



Rose Ramblings

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Water Works

By Gary Bulman, Program Chairman, gossbulman@cox.net

Place and Time

Our meeting is Monday, September 15, 2014, in Room 101 of Casa del Prado, in Balboa Park. The program will start at 7:30 p.m. At our last meeting in June you will recall the presentation by Kelly Mooney from the San Diego County Water Authority's Conservation Team as she discussed our sources of water conservation measures and plans for the future. At that time we were coasting along with our watering schedules knowing that sanctions were on the horizon. They have arrived so now it is up to us to conform to the Stage 2 alert we are in. To help us accomplish this our speaker will be Bill Davis. His area of expertise is irrigation design, soils sustainability and garden maintenance. He will provide information and sources that will allow for the maximum use of every gallon of water we are being charged for. He is also a member of San Diego County's Master Gardener program.

Consulting Rosarian's Corner

Arrive a little early to enjoy some coffee and a treat and engage in a little rose talk with fellow members. Starting at 7:00 p.m., John Lester will be available to discuss problems you may have encountered over the summer.

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 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 and tags will be provided for specimen blooms. Arrangements are also encouraged.

President's Message

Bob Kolb, bobkolb@cox.net

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over, but it is and fall weather is soon to follow. Less sunlight and cooler days should bring improved rose growing conditions in more of the county. This summer has been significantly warmer than normal which impacted the bloom cycle in many areas. It has been warmer in the coastal areas as well but my roses did well in spite of it. The fall rose show season will be starting soon so be sure to read Gary Bulman's advice on rose care to determine what you should be doing now to improve your fall rose bloom.

Another good thing about September is that our society activities begin again. Our September general meeting is on Monday, September 15. It will include a Little Rose Show, a Consulting Rosarians corner and a speaker. See Gary Bulman's program announcement for more details.

The 2014 ARS Convention was over in May, but several of us worked over the summer wrapping up the final details which were accomplished around vacations. Joan Sieber, 2014 convention and SDRS treasurer, took on the biggest assignment, paying the remaining obligations, processing the last of the income, and then completing a final financial report. Joan has done an outstanding job on both of these challenging responsibilities. Each of them requires a significant amount of time and lots of attention to detail. Her efforts are greatly appreciated. The 2014 ARS Convention was a financial success. A brief financial summary is provided below:

Total Attendance	345
Total Income	\$94,733.67
Total Expenses	\$86,979.18
Surplus	\$ 7,754.49

The Rose Show income and expenses as well as a \$1500 donation to the Pacific Southwest District are included in these numbers. The American Rose Society, in accordance with our agreement, got 40% of the surplus, or \$3101.80. The San Diego Rose Society provided \$7500 to underwrite the early convention costs which have now been returned. When the final checks clear, the convention checking account will be closed and Joan yells a cheer.

The convention registration software, EasyREG, served us very well. The license for the software was \$300. It was a good investment. The credit card processing was performed by EFT. Mary Vieira was hired as registrar and did an outstanding job of mastering the capabilities of the registration system to provide timely service to attendees and good reports to the leadership.

Daniel Craun was the webmaster for the ARS convention website which drew many positive comments from our attendees. Of course, the website was taken offline in early summer, but Daniel doesn't get much of a rest because he has taken over responsibility for the SDRS website. Welcome, Daniel. I appreciate your willingness to take on this new challenge. Linda Hitney has served the organization well as webmistress for nine years. We appreciate your many years of service.

There were four open gardens on Sunday, August 24, thanks to Christine and Rand Allan, Elaine and Bill Ornelas, Libby and Dan Levine and Marty and Bob Kolb. A good show!

Traveling is another of my hobbies which will cause me to miss the general meeting on September 15. The good news is that we have Gary Bulman to take over in my absence. I look forward to seeing you on October 20 if not before.

September Rose Care

By Gary Bulman , gossbulman@cox.net

The *San Diego Union-Tribune* stated “101 days of above normal temperatures.” This period was during our usually best time for growing roses in San Diego County. Effective August 13, my local water authority declared a “Response Level 2--Water Shortage Alert Condition.” I am limited to watering three days a week between the hours of 6 p.m. and 10 a.m. I can live with these restrictions just as we all will have to do. Again, my recommendation is to water less often but try to ensure that your water is not being wasted and is sinking deeply into your rose root zone. Hopefully you have a soil probe or narrow bladed shovel to check on how deep your water is going. Check roses growing in containers often. Plan on attending the September meeting where Bill Davis will present a program on water systems.

