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We Celebrate Our Successes: Convention and Park Garden

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The May meeting of the San Diego Rose Society is Monday, May 19, in Room 101, Casa del Prado in Balboa Park. Pot luck dinner is at 6:30 p.m. In addition to your plate and utensils, please bring a dish to share according to your last name as follows:

A – H – Main dish

I – Q – Salad or side dish

R- Z – Dessert

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. We look forward to a presentation of photos taken throughout the 2014 national convention by Dona Martin and narrated by the other member of the Martin team, Bob.

Additionally, there will be a short presentation regarding the induction of the Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden in Balboa Park into the Great Rosarians of the World (GROW) Rose Garden Hall of Fame at the Huntington Library.

Little Rose Show

Be sure to bring up to six stems of the best roses in your garden to exhibit in the little rose show. Experienced exhibitors will be available to help novices make their entries. Cut as long a stem as possible which is in proportion to the bloom. Do not remove leaves unless they are badly damaged. Vases will be provided for specimen blooms. Arrangements are also encouraged.



American Rose Society Convention
San Diego ~ May 8 - 12, 2014

President's Message

Bob Kolb, bobkolb@cox.net

It's Show Time! The 2014 American Rose Society Convention and Rose Show registration desk opens at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 8. Many of our members have been planning and working for many months to make this convention a success. Volunteer teams are being organized to deal with the final arrangements for the big event. Many of you have signed up to help with one or more of the many tasks that must be accomplished during the convention to make it a success. Please respond positively to requests for support from our members that have accepted leadership positions. The most benefit from your membership in the San Diego Rose Society is derived by being an active volunteer in our activities. It is amazing how much you can learn about rose horticulture while working with fellow members of the San Diego Rose Society. The convention is our major activity in 2014 so I look forward to seeing you working as a volunteer. A special volunteer badge has been created by Barbara Lester to identify you as a volunteer.

There is still time for you to register for the convention. Simply go to the convention website and click on the registration button and fill out the registration form on line. You can even register at the door if you aren't able to register before the convention starts. There are lots of reasons why you should attend: a two-part photo seminar, a rose show, an outstanding lineup of speakers, three garden tours, social events, and vendors. It is a great rose-related opportunity so you don't want to miss it.

Linda Hitney, leader for staffing and operation of the registration desk, and Mary Vieira, convention registrar, will open the registration desk at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday. At that time, you will be able to check in if you have preregistered and register if you have not preregistered. You will be given a convention goody bag, a convention rose named Family Holiday, and a convention schedule when you check in.

The San Diego Rose Society is offering several items for sale during the convention that will be available at the registration desk during the convention. One special item is a book written by one of our members, Evelyn Alemanni, entitled *Rose Bouquets*. Evelyn plans to spend some time at the convention and will be available to autograph your book. Ask for Evelyn's schedule when you purchase your copy of this lovely book. Barbara Lester donated beautiful rose coasters for all attendees. A coaster is included in the goody bag given to every attendee and some additional coasters will be on sale. A very attractive baseball cap and extra convention roses will also be available for purchase. Supplies are limited so if you see something you like, buy it while supplies are available. You can pay for your purchases by cash, check or credit card.

If you are a combination rose lover/book lover, don't miss the silent auction of 300 rose books from 9 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Monday, May 12, in Terrace Salon 2. Available are many copies of American Rose Society annuals and Royal National (British) annuals which you can peruse with the hope of completing your collection. And there are books on horticulture, arranging, and all aspects of rose gardening. Bids start at \$1, so many bargains are to be had!

Be sure to bring your best blooms to enter in the rose show. You can begin preparing your entries starting at 9 p.m. on Friday night in Pacific Salons 1, 2, and 3. You are welcome to continue working throughout the night. Rose show entries open at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. All entries must be in by 9:45 a.m. The rose show is open to the public from 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm on Saturday and from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Sunday. If you are not registered at the convention, the cost of admission to the show is \$5. The \$5 admission fee can also pay for your membership in the San Diego Rose Society for the remainder of the year. If you are still feeling energetic, a tour of the Balboa Park Rose Garden, Cabrillo Monument, Steve Berry's garden and home, and Marty and Bob Kolb's garden leaves at 9:45 a.m. and returns at 3:00 p.m. Good news! This tour includes a box lunch that you can enjoy in Balboa Park.

Enjoy the convention and rose show.

Rose Care for May

By Gary Bulman, gossbulman@cox.net

By this time in May the first bloom cycle has been completed. You either have blooms ready for the national convention or you think ahead for the San Diego County Fair. Hopefully you have anticipated the May 2 deadline for entries in the fair. Get ready for the next bloom cycle by doing a light pruning and cleaning out the middle of the bushes that have excess short growth that will not contribute to new canes or blooms. This time of year it takes about 45 days for new blooms to be generated by your bush.

Be sure to feed your roses after they have been watered. This year I am holding back my Bio-start fertilizer until later and now concentrate on using Magnum Grow, fish emulsion, seaweed extract and alfalfa, mixing in a 55gallon barrel and applying about one gallon per bush.

Continue spraying a fungicide if mildew is a concern for you. Prevention is the only sure way to make sure your roses stay clean.

This year aphids have been absent but now I have noticed a little damage from rose slugs and weevils so I have added spinosad to my spray mix. Katydid also have been present as well as a grasshopper or two. These should be cut in half using your garden clippers. The forecast calls for very hot weather for the next week or so. Be on the lookout for spider mites as they will show up along with the heat.

Walter Andersen Nursery Rose Show

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If your roses have come into bloom too late for the May 10 convention show, you may be looking for a low-key local rose show where you can show off your beautiful blooms. The Andersen Nursery in Poway has just the ticket for you: an easy drive, 8 to 10:30 a.m. entry time, and even a class to help new exhibitors.

Here are the details: the show takes place on Saturday, May 24, in the Poway nursery, 12755 Danielson Ct., Poway. An instructive class for newbies is scheduled at the nursery at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 17. You can get your questions answered and find out what the judges are looking for at this time. Also, the schedule of categories in which roses can be entered will be available at the class.

Error in April's Rose Ramblings

Your editors apologize for including the wrong date under the photo of Our Diana on page one of last month's newsletter. Our Diana, shown by Jim Price, was queen of the show in 2013, not 2014. We regret the error.

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