directors felt that even though the date was a bit late for the first spring bloom, the location was optimal for our needs. The show will be open to the public from 1-5 p.m. on the 19th and 11-4 p.m. on the 20th. Admission is \$4.00 at the door and is free for under 17 or military in uniform. San Diego Rose Society members will be receiving tickets in the mail along with this newsletter that they can use for a discounted price. In a change from previous years, the awards ceremony will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday the 19th. This change was instituted so that exhibitors from other counties could collect their trophies without an overnight stay.

In celebration of this return, the theme for the show is "A Celebration of Balboa Park." The theme will be reflected in the rose arrangement category. Please go to our website, www.sdrosesociety.org for a copy of the rose show schedule. The schedule contains directions, arrangement and horticultural exhibition information, and other information for exhibitors and visitors alike. At press time, there are no other activities in the park for our dates that are likely to interfere with parking. Bring your friends and family for a wonderful, fragrance-filled tour of hundreds of varieties of roses. Also, during the two days, we will have rose experts

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INEZ GRANT PARKER ROSE GARDEN

on hand to answer your questions and we will have rose horticulture speakers and presentations in the afternoons on both days beginning at 2:00 p.m. When you are finished at the Rose Show, take a brief walk or drive and visit the Inez Grant Parker Rose Garden along Park Boulevard, which should be in full bloom in May.

We are still in need of volunteers on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. If you have not already volunteered to help and would like to, please call Julie Nydam at 858-395-4734 or email her at jnydam@san.rr.com.

We are particularly encouraging novices to enter roses this year at the Show. A novice is anyone who has not previously won a trophy or more than three blue ribbons at any American Rose Society sanctioned show. There are five categories in the Rose Show just for you! They are Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora Bloom, Floribunda Bloom, One Floribunda Spray, Miniature or Mini-flora Bloom and Miniature or Mini-flora Spray. If you don't exactly know what these are, don't worry! Most of your roses will fall into one of these categories. You may also enter any other category in the rose show. There will be Rose Society members there in the morning to help you enter your bloom or answer your questions about entering. The following is a check-off list for novices that will help you cover all your bases. We look forward to seeing you at the rose show with your award-winning blooms!

>One week before the show, tour your garden and look for blooms that that are beginning to show color on the bud, buds that are nice and plump with no insect damage, have long, straight stems (at least 18" for Hybrid Teas and 6" for miniatures), and little or no insect or other damage on the leaves. Tie a colored string (yarn) loosely around the bottom of the stem. These will be the roses that you take to the show.

>Each night before the show, go out after dark with a flashlight, look for insects munching on your blooms, and pick them off by hand.

The afternoon before the show, get a bucket or quart-

size milk cartons with water and cut your blooms with as much stem as possible and put them in water immediately. Make sure that the blooms you cut are about 1/3 to 2/3 open and that the sepals (outer green bud protectors) are down.

>Put your blooms in a nice, cool and moist environment (I put mine in a bathroom) and leaving the stem under water, re-cut the stem about an inch.

>Pack your roses, a pruning shears, small scissors, some aluminum foil, a pen, a card table (if you have one) a very small paint brush (like a children's paintbrush) and some paper towels and head to the Balboa Park Club between 6:30-9:00 a.m. on May 19. You will need at least one hour of preparation time for every five blooms.

>Park, register at the registration table, set up your space and GET SOME HELP! Experienced exhibitors by the registration table will be glad to answer



BALBOA PARK CLUB INTERIOR

your questions and show you what to do.

>Get the number of vases and entry tags that you need (we provide the vases) and then go watch some experienced exhibitors for a few minutes. When you have an idea of what to do, go prepare your exhibits.

>Fill your vase with water, cut the stem so that the bloom and stem are pleasingly balanced in the vase and pack with aluminum foil to keep the stem straight. Make sure none of the foil extends past the lip of the vase.

>Use your paintbrush to gently open any blooms that may be tight. Don't do this very much as you may bruise the petals.

