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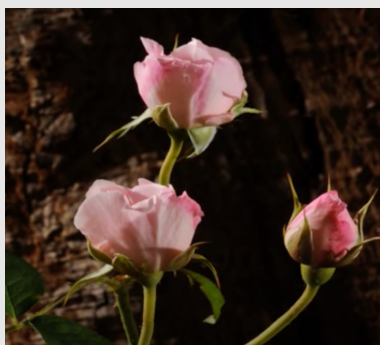
The pandemic and restrictions on our movements are causing some delays with the Neutrog delivery.

At this stage, the delivery is expected to arrive in NSW sometime in early September. But we have no firm arrival date.

Due to the need to keep all of our members safe, we will not be able to set a 'pick up' date for you to collect your Neutrog until the pandemic conditions become much more stable and safer than they are currently.

It would be appreciated if you do not request special, individual arrangements for your pick up.

You will be advised when the pick up date is set. Your support is appreciated.



Dear Rose Friends

I trust that you are all managing to keep busy, comfortable and well during this extended lockdown. At least we are able to enjoy our gardens and the new roses and the weather is ideal for gardening. As yet we have no indication about when we can resume our regular meetings.

Our November meeting at David and Lorraine Hawkes place has been cancelled. We are still hopeful that we can hold our Christmas celebration and use the arrangements in place. But this is entirely dependent on gathering, meeting and other pandemic restrictions.



As the weather starts to warm and we hover into Spring, our roses are starting to re-leaf and new buds starting to form. Disbudding our roses can help to improve the size and quality of our blooms. The Cultural Notes provide some information on why and how to take different approaches for disbudding both hybrid teas and floribunda roses.

The NSW Rose Society 'Roses by the Seaside' National Championships and Conference has once again fallen victim to the restrictions of the Covid 19 pandemic and been cancelled. However all is not lost and a decision has been made to transfer the 2021 National Championship to the autumn of 2022 when our roses will be at their peak of their beauty. Further information about this event is on Page 4 of this newsletter.

Our feature rose is Tineke, which is a beautiful white rose that holds its shape and form. Tineke is a hardy, vigorous rose that does well in Macarthur.

The American Rose Society is currently offering a trial membership for \$10USD. This Rose Society has been established for over 150 years and it offers a wealth of information and advice that is applicable to all rose growers. More information about the ARS offer is on Page 5 of the newsletter.

Happy Spring Rose Gardening and keep safe

Yours in Roses

Judith



Cultural Notes – Disbudding

Disbudding is the practice of removing undesirable buds. If your hybrid tea roses are beginning to bud, now is the time to disbud to improve the quality of your spring roses.

For one bloom per stem hybrid teas and miniatures, it is essential to remove the side buds to provide a good sized, quality bloom rather than several much smaller blooms.

Disbudding is achieved by placing the bud between thumb and index fingers and rocking it back and forth until the bud breaks off at the base. The earlier in the bud's life this is done, the easier it snaps off and the less scar that remains on the stems. Early removal of the side buds will ensure that the scar is unnoticeable when the bloom is picked and displayed.



Disbudding floribundas is slightly different, but if you can successfully disbud a floribunda or grandiflora rose bush, it will typically produce bigger blooms in the cluster, giving you a very showy looking bouquet or spray of blooms for your vase or flower arrangement.



First of all, you have to determine how many buds there are on the stem.. If there is a central bud and only one or two side buds, remove the side buds and leave the central bud.

When presented with many buds but one central bud, remove the central bud and make the stem into a spray (or cluster). This is done because otherwise the central bud will bloom first and fade before the rest of the buds open.

In the photo at left there are multiple buds originating from more than one leaf axil. In this case, if you remove only the centre bud, you will have a spray of 3 florets. However, if you remove the centre bud AND the three centre buds in the side sprays, you will end up with a spray of 6 florets. This is the desirable way to disbud a shrub such as Sally Holmes which has multiple sprays originating from multiple axils.

If the main centre bud is removed from the cluster of buds on a floribunda rose bush, the other buds will typically open at the same time, thus creating a big full beautiful bouquet or spray of blooms. While you may lose the buds and potential blooms from the disbudded bush, you get a much better and more proportional show of blooms overall.

In this photo at right is a floribunda before and after disbudding for a spray, the center bud and a lower bud were removed and three side buds remain.



Miniature and mini-flora rose bushes may be disbudded too, so that their single blooms or bloom clusters are a bit bigger. It is a more difficult chore to disbud these, as their buds are pretty small to begin with and you can easily take more buds off than you really want to. So be careful with disbudding them and go slow.