Our roses simply do not look as good as they did a year ago due to our weather conditions but care and maintenance is still required. We hope for a cooler fall so a gentle pruning and the cleaning out of unwanted growth throughout the center of the plant is in order to prepare for the fall bloom cycle. Leave as many leaves on the plant as you can for protection from the sun and production of new blooms.

After watering, fertilize with fish emulsion, seaweed extract, Magnum Grow or Bio-Start (if you have any left) to encourage new growth. Be vigilant for mildew and pests that damage foliage and buds and be prepared to take preventative action when damage becomes more than you can tolerate.

Fall Fertilizing--To Do or Not To Do

By Ruth Tiffany, ruthsgarden@msn.com

Living in San Diego I have higher expectations for my roses than I might and did living in other climes. In Southern Oregon and even Northern California I could never have expected a possible six bloom cycles from my roses. In San Diego, this is exactly what some of my roses give to me. This amazing gift is based on several interacting circumstances. First, the weather--hot in August which creates a slight summer dormancy. Second, an adequate and regular water supply. Third, a food boost the very end of August/first of September. Not all my roses give this extra gift, but many of the fast repeaters do.

I look forward with great anticipation to the fall bloom as the colors and blooms of some roses are quite spectacularly different in that season.

So what to feed? If I have some BioStart left (doesn't happen often), I will use that BioStart--with extra good watering--on roses I think need an extra push. I will stand in front of a rose and evaluate how it produced this year--did it give me less than in previous years, did it not develop many/any new canes this year, is it 2-3 years old and still not producing like I think it should, has it nearly made the shovel list but then received a stay of execution because of an outstanding bloom (or me being sentimental)? These are all questions a rose in my garden must answer. I never promised an easy rose garden.

Then all the roses in my garden receive Magnum Grow, Fish Emulsion, Seaweed Extract --purchased from the San Diego Rose Society fertilizer sale. In addition I add some Sequestrene-iron, SuperThrive, Liquid Karma, DynaGrow and B12. One gallon per large bush and half for minis. This is applied every two weeks until October 15.

This program will provide me with roses to take to the Orange County rose show Oct. 25, Santa Clarita rose show Nov. 1, and Palm Desert rose show Nov. 8, as well as many, many roses to take to all the friends and places I love to take roses.

Hey Friends, all of this information is to remind you to start thinking about your roses and feeding your roses. The San Diego fertilizer sale in January is the very best way to feed your roses and you need to start thinking about that now.

More information will be coming in next month's newsletter. Remember--your key words are
Evaluate now,
BioStart,
Fish Emulsion,
Seaweed Extract,
Love Your Roses.

Any questions? Email me. Happy Fall Roses!

Great Garden Tours

By Sue Streeper, streeper@cox.net

Sunday, August 24, was the date when four coastal gardens were opened for the pleasure of rose society visitors. Variety was the rule of the day, since each garden was very different from the others. About sixty people enjoyed seeing the gardens and talking roses with the hosts. Thanks to Bob Kolb who opened his garden and persuaded the three other hosts to participate.

The Kolbs' garden in Point Loma featured very large hybrid teas, floribundas, and miniatures. One standout was the tree rose with both Iceberg and Burgundy Iceberg grafted onto it. The growth was so abundant that one could not detect that it was a tree rose until Bob pointed it out. Visitors enjoyed the view of surfers waiting to catch waves in the ocean to the southwest.



Front yard of the Levine garden
Photo by Libby Levine

Another glorious view, this time of San Diego harbor and downtown, was enjoyed by the visitors to the garden of Dan and Libby Levine. The front yard contained a mix of Austin roses, heirloom vegetables, and annual and perennial plants. The cottage garden look was achieved a few years ago when the Levines decided to convert the lawn to this new use. The back yard was a marvel of inventive landscaping and hardscape which included a pool, guest house, vegetable garden, and potted roses.



Marty with visitors in the
Kolb garden
Photo by Sue Streeper

Bill and Elaine Ornelas welcomed visitors to their Clairemont garden which also had an outstanding view of San Diego Bay and Point Loma. Variety is the key in this interesting collection of plants including roses, succulents, vines, annuals, perennials, and vegetables. Elaine took the time to show how she raises monarch butterflies, from growing their milkweed diet to gathering the cocoons and feeding the caterpillars. Some operation!

And it was fun to see the growth on the seventy-some potted roses that the Ornelases are tending in anticipation of building the rose society garden at the 2015 county fair.