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How Long Do Roses Grow?

by Maryjane Roe, mjroezes@san.rr.com

On March 22, 1945, at midday just around noon, as the world was nearing the end of the second World War, allied bombers swooped in over Nazi Germany, over the city of Hildesheim, outside Hanover. Untold numbers of missiles bombarded the city. What wasn't destroyed by the devastating bombing was gutted by fire. When the smoke cleared, the city's massive cathedral was a pile of smoldering rubble, another total ruin of war. Under the wreckage, miraculously protected from the flames by the broken walls and shattered pieces of the cathedral's apse, lay a lone survivor, a rose tree. A few weeks after the bombardment, the tree, its roots intact, reportedly began its spring bloom.

It was not the first time this bramble at heart had survived total destruction, for the so-called Thousand-Year-Old Rose Tree (**Tausandjähriger Rosenstock**) was already shrouded in legend. Over the course of time, the rose was said to have repeatedly suffered severe damage and each time it recovered. It is still blooming today on the exterior wall of the apse of the rebuilt cathedral.

Thought to be the world's oldest living rose, a plain *rosa canina*, the rose was supposedly planted in the late Middle Ages. Documentation has it that it has been there since A.D. 815. In that year, Holy Roman Emperor Ludwig 'the pious' and his entourage lost their way in the vicinity of what is now Hildesheim while hunting. Ludwig ordered his group to stop for a rest and had a mass celebrated to pray for their rescue. They hanged a Marian reliquary on a rose bush at twilight. Despite the fact that it was summer, when the group returned for the reliquary the following morning, it could not be removed for it was frozen to the bush. Taking this as a sign from the heavens, Ludwig had a chapel built on the site.

Whether or not the story is true, the rose was already being referred to as "the old rose" in 1573. It became responsible for the city of Hildesheim's byname of "rose city" and legend has it that as long as the bush flourishes, Hildesheim will not decline.

Of course, with our short history, there is no documented thousand-year-old rose in the United States. A story about a 150-year-old Seven Sisters rose appears on the American Rose Society website. The **Lady Banksia Rose** (known as the Tombstone Rose and listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the

world's largest rose tree) is located in the Rose Tree Museum in Tombstone, Arizona. It was planted from a slip from another bush in Great Britain in the late 18th century.

Are there in existence decades-old roses in California? According to Dick Streeper (past president of SDRS and recently retired editor of *Rose Ramblings*, who is known to many in San Diego as "The Rose Man"), "While the history of the rose is often aligned with the story of civilization, do we really know how long a single rose bush can live? There are certainly some roses in the Mother Lode dating back to the 1850s and gold rush days." The oldest rose in Dick's garden dates back to about 1958. He took cuttings from an old farm property in National City, now a historical site. The varieties were Cherokee and an as yet to be identified rambler that he guesses was planted about 1890. In response to questions about roses spotted in Old Town and Mission San Diego, Dick said that most of the old garden roses have, to his knowledge, been planted relatively recently. So too, the free-standing tea rose located in San Diego's Mission Hills that broke the Guinness record for the world's tallest rose in 2005 (recorded at 13 feet, 3 inches). A relative baby, it was planted in 2000.

In writing this, I am reminded of the fundamental question posed in Frances Hodgson Burnett's *The Secret Garden*: "Do roses quite die when they are left to themselves?" Roger English, coordinator for the consulting rosarian program in the SDRS, hears this question a lot. His response: "My answer is that there are many different types of roses and different conditions in which they grow. Some may live only a few years and rarely one can live for a century or more. Many people have asked me the same question...at pruning time. Some rosarians have a rose that looks like it is on its last legs and wonder if there is anything they can do to rejuvenate it or if it is going to die no matter what they do. My recommendation is to remove all but the best one or two canes, treat it with TLC for one year and if it does not produce new canes and become more vigorous to replace it."