Thanks to: Gail Marin, American Rose Society 2004.

Garden happenings

The end of August concludes the busy winter months where we have been preoccupied with pruning, cleaning up, spraying with lime sulphur to deal with any wintering over fungal spores and the planting of new roses. August also signals the end of the bare root season, so any last-minute bare root planting should be completed as soon as possible.

As we move into the September Spring weather, and your roses start to re-leaf and grow, it is an ideal time to apply mulch to your garden. Start applying it while the new growth is short, so you are less likely to bump the new tender growth. Apply enough mulch to last the season. This will help to retain soil moisture and suppress the weeds. Good mulches to use are Neutrog's *WhoFlungDung*, sugar cane and pea straw. These all offer good protection and add nutrients to the soil. Remember to use a mask when applying mulch as the dust can be harmful to breathe in.



The warm weather also gives the insects a hurry up and the new spring growth is an ideal food to support their tremendous repopulation rate. As your rose bushes start to re-leaf, the aphids arrive and start to immediately feast on the soft new growth. Now is the time to begin a daily patrol of your rose garden, to either squash, hose off or apply an insecticide such as Eco Oil to keep the aphids under control.

The daily walks around the roses in search of aphids feasting on the new leaves is a great way to enjoy the spring sunshine before summer arrives. It is also a good time to pick off any leaves showing signs of black spot and to check for powdery mildew. Pull off all the leaves that the mildew has damaged and if necessary use Eco-fungicide to control the mildew.



Feature Rose - Tineke

Is a pure white hybrid tea rose that has successfully made the transition from the cut flower market to a great garden rose more successfully than most.

The great thing about Tineke, is that it not only has a wonderful flower shape that holds well, it is also easy in the garden. It is so good, it has been a popular rose in rose shows and exhibitions since its release.

A vigorous grower, Tineke is a prolific bloomer and does well in most conditions. As a cut flower, it has long strong stems, is very long lasting, with good dark green foliage and is great at holding its shape. Although Tineke is not a very fragrant rose it deserves a place in the garden for the sheer beauty of the white flowers. It is a medium sized rose in the garden and grows to approximately 1.5m.



Roses by the Seaside

The October Roses by the Seaside event has been cancelled for this year due to the COVID 19 pandemic and restrictions on our movements both interstate and between LGAs.

Fortunately, the event has been transferred to 2022 and will be held as the 2021 National Autumn Rose Show from 30 April-1st May 2022.

It will include most of the functions and activities that had been booked and arranged for the October 2021 event including the guest speaker list., the Cocktail Welcome on Friday evening 29 April and formal dinner on Saturday evening 30 April. The Pavilion at Kiama has been rebooked for the new dates. The expert speakers have also indicated their willingness to speak at the new event in April 2022. Good news and something to look forward to for all of us.

Three of the speakers are profiled below. The theme remains about rowing roses with an awareness of the changing climate and environmentally friendly care. The fee to listen to the speakers includes entry to what will be a spectacular autumn rose show.

Make sure you book your place at their presentations to hear what they have to say about growing roses in the 21st Century at: www.nsw.rose.org.au/roses-by-the-seaside.html.

Judith Little



Good Floral Design isn't accidental. It comes from a good understanding, and use, of the Principles and Elements of Design and it is something that I have never tired of exploring. For me, it's a journey without a destination.

Judith Little has been involved in Floral Art for many years and is a member of the Queensland Floral Art Society. She is also a member of The Royal Horticultural Society of NSW Inc and the NSW Floral Art Association. Judith studied under Mark Rampling for four years at Queensland TAFE and is qualified RHS and NSW Floral Art Judge.

In 2018, Judith was given the GCA Inc Joan O'Brien award and in 2020 was honoured with lifetime membership of the Maclean Show Society. She is the recipient of three Royal Horticultural Medals, and her most memorable wins in competition are from the Australia Designers Competition at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. She also achieved a third and second placing at the WAFA World Shows and for the last two years she won the National AFAA Championship.

Kelvin Trimper

There is no doubt that the world's climate is changing. In 2019/20 Australia had its hottest and driest year on record – continuing a developing trend evolving in this Century. These climatic changes have significant implications for our gardens and roses. My presentation will focus on the impact of climate change on our rose gardens and how we can manage it.

Kelvin Trimper AM is a well-known rosarian who has over five decades of gardening and rose growing experience. He is a Past President of the World Federation of Rose Societies and Past President of the



National Rose Society of Australia and Rose Society of South Australia. In 2012, he was awarded life membership of the Rose Society of South Australia.