Dick Streeper in the rosy driveway
of the Allan Garden
Photo by Sue Streeper

The roses at the home of Rand and Christine Allan are all planted along the handsome driveway in front of their house. The plants were large with perfect foliage, demonstrating the value of a consistent program of watering and fertilizing. Especially impressive was the loveliest plant this writer had seen anywhere of the rose Francis Meiland—great growth and exquisite blooms.

By the end of the day, it was clear that roses could be grown in greatly varied settings with success. The hosts and visitors clearly enjoyed the beautiful day. Let's do another version of this in another San Diego neighborhood next year!



Bill sharing with visitors in the
Ornelas garden
Photo by Elaine Ornelas

How Many Members Does the San Diego Rose Society Have?

By Jim Price, jnprice@pacbell.net

As VP of Membership, I get asked this question sometimes. My not-very-definitive answer is: “it depends!” What do I mean by that?

Well, first, let’s welcome our newest members. 139(!) of you joined at our rose show this year – see the list on the following pages. And in June and July we have also added:

April Woods – County fair
Ed & Cindy Haberer – County fair
Bobbie Barstelle

We welcome all of you to the San Diego Rose Society!!

So, back to the “it depends” part. We have what I call a “core membership” of between 250 and 300 households (many with more than one person interested in roses). These folks pay between \$15 and \$100 per year for membership and tend to renew every year; obviously some drop out, and others take their place. Many of our new “core” members come from county fair and rose show sign-ups. County fair and rose show members start with an “introductory special” rate of \$5 for the remainder of the calendar year in which they join.

About the fair: because we didn’t have an exhibit at the fair this year, we don’t have that shot-in-the-arm of new members this year. (Putting on the National ARS Convention in May burned up our volunteer time and effort!) But we’ll be back in 2015. We typically sign up about 50 new members, give or take, at the fair each year.

And then there’s the rose show. For the past three years, we have made rose show attendees “automatic” members of SDRS for the remainder of the year if they will give us their e-mail address. We have been getting about 125 new members each year via this route.

So to get back to the original question: how many members do we have? **For 2014, our total membership is very close to 400 households** (260 “core” plus 140 rose show). We had closer to 500 member households in 2013: the number of “core” members was a bit higher, and we had a good sign up at the fair.

A SPECIAL NOTE TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

We would, of course, be ecstatic if all of you renewed for 2015! Let me encourage you to partake of at least a couple of resources that SDRS has to offer:

1) Come to an event. Our regular meetings are on the third Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in Casa del Prado Room 101 in Balboa Park. The next meeting will be on September 15, and you can read all about the program elsewhere in this newsletter. There will also be monthly meetings in October and November. **And THEN our big Holiday Party in December--you won’t want to miss this!**

2) Ask a question! Even if you can’t make a meeting, don’t be shy about asking questions about rose growing--e.g. what roses do well in your area, how to feed, what type of soil to use, what sort of bugs or “ugly stuff” you may have on your leaves, etc. Go to our website www.sdrosesociety.org and click on “Ask an Expert.” We have a large group of consulting rosarians eager to address your issues. And we do home visits--for free!

3) Help out at the Balboa Park Rose Garden. SDRS supports the beautiful, award-winning Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden in Balboa Park. A group of approximately 45 people, the Rose Garden Corps, meets at the garden two days per week to maintain the beauty of the garden. Being part of this team is an excellent way to learn about roses as well as to contribute to the community. Go to www.sdrosesociety.org, click on “Gardens,” and then the link for the Memorial Rose Garden. Another way to contact the Rose Garden Corps about your interest in volunteering is to email the following address: bprosegardencorps@gmail.com. Bob Kolb, SDRS president, is one of the coordinators of the Rose Garden Corps.

Get the most out of your membership. Get involved, learn more about roses, apply what you learn to your own roses (or those of your friends and neighbors), and participate in SDRS events to the extent you can. And, of course, **renew your membership for 2015!** You won’t regret your time spent.

THE NAMES OF THE NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED AT THIS YEAR’S ROSE SHOW ARE LISTED ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES.