The rose plant is amazingly tough and forgiving. A superbly beautiful bramble at heart, it is capable of surviving decades of neglect and suffocation by surrounding plants. Own root roses can live fifty to

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Calendar of Events

APRIL 21, 2007
LAS VEGAS ROSE SHOW
 Info: Jackie Jackson
 Contact: jjdj53@aol.com

April 22, 2007
2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Open Garden @ Dick & Sue Streeper's
 1333 Wenatchee Avenue
 El Cajon CA 92021-1001
 All Are Welcome. Contact: streeper@cox.net
 619-448-0321

April 21-22, 2007
2:00 to 5 p.m.
Open Rosehill Garden Tour @ Ruth Tiffany's
 6705 Maury Dr. San Diego, CA 92119-2026
 All Are Welcome
 Info: Ruth Tiffany
 619-462-5753
 ruthsgarden@msn.com

APRIL 28-29, 2007
PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT ROSE SHOW AND CONVENTION
 Los Angeles Arboretum
 Arcadia, CA.
 Info: Aprille Curtis
 prillzilla@altronet.com or, pswdistrict.org/

APRIL 28, 2007
CORONADO GARDEN SHOW
 Info: Carvill Veech
 (619) 435-8079

MAY 5, 2007
RIVERSIDE ROSE SHOW
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 PoniPeka50@aol.com

MAY 5, 2007
CALIFORNIA COASTAL ROSE SHOW
 Carlsbad Senior Center
 799 Pine Street, Carlsbad, CA 92008
 Info: Joe Smith
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MAY 5, 2007 SOUTH COAST ROSE SHOW
 South Coast Botanical Garden, Palos Verdes CA 90274
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MAY 19-20, 2007
SAN DIEGO ROSE SHOW
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 San Diego, CA
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MAY 19, 2007
CONSULTING ROSARIAN SEMINAR
 Costic School District, Valencia, CA
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 Contact: rosextckb@aol.com

JUNE 8-JULY 4, 2007
S.D. COUNTY FAIR AT DEL MAR
 Contact: Merry Young
 (858) 792-4273
 Entries must be in by May 4th
 Catalog on line by March 14

OCTOBER 6-7, 2007
ARMSTRONGS GARDEN CENTER 7th ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL OF ROSES
 5702 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, CA
 Info: Chris Greenwood
 contact: cgreenwood@armstronggarden.com

OCTOBER 13, 2007
EAST COUNTY ROSE SHOW
 Foothills Adult Center, El Cajon, CA
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 Miriam Yoder mirrose@cox.net

NOVEMBER 10, 2007-
DESERT ROSE SHOW
 Palm Desert Community Center
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Ruth Tiffany receives an ARS Award of Merit

The Newsletter/Bulletin Awards Committee Co-Chairs Janet and Stan Kosidlak and I would like to congratulate you on winning a 2006 American Rose Society Award of Merit for your article(s):

Stop and Smell the Philadelphus

The committee has recognized your article(s) as being the crème de la crème, the best of the best, out of the hundreds of articles that were eligible.

Congratulations once again!

Sincerely, Steve Jones, President, American Rose Society

Ruth Tiffany's excellent article was featured in our March 2006 issue. Our newsletter is submitted to the ARS newsletter competition committee and articles that are outstanding are awarded an ARS Award of Merit.

Dick Streeper Honored As Editor for the 2006 Rose Ramblings

The Newsletter/Bulletin Awards Committee Co-Chairs Janet and Stan Kosidlak and I would like to congratulate you on winning the 2006 American Rose Society Honorable Mention Medal Award - Class B, for your bulletin, Rose Ramblings.

Attached is a logo specially designed by John Mattia so you may display it in your bulletin or on your website.

The certificate will be sent to your District Director, so a formal presentation can be made at your next District meeting.

Congratulations once again!

Sincerely,

Steve Jones
 President, American Rose Society



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>Use a wet paper towel to clean the leaves and shine them up a bit. Use the scissors to trim any leaf damage that is on the outer part of the leaf. DO NOT REMOVE ANY PETALS OR LEAVES!

>Fill out, attach your entry tag, and take your exhibit up the stairs to the exhibit hall. Volunteers will place your exhibit for you.

>All exhibits must be entered by 9:30. Clean up, go home and then return at 1:00 (your exhibitor's badge will get you into the show for free) and see how you did! Good Luck!