He was also awarded the Australian Rose Award in 2012 and followed this in 2013 with the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award for services to the rose. He has lectured at International Rose Conventions on nine occasions. Kelvin is regularly a guest on radio gardening shows and author of many articles on roses. Kelvin is a Fellow of the University of South Australia and Fellow of the Urban Institute of Australia. His leadership and extraordinary contribution to horticulture, roses and property development was acknowledged when he was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2018.

Dr Uwe Stroehler

Dr Uwe Stroehler is a microbiologist and Head of Research and Development at Neutrog. Uwe has a unique ability to share his passion and lifelong interest in microbiology in a way that makes it easy to understand the importance of the role that bacteria and fungi play in our soil and plant health. Through Uwe's weekly segments with Graham Ross on The Garden Clinic, he is adept at answering questions on the spot and offering practical ideas for bringing your soil to life.



The American Rose Society exists to promote the culture, preservation and appreciation of the Rose, and to improve its standard of excellence for all people, through education and research. It is currently offering a four-month trial membership for only \$10 USD (approx. \$14AU) to anyone interested in becoming members. Most ARS members are home gardeners who enjoy growing roses and want to expand their knowledge of rose culture.

While some member benefits are not available for Macarthur Rose Society members, a wealth of knowledge and information about roses and rose growing is available and useful to everyone who grows roses. **This offer includes four issues of the online** newsletter *Roses & You*, edited by Rita Perwich and two issues of the American Rose magazine (\$20USD value). This is the only magazine in the USA devoted exclusively to roses and rose culture and the bi-monthly, 84 page issues feature informative articles and beautiful colour photography for beginners and experienced rose growers alike.

If you're just getting started with roses and don't know where to begin, try out their free E-Membership, which is always available, and includes a monthly e-newsletter, *The Fragrant Rose*. In it you will find an abundance of rose education that can help you grow beautiful roses of your own. Explore their website at this address:

<https://www.rose.org/join-renew>

Fukuyama Roses

On 08 August 1945, two days after the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, the city of Fukuyama in the same region came under a huge air raid by American bombers, which dropped conventional bombs. The city was largely destroyed and many people killed.

Reconstruction was slow and difficult. However, in 1956 in order to show their desire for finding hope, building a better future and raising the spirits of their fellow citizens, a group of surviving inhabitants took it upon themselves to plant 1,000 rose bushes in Minami Park. Their slogan:

'Flowers are beautiful, but more beautiful are the hearts of the people raising them'.



Fukuyama Rose bred by Kasuzo Tagashira



In time, a rose garden would develop, and the park would be renamed Rose Park. Today it has more than 5,500 rose bushes of 280 different species and varieties, among them the 'Fukuyama' cultivar created in 1988 by the rose breeder Kasuzo Tagashira. Fukuyama is known throughout Japan as the 'City of Roses' and holds a great rose festival every June, with parades and dances. In 2016, Fukuyama became the 'City of One Million Roses', and to mark its ideals of compassion and mutual assistance it adopted a lovely motto, 'Spirit of the Rose'. (From: *The Little Book of Roses* by Michel Beauvais)



Fukuyama Rose Park Garden

August Birthdays

- 3rd Margaret Hudson
- 8th Jim O'Hearn
- 14th Bill Reilly
- 22nd Brenda Morrison
- 23rd Pauline Bell
- 24th Maureen Thackeray
- 27th Mary Camilleri



September Birthdays

12th Judy Reilly



Macarthur Regional Rose Society Event Diary

Our meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month from February to December, at 2:00pm at Elderslie Public School, 170 Lodges Road Elderslie

Important dates ahead (all dependent on NSW Government restrictions)

9th October (monthly meeting)

13 November (monthly meeting)

11 December (Christmas Party)

You will be advised when meetings are to resume.

Membership Fees

Membership fees are now due, and if not paid before the end of September your membership will no longer be financial. You can make an EFT payment through your bank. The details of how to do this are on the NSW Rose Society website at this address: <http://nsw.rose.org.au/become-a-member.html>

Contributions to this newsletter are always welcome. If you have items of interest including photos that you want to share for distribution, please send to: Judith Carll, at E: macarthurrosesociety@gmail.com or Tel: 0410 444 562.

When meeting, we operate in a Covid safe way with sanitiser available and sufficient space to keep a designated safe distance. Visitors are welcome to our meetings. .