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New Members

Karen	Anderson	Simon	Freedman
Patt	Anderson	Adrian & Jackie	Gammal
Marjoria	Archibald	Siv	Garrod
Valerie & Rolfe	Armstrong	David & Sasona	Goodblatt
John M.	Artiaga	Paul	Goodman
Gail	Atkinson	Robert	Graber
Mark	Bailey	Elise	Haar
Wanda	Bass	Richard	Hammond
Skip	Bath	Rita	Hammond
Jacqueline	Beddows	Mike	Harness
Kathryn	Bedrouni	Anita	Hausman
Nick	Benevento	Clara	Hayashigawa
Donna M.	Berry	Michele	Heppner
Lori & Mike	Bertohecei	Linda	Hershbeyser
Dipen	Bhuva	Richard	Hessling
Paul	Bixler	Philip	Hessling
Elaine	Bradbury	Marion	Hessling
Dianne	Bramwell	Clara	Hieshetter
Louis & Phyllis	Burleson	Linda	Hoffman
Daniel	Cacici	Sharon	Holmlund
Carol	Carlisle	John	Hunter
Meg	Casey	Rudy	Hunter
Margo	Castagna	Charleen	Jameson
Juan	Ceballos	Ted	Judson
Jimmy	Christodonlon	Lorraine	Kasse
Chunjai P.	Clarkson	Helene	Kaufman
Helene	Cobb	Lynne	Keegan
Cathy	Colt	Adele	Kelly
Brad & Debra	Cowell	Maggie	Kinhead
Julie	Cramer	Florence	Koga
Louise	Cullen	Al & Penny	LaAlcala
Cherie	Dean	Jeni	Langley
Nancy	Dillree	Lori	Langley
Mary	Dizaye	Susan	Lazear
Barbara	Eastwood	Lee	Lecurce
Remy	Elwart	Laurie	Lee
Lillia	Espino	Dorinda	Lillie
Tessa	Estela	Nancy	Losek
Joyce	Evans	Monica	Lucas
Patricia	Fahvai	Jodi	Luostannen
Maria	Feeley	Betty	Mason
Frank	Ficano	Connie	Massey
Martha	Frank	Kathy	McClelland

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Michael	McDonald	Wendy	Simon
Robert	McGehee	Cathy	Smith
Judy	McKay	Rose	Stupp
Michael	McKellips	Charles & Dawn	Sullivan
Ann	Meador	Nancy	Taxson
Mark	Meador	Paula	Tonsky
Ann	Milliman	Susan	Van
April	Mitchell	Julie	Van der Auwera
Marty	Molden	Laurel	White
Shannon	Monaghan	Gary	Young
Joyce	Morris		
Jeff & Barb	Morrison		
Lucky	Morrison		
W	Moy		
Ericka	Moyer		
Clochette	Nguyen		
Lou	Obertreis		
P.A.	O'Neill		
Kathleen	Ornelas		
Jackie, Mark	Pankrast		
Darlene	Patterson		
Darryl	Pearson		
Celestina	Penaloza		
Joseph	Pham		
Sandra	Phillips		
Kay	Phillips		
James H.	Pinnick		
Martha	Ponce		
Frank	Querques		
Emily	Ramos		
Janabelle	Reed		
Craig	Reeder		
Julie	Remsen		
Mary	Rose		
Shogo	Sadahiro		
Linda	Savage		
Ann	Schryer		
Len	Schultz		
Annie	Schultz		
Alecia	Schwartz		
Louise	Serrano		
Diana	Shurtleft		
Jacqueline	Simon		

Hal Reynolds
District Director Pacific Southwest District
American Rose Society

Dear Ruth Tiffany, Bob Kolb and all volunteers and members of San Diego Rose Society:

It is difficult to express how very proud I am of the job you people did with the 2014 National American Rose Society convention. The convention ran on time, the events were well handled by your volunteers, garden tours that attendees are still raving about, and a host of speakers with varied and informative presentations, fun evening events, a well run rose show and you even ended up in the black. What more can a district director ask for?

I must especially thank the San Diego Rose Society for the nice check they have provided the Pacific Southwest District as well as the check sent to the American Rose Society.

I should have expected no less than a great performance from the San Diego Rose Society. Your group always does a top notch job on any project they take on. Conventions are a tough job and you did that job very well.

I thank Ruth Tiffany convention chair, Bob Kolb society president, Linda Clark show chair, Bob Martin speakers chair and all the officers, volunteers, and members of the San Diego (number one in my book) Rose Society.

Sincerely,

Hal Reynolds, District Director

Pacific Southwest District, American Rose Society



Bee's Knees

Photo by Elaine Ornelas

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 supports the Rose Garden Corps, a volunteer group which does much of the maintenance of the park garden, by paying part of the cost of the t-shirts which identify them.

The trust receives its income from donations. Those moneys are often from people who want to donate in the name of deceased rose lovers. Sometimes donations are made by people who have received visits from consulting rosarians who advise about rose horticulture. Gifts of \$50 or more to the Rose Garden Trust are recognized using hand-lettered calligraphy in a beautiful Memory Book which is shown from time to time at rose society meetings.

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 San Diego Rose Society is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so donations are tax deductible. 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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