>The best source for information on rose exhibiting is to be found in the book "Showing Good Roses" by Robert (Bob) Martin. You can purchase this book and find other great information on Bob's website: www.roseshow.com

The following is an ARS press release

'HOT COCOA' EARNS THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY'S 2007 MEMBERS' CHOICE AWARD

The American Rose Society (ARS) announces that the floribunda, 'Hot Cocoa', is the Members' Choice Award winner for 2007.

Each year the award winner is determined by ratings provided by ARS members nationwide participating in the society's annual Roses in Review survey. Each rose is rated on bloom production, plant habit, disease resistance and hardiness. Earning the ARS Members' Choice Award designates this rose as one of the most reliable and easiest to grow of the new garden roses.

Bred by Tom Carruth and introduced by Weeks Roses, 'Hot Cocoa' is described on the Weeks Roses website as "Mysterious, indescribable and elusive! There is just no other rose color quite like this. Pointed buds of deep rust unfurl to reveal a chocolate haze of velvety smoked tones that can even take on a purple cast. Set against a mass of glossy foliage, the ruffled fragrant flowers are mirrored by super-green leaves. Easy vigor and natural disease-resistance make it a must for every garden."

'Hot Cocoa' is a medium to tall (3-5') floribunda with large, ruffled, double blooms with 25-30 petals. The blooms come in small sprays and have a nice "old rose" fragrance.

Other past Members' Choice winners include the hybrid tea 'Gemini', the super shrub 'Knock Out', and the miniature rose 'Bee's Knees'.

The American Rose Society has been the premier organization devoted exclusively to the cultivation of roses in the United States for more than 114 years. With approximately 18,000 members nationwide, the ARS supports 350 local societies offering rose-related activities and information at the community level.

What Is the Rose Garden Trust?

By Sue Streeper, Streeper@cox.net

The Rose Garden Trust, formed in 1975 shortly after the establishment of the Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden in Balboa Park, is charged to "develop and maintain public rose gardens in San Diego County." In keeping with that responsibility, it has, over the years, paid for name labels, replacement plants, the sign identifying the garden, and spray equipment for the park garden.

The trust receives its income from donations. Those moneys are often from rosarians who want to donate in the name of deceased members of the rose society. Sometimes donations are made by people who have received visits from consulting rosarians who advise about rose horticulture.

A donation to the Rose Garden Trust can be made out to the San Diego Rose Society with a notation that it is for the Rose Garden Trust. The mailing address is San Diego Rose Society, PO Box 86124, San Diego CA 92138-6124.

Many people are curious about the name of the rose garden, which is named after Inez Grant Parker. In the early 1970s when the garden was being born, the Parker Foundation made its construction possible by providing half the cost of construction, the other half coming from the City of San Diego. The Parker Foundation gives generous grants to dozens of San Diego organizations every year, amounting to many millions of dollars since the foundation's inception in 1971. Gerald T. Parker and his wife Inez Grant Parker spent most of their life and made their fortune in Kansas City, Missouri, and moved to San Diego afterwards. The Parkers were enthusiastic supporters of community organizations here, and they formed their foundation to continue support to worthy local groups. San Diego rose lovers are in their debt for making the Balboa Park rose garden possible.

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most of the minutes of those two days "walking" in my rose garden and celebrating the gift of roses blooming in paradise (San Diego). Come anytime from 10-5 on Saturday and 1-5 on Sunday. From anywhere – Take the 8 East to the 125 North. Take the Navajo Rd exit; turn left at the exit light. Go to the third right, Bisby Lake. Turn right, go up the hill; 6705 Maury Dr is on the corner of Bisby Lake and Maury Dr. Impossible to miss the roses! Another place you must surely "walk" in to see the roses, is Rm 101 in Balboa Park on Monday April 16. Here you will see the very first winning roses from your fellow member's gardens, as roses are brought for the first "Six Pack" rose show. Helped to become the best they can be, these roses (and yours as well if you bring them) can "walk" away with the award of "best of the night" and a chance for a trophy.

