

Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society

November 2024 Newsletter



Signature Rose Best Friend

Hello Rosarian Friends,

A scary thought - when we meet on November 20th, it will be just over 4 weeks to Christmas. This meeting will be our last meeting for the year climaxing with our In House Rose Show. Preparation time starts now.

We are very lucky to have the esteemed Judge and renowned Miniature Rose grower Jim Cunningham to judge our roses and pass on tips for the Miniature Show in March. Please members pry as much information as you can from Jim.

The doors will be open at 8.30 am for you to stage your roses. All displays must be benched by 9.45. You may then have a tea or coffee with friends whilst Jim judges.

I have included photos to assist you with display terminology. A stem or a cut can cause confusion—study the photos.

On the 9th November I will be visiting the National Rose Show In Melbourne. I will be particularly interested in how Miniature Roses are presented so I have a plan for our March Show. Will be taking lots of photos.

Wasn't Matt's Scam presentation informative? Hopefully you are switching your phone off regularly to break scamming sequence.

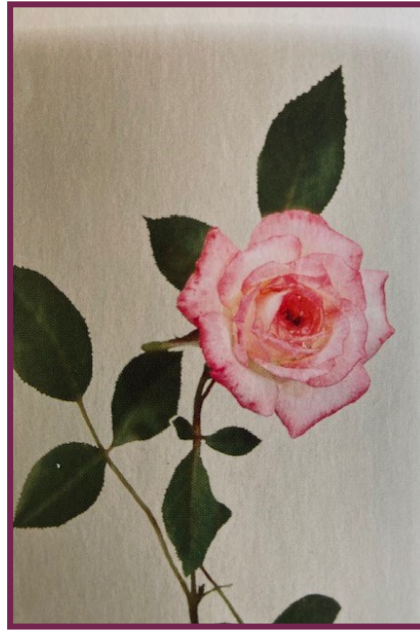
Take care until we meet and WATER your show roses.

Annette
Your Chairperson

"What a lovely thing a rose is!"
– Arthur Conan Doyle



Cut of a Miniature Rose



Stem



Exhibition Rose



Bud to Full Bloom - Kardinal

Why Show Roses

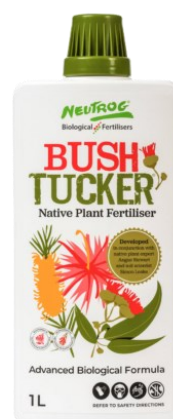
For me it's sharing the joy with fellow rose enthusiasts. Otherwise, the rose you love in your garden will not be seen in it's moment of glory.

Also, it's fun and you connect with fellow members in a shared experience. You learn from other exhibitors and discover the next rose you want in your garden.

Hints to enjoy the Show experience.

1. Be organised - know what you want to show days before.
2. Don't try to enter too many classes.
3. Water your roses daily to keep your show roses fresh.
4. Pick your roses the day or night before the show and prepare them removing imperfect leaves, excess buds or stems.
5. Sort into entry classes and label your rose.
6. Arrive early at show venue.
7. Prepare your most difficult entry first.
8. Ensure your name is on back of entry card when benching your rose.
9. If in doubt or flustered ask for assistance.

Enjoy your day!



Rookwood Cemetery Visit

with Sydney Heritage Rose Group and Rookwood Trust

On Wednesday 30th October Catherine Kyngdon and I went on the Rookwood Cemetery visit. We were amazed at how big and well kept the cemetery is.

Rookwood Cemetery has operated continuously since 1867, making it one of the oldest working cemeteries in Australia. Today Rookwood serves as a significant and fascinating source of Australian history, dating from Victorian to more recent times.

Of particular interest was the Mortuary Station. In 1948 – after 80 years of service – the historic Mortuary Station ceased operations, due largely to the rise of motor vehicles as a form of transport.

Built from Pymont sandstone, the station at Rookwood had been praised for its beautiful ornamentation when it was originally built.

It gradually fell into disrepair and was eventually sold in 1951 to Reverend Mr Buckle for 100 pounds. It was dismantled brick by brick and transported to Canberra in 83 semi-trailers, where it was converted into the All Saints Church of England in Ainslie, Canberra.



Among the hidden treasures at Rookwood Cemetery are beautiful old roses, cared for by volunteers.

For more than 150 years, people have been planting roses at the graves of loved ones.

As the cemetery developed, many of them were being destroyed by herbicides and the clearing of grave sites.

With the help of Heritage Roses Australia, they were propagated and planted in the Rookwood Heritage Rose Garden, also called Barbara's Garden to honour the woman who spearheaded the project to them.



<https://www.rookwoodcemetery.com.au/>

<https://www.rookwoodcemetery.com.au/blog/heritage-rose-garden>

Heritage Roses in Barbara's Garden



Our Members Choice Show Bench
Single Bloom



Pappa Meiland

1st: Peter & Robyn Miller



Unknown

2nd: Jonquil Temple



Double Delight

2nd: Roz Mulligan



Sophie's Rose

2nd: Roz Mulligan

Our Members Choice Show Bench



Miniature Rose with Lilac

1st: Roz Mulligan



Lily of the Valley

2nd: Cheryl Costigan



Luciola with Lavender & Pansies

2nd: Robyn & Peter Miller



Can You Help Identify this Rose



Our newest member Catherine Kyngdon would like help identifying this rose in her garden. She thinks it could be Mermaid.

Intan Kallus has suggested: 'without looking at its leaves, stems, prickles, sepals etc, I'm guessing it's UK-bred heritage rose, R 'Ballerina'.

If you think you know it's name or confer with Intan please let me know.

Email: mulligar8@bigpond.com

Ballot for President of the Rose Society of NSW

Dear Members,

Please make sure you send in your Ballot form to vote for the position of President of NSW Rose Society.

Votes can be lodged with the NSW Rose Society by email and by following the instructions contained in Stefanie's email of 5 November 2024.

Email the completed form before 5p.m. Friday 15th November, 2024 to

*the Secretary nswrosesec@gmail.com **AND***

the Assistant Returning Officer swans-mowing@live.com.au

The Show Bench

Each month at our meetings we encourage you to bring along your beautiful rose blooms to share your joy with fellow members. A single bloom or a vase arrangement featuring the rose (or both) will enhance our meeting discussion.

Members are asked to vote for their favourite presentation.

Tallies are added up at the end of each year with the winners in each category receiving a garden centre voucher.