The Rose

And upon a day, while walking among the flowers of his teacher's garden, did the child speak unto the Mystic: *"Some men claim that this life is the darkness of a curse, and a punishment to be endured for all our wicked ways. Oh Mystic, what say you of life?"*.. And the Mystic answered: *"I say that life is neither a curse nor a punishment, But a rose filled with the beauty of desire. The stem of the rose is your life upon this earth, The thorns, painful lessons you bring unto yourself, that you might learn. The leaves are those joys that enter your life with the tenderness of an unseen Love. Curse not the sorrow of your thorns, for the deeper they cut unto the heart of your being, the greener the leaves of joy shall be. The tiny bud is your soul, waiting to bloom with the truth of God among its petals. Slowly will your flower unfold, that you might not become lost within the fragrance of its secret. And when the rose is at the height of its beauty, Shall you not see the pureness of God smiling from the very center of your Being?"*

By Daniel Miller from the Song of the Mystic: The Prophet's candle-Spiritual & Mystical Poetry

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before with regards to responsibility, time and sleep deprivation. However, it was much more satisfying because of the close relationships with my patients and the gratification of being able to help them physically and emotionally.

Throughout this time and since I have found the best way to uplift my spirits was to spend time with nature in the mountains and desert. When I didn't have time to get away playing around in the garden was also refreshing. Roses became a part of my garden in the early 1980's. Roses as a passion had to wait until I retired over 7 years ago. Now my wife and I grow around 220 roses and I am a certified rose nut.

Birding, (formerly known as bird watching) is also a passion and is also enjoyed by my wife. We both love nature and this is a wonderful way to appreciate nature in different parts of the county, the USA and foreign countries.

Double Delight was in my first rose garden and has always been my favorite. We grow micro miniatures, miniatures, minifloras, floribundas, hybrid teas, climbers and shrubs. There are many favorites but please don't buy one of these I mention without learning more about it because this is only my opinion and some varieties might not appeal to you because of various reasons such as lack of mildew resistance. Among the hybrid teas is, of course Double Delight and also Gemini, Secret, Hot Princess, Cajun Moon, Let Freedom Ring, Black Magic, Kardinal (better on the coast) and Fame! Floribunda favorites are First Kiss, Lavaglut (Lava Glow), Golden Holstein, Angel Face, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Trumpeter, Julia Child, Day Breaker, Escapade, Neon Lights and Fabulous! Fourth of July is my favorite climber and widely regarded as the best climber by many rosarians.

I belong to and am active in both SDRS and East County Rose Society. Most people have a primary rose society but I enjoy my participation equally in both societies. I am also a member of California Coastal Rose Society that also has many wonderful members and rose nuts and if it wasn't for the distance it would be more fun to also be active there.



From the Prez:



Visiting Rose Gardens in Paradise (SAN DIEGO)

April is a great month to bask in the beauty of roses blooming everywhere. If you don't see roses smiling at you just about everywhere you go, you must be walking with your eyes closed! This is the time of the year when we should all be walking and looking and smelling. Taking in through all our senses the exquisite color, form and intense scent of fully blooming roses.

The middle of April until the middle of May is traditionally the first bloom cycle for roses in San Diego. The San Diego Rose Society has offered their annual Rose Show near the end of April for many years. Our rose lovers and rose exhibitors usually prune so their best roses will be ready for show. This year many adjusted their pruning time to fit our dates of May 19 & 20 so we could get back to our very successful venue, the Balboa Park Club in Balboa Park.

The Inez Grant Parker Rose Garden in Balboa Park was pruned about December 4th and is now a riot of full blooms. Internationally recognized as one of the premier rose gardens in the world, this is a must see sight in your Rose Walking Tour.

There are always some rose lovers who want to own the very newest roses or those that are unusual in some way. Where can you go to see roses that will be coming out next year or even later? How can you see the newest roses the hybridizers are working on? Well Dick and Sue Streeper's of course. Because he is such a knowledgeable and astute judge of roses as well as a hybridizer himself, Dick has been the "first grower" of many roses way before we see them in the nursery. Some roses we see in his garden still have numbers and not yet names but here we can see the growth and bloom of what is to come. When Dick and Sue open their garden on Sunday April 22 from 2-5pm you will be able to view hundreds of blooms grown by two master rosarians. (Look for directions in this bulletin)

April is a great time to "let your fingers do the walking" and call to reserve a spot on the bus for

the SDRS Annual Rose Pilgrimage on June 9 & 10. We will be visiting Rose Story Farm, home to 18,000 roses in the foothills of Carpinteria. We will be visiting several stunning private rose gardens, plus a rose growing facility, public rose gardens, at least one great nursery **and** we are working on offering some educational seminars during our longer driving periods. Call me, Ruth Tiffany, at 619-548-6950 to reserve your spot. If you are driving north in this fine month of April I recommend you stop and take a walk in the Christopher W. Greenwood Rose Walk of Fame and AARS Test Garden in Carlsbad. This garden contains every AARS winning rose since the beginning in 1940. Believed to be the only complete collection and planted in chronological order, this garden is adjacent to Armstrong's Nursery in Carlsbad where you can let yourself "walk" home with a new rose.

I am opening my garden, Rosehill, on April 21 and 22. I grow about 525 roses on a sunny corner lot in San Carlos. My roses are mostly hybrid teas, floribundas and mini/miniflora with a few old garden roses and shrub roses. I have 2 Tiffany roses and two called Ruthie, otherwise most all the roses are different. There is nothing I love more than talking about roses and sharing roses and rose stories. The history of the roses in my garden stretches back to before the 1600s with the Centifolia "Cabbage Rose" to the vibrant orange 2007 floribunda "Vavoom" from Tom Carruth. I love knowing the names of the roses, the parentage and the hybridizer. Sharing the growth patterns of specific roses, the spray and feeding programs I maintain in my garden will be a great joy for me. I will also share with you where you can find the roses you fall in love with in my garden or the ones you remember from your childhood. Come to my garden, I would love my roses to see you. I will also love spending

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MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

April Meeting: Monthly membership meeting. There is no meeting in July or August.

Date: Monday, April 16, 2007 (3rd Monday).

Time and Place: 7:00- 9:00 PM in Room 101 of the Casa del Prado.

Program: Learn how to prepare your roses for entry in the rose show May 19. Stations will be set up to provide small-group instruction on entering various rose types. How to create arrangements for the show will be presented also.

Arrangement Corner: From 7 to 7:30 in the kitchen, Dixie Dahl teaches a class on flower arrangement.

CR Corner by Phil Ash will start at 7:00 PM. Phil holds a monthly class geared toward answering your rose-growing questions. Other American Rose Society certified consulting rosarians will be present before the meeting to answer rose care questions.

Notice of Bylaws Change

By Ruth Tiffany, ruthsgarden@msn.com

The San Diego Rose Society Board has voted to increase the member contribution for **SUPPORTER** from \$30 to **\$35**, the **SUSTAINER** at **\$50**, **PATRON** at **\$100** and **GOLD ROSE MEMBER** (Life Member) at **\$500**. **We will ask the general membership for a vote of confirmation at the April meeting.**

April's Little Rose Show

By Sue Streeper, streeper@cox.net

This month is the first of five little rose shows that will be held at membership meetings. It's a wonderful opportunity to show off the prettiest roses in your yard. It is also a great time to learn how to enter roses in a competition.

Please refer to the sheet in this bulletin which outlines the rules for competition in the little rose show. All are encouraged to enter. Entry tags and advice will be available at the meeting. Sue and Dick Streeper will be on hand to help novices enter the exhibit.

Generally speaking, roses should be at their peak of beauty when exhibited. For hybrid teas, that means more open than a bud and not so far open that stamens are revealed. Hybrid teas are shown one to a stem, no sidebuds. For floribundas, having several blooms on one stem is ideal. Miniatures can be shown either as one to a stem or as sprays. Do not remove leaves. Cut as much stem as possible. Transport roses to the meeting in water, either in a bucket or in a box containing separate containers such as milk cartons to keep the roses separated. You must bring your own beer or soda bottles for entering your roses.

It's fun to see your roses on display and also educational to see what goes into showing your roses. Our little rose shows are always a nice mix of entries from novices and experienced exhibitors. We welcome you and your roses to this activity!

Food at the Rose Show!

By Sue Streeper, streeper@cox.net

We all welcome the return of the rose show to the Balboa Park Club this year. One of the advantages is that there is plenty of space for us to offer lunch on site in the Santa Fe Room, just off the exhibition hall. We call it the Judges' Lunch because it is our pleasant duty to offer lunch to the judges of the show, but the lunch is also available to rose society members. Many exhibitors and workers at the show welcome the opportunity to sit down with rose friends and judges and enjoy a nice meal.

Here are the details: The lunch is being catered by In Good Taste, our caterer of choice who has provided many meals for our seminars and pilgrimages. They will provide small sandwiches, two salads, sodas, and a mini-sweet for dessert. We will also provide water and coffee. Cost is \$10 per person, payable to SDRS with a memo stating Judges' Lunch. Checks may be given to Sue Streeper, treasurer, at the April meeting or mailed to her at 1333 Wenatchee Avenue, El Cajon CA 92021. Deadline is Tuesday, May 15, so that the caterer may be informed of the number. Sorry, we cannot accommodate last-minute walk-ins, so plan ahead. Past experience has proven that this lunch is a very popular item with people who have been putting the rose show together since the early hours of the morning.

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By Linda Hitney, hitney@juno.com

Our March meeting featured the Consulting Rosarian program. Consulting Rosarians (CRs) are members of the American Rose Society and a local rose society, experienced rose growers, trained and qualified by the American Rose Society to serve the gardening public by providing information and advice about growing roses.

You can find more information about CRs on our web site. Go to our home page (<http://www.sdrosesociety.org/>) and click on "Ask a Rosarian" in the left hand column. There you will find a link which will take you to a list of all of our CRs. You can also click a link to send a question to our online CR (**Phil Ash**.)

You can go directly to our Consulting Rosarian page by entering the following URL:

http://www.sdrosesociety.org/consulting_rosarians.htm

Here you will find all of our 32 CRs listed including our newest (**Linda Ball, Doug Kalal and Jean Swanson**.) All of these members have earned the designation of Consulting Rosarian by attending a seminar and passing a comprehensive test on rose culture. They have chosen to become Consulting Rosarians to assist you with rose growing by answering questions and doing garden consultations when needed. They are all experienced and knowledgeable rose growers and are happy to help you grow more beautiful roses. Give one a call or send them an e-mail message.

Two of our CRs, **Walt & Diana Kilmer**, were given the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award for 2005 from the Pacific Southwest District. **Walt and Diana** gave us a wonderful presentation at the February meeting and showed us lots of beautiful pictures of their rose judging adventures in Ireland.

In 2005 the American Rose Society created a new Master Rosarian designation. Master Rosarians are indicated on the web site with an asterisk (*). Our Master Rosarians are **Rita Applegate, Phil Ash, Maggi Jensen, Dick Streeper and Miriam Yoder**. The qualifications for Master Rosarian (including 10 years as a CR) are listed on our web site.

If you would like to become a Consulting Rosarian, you can contact **Roger English** (619-582-3794 or rozluvr@cox.net), our CR Coordinator. The qualifications to be a CR (including 3 years in ARS, being an active member of a local rose society and growing roses for 5 years) are also listed on the web site.

Brief Biography: Roger English

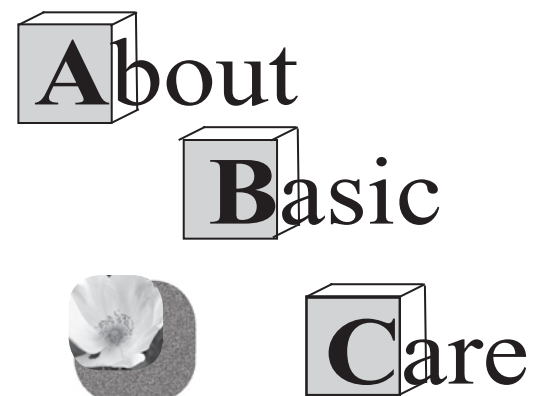
My birthplace and young childhood until age six was in San Diego. Our family then moved to northern California and lived for short periods of time in Dunsmuir, the rural area of Cow Creek and Redding. I remember a lot of fun times at the one room school in Cow Creek. This is when I first developed a love of nature. I enjoyed watching the salmon swim up the Cow Creek in the open fields and forests surrounding our home. From the third grade to halfway through the sixth we lived in Eureka. There a buddy and I with our bows and arrows often spent an entire weekend day near our homes exploring redwood forests, fields and the overgrown lush area with trees, berry bushes and beautiful foxglove flowers in a variety of colors adjacent to Humboldt Bay. We took no food or water because we browsed on blackberries, wild strawberries, huckleberries, salmon berries and thimble berries. Beginning the last half of the sixth grade we moved back to San Diego in the Pacific Beach area.



There I became a gardener, growing tomatoes, potatoes, Swiss chard, carrots, numerous other vegetables and also apricot, plum and peach trees. Beekeeping became a hobby and then a small business in which my dad participated. We eventually acquired one hundred hives. These were moved at night by pickup to different areas in San Diego county and Orange county. This was before houses replaced almost all the huge orange groves.

Later I attended San Diego State University and Tulane Medical School. After that I spent eight adventurous and challenging years as a navy physician with the last few years in San Diego. A private practice in Internal Medicine and Endocrinology began in September 1973. Basically as an Internal Medicine physician I cared for patients with a variety of acute problem and a large number of people with chronic diseases such as hypertension, congestive heart failure and arthritis. As an Endocrinologist, sixty percent of my patients had diabetes and many had different types of thyroid problems. Private practice was much more demanding than anything I had experienced

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Favorite Roses for Cutting and Favorites for Garden Color

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Rose Ramblings: What are your five favorite rose varieties to cut and place in a vase? Briefly explain the reasons for your selections.

Doug: Firefighter (great scent), Prospero (great color), Neptune (great scent), Hot Princess (great color and form), Sunsprite (great scent).

Gary: Andrea Stelzer (HT long canes, high centered bloom), Touch of Class (HT long canes, bloom lasts), Moonstone (HT needs hot weather, bloom breathtaking), Signature (HT long canes, high centered bloom), Cajun Moon (HT plant has many long canes and flower usually has form). Bonus-always try to find a HT Double Delight to mix in for fragrance.

Roger: Gemini (HT beautiful form and color, long stems), Secret (HT delightful fragrance), Let Freedom Ring (HT excellent form, striking strawberry red), Black Magic (HT form best only in hot weather but the dark red velvet petals make it a good choice anytime), Andrea Stelzer (HT lovely shade of pink with high center and long canes) Double Delight (HT fragrance and color).

Rose Ramblings: What five roses do you recommend for general garden beauty? Mention the reasons for your choices.

Doug: Fourth of July (great disease resistant climbing rose), Betty Boop (F color and petals last forever on the bush), Sentimental (F unusual color, great disease resistance), Lavaglut (F great color and lots of sprays), St. Patrick (HT big and bold yellow color).

Gary: Playboy (F Large bush that has single blooms and many sprays. Can be seen from a distance), Johann Strauss (F huge bush that flowers early and is a fast repeat bloomer), Sexy Remy (F large plant with sprays so large and heavy they need staking. The first bloom cycle is always the best), Candelabra (Gr an orange flowered plant that produces great sprays. It's a spreading plant that needs room), Dainty Bess (HT a single petal rose that produces large flowers on spindly yet strong enough canes. A large plant will stop you in your tracks).

Roger: Fourth of July (LC1 if you have the right place for a climber this will light up your garden), First Kiss (F an older pink rose but still a winner), Day Breaker (F disease resistant garden standout with lots of apricot-pink blend blooms), Golden Holstein (F lots of bright yellow sprays on a large disease resistant bush), Trumpeter (F another old reliable disease resistant rose with lovely orange-red sprays).