

Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society

October 2024 Newsletter



Signature Rose Best Friend

Hello Rosarian Friends,

Three-quarters of the year has flown by and we have daylight savings. It certainly is a fun time in the garden with our roses budding and blooming.

Finally, we have Neutrog to nourish our treasures.

Thank you Peter for coordinating member's orders so efficiently and effectively. A huge effort especially physically. Robyn a big thank you for putting up with the stinky stuff permeating your home.

We may have a rose garden in the park adjacent to our meeting place. Last meeting Liz Patton offered the Council Workers our morning tea "leftovers". Coincidentally one partaker was the council's head horticulturist. We cheekily asked could we have a rose garden. He immediately led us to the side park and pointed to the space in front of the brick wall. He said he would organise agricultural pipes for watering and we suggested Autumn planting after ground preparation.

Pam Mildwater will conduct our AGM this month. Please contact me if any members are interested in a committee position. Nominations are open up to meeting commencement.

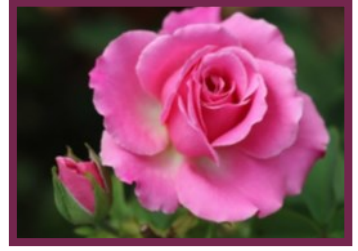
Our guest speaker this month is Matt from Bendigo Bank. His topic is scamming. You will be horrified at how easy these professionals can relieve you of your hard earned cash. Matt is an entertaining and knowledgeable speaker. Every member needs to be made AWARE and BEWARE. Matt will not bore you.

Looking forward to seeing you on October 16th.

Annette
Your Chairperson

*"Of all flowers, methinks a
rose is best." – William Shakespeare,
The Two Noble Kinsmen*

AGM Chairperson Report



Dear Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you so much for giving me a wonderful year as your Chairperson.

I have a fantastic committee who have excelled in their roles. Jeff Lawrence my Secretary extraordinaire. When Carol McVeigh resigned her Secretarial and Editorial position the eve of last year's AGM I was beside myself. Without hesitation Jeff said Yes to nominating for Secretary. Jeff has been a brilliant Secretary- conscientious, diligent and so supportive. He has a passion for roses and loves our society.

Roz Mulligan how lucky are we to have you as Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Newsletter Editor and newly appointed Miniature Show Secretary. How many hats can this beautiful person wear and excel in all. I would be at a loss without you.

Peter Miller you are my backup. A quiet achiever but does so much for me behind the scenes. Peter is also a NSW Rose Society delegate. Thank you for being with me at these frequently arduous meetings representing our club. Our members really appreciate the big effort and time you put in as the Neutrog Man. Neutrog commission pays for our hall hire without your generosity we could not afford this meeting place.

Robyn Miller—my behind the scenes supporter who notices the little things requiring attention. Robyn thank you for your efficiently taking on role of Secretary when Jeff was abroad in the U.K.

My thanks goes to my meet and greet ladies Liz, Pam and Margaret. Liz and Pam also conduct the Show Bench.

Big thanks to all who bring in show plants, morning tea, buy raffle tickets and assist with post meeting clean up. Especially thank you Noel the vacuuming guru.

Thank you all for being members.

I love our Rose Society and look forward to sharing our future endeavours.

Annette

Feature Rose — Moss Rose

Moss Roses are a very distinctive group of roses where the sepals and flower-stalks are thickly covered with bristles and soft downy glands resembling moss, covers the buds. The sticky moss type excrement deters sap sucking insects such as aphids.

The “moss” is highly fragrant when touched or bruised. In many roses the scent emitted can smell of spicy apples, lemon, pine or sandalwood.

Moss Roses are a popular choice for growing in pots, along garden borders and in rock gardens. These plants will flourish in poor, dry soil where other breeds of roses struggle.

The rose breeders in the 1800's loved this rose deviation and bred many species but sadly few are available today.

I have enclosed photos of a few popular breeds available today to enchant you. I have just planted James Vietch in a pot and when it flowers I will bring the pot to the meeting.

Mark Massey enticed me to order the Moss Rose Tutu which he bred. He will only have 40 plant's available late spring and I am at the bottom of the list- maybe next year!

Annette



Feature Rose — Moss Rose — cont.



James Veitch is a little stunner, bred in France around 1864, it barely gets to 2ft in height and flowers all summer long although sadly the flowers aren't the most highly scented of the group. It also grows well in pots



Shailers White Moss rose is a sport off the common moss and can indeed at times revert back to the pink form just as the pink form can at times throw up this white form, again highly scented and once flowering. Though thought to have been around since 1790.



Henri Martin, bred in France in 1863 is one of the real stunners of this group, its flowers are one of the darkest of the moss roses and changes to a deep red as it ages. It is well scented, can be successfully grown either as a supported shrub rose or as a climbing rose



Frustrating Pests and Disease on our Roses

Aphids are the most annoying pest on our roses in Spring. Unfortunately they are here in mass now but not their predators the lacewings and ladybirds. I try squishing clusters around young buds or squirting them away with a jet of water from the hose.



If the population is beyond managing use dishwashing detergent in warm water in a spray bottle. Spray all over the rose bush This will need to be repeated fortnightly to break the breeding cycle.

If using a commercial product remember it is toxic for natural predators. Spray early morning or late afternoon when our "friends" are not on the bushes.



Black Spot is a soil borne fungus and is most prevalent late spring and summer.

It's important that you have healthy roses so they are in a strong state to fight this disease.

Regular application of organic fertiliser and sulphate of potash strengthens your plants.

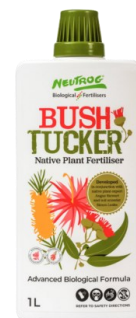
Remove all damaged leaves and do not put them in your compost.

Copper or sulphur based sprays are best to treat black spot.

An alternative natural spray can be made at home.

Try using two teaspoons of bicarb soda in five litres of water and then add a couple of drops of detergent and apply using a hand held sprayer.

It makes an excellent inexpensive fungicide.



Rookwood Cemetery Visit

with Sydney Heritage Rose Group and Rookwood Trust

Wednesday 30th October 2024 participants to arrive between 9:30am and 10:00am

- ◆ Meeting Point on the Village Green opposite All Souls Chapel, behind the car park in Hawthorne Ave. Tables, chairs and purple sun canopies will be set up so you cannot miss us!
- ◆ Park in the carpark opposite All Souls Chapel.
- ◆ All participants to bring their own picnic morning tea and lunch. Sun hat, sun screen and good walking shoes will be necessary.
- ◆ On arrival Rose Society members to meet with Heritage Roses members and enjoy their morning tea.
- ◆ 10:20am progress into the All Souls Chapel and we will have two presentations, the first being by Mark Bundy who is the Rookwood historian and he will give a talk on the history of Rookwood. Following Mark's presentation Glennis will tell the story of Barbara's Garden. We have been given access to the chapel from 10:00am until 12:00 midday.
- ◆ Following the presentations in the chapel, Heritage Roses members will guide the Rose Society members around Barbara's Garden.
- ◆ Picnic lunch.
- ◆ Following lunch we will drive around to the old heritage Anglican section and be guided through this romantic old Victorian area where roses are still growing on graves and also walk down to the serpentine. The ground in this area is a little rough so sturdy shoes are necessary.
- ◆ Once we have completed the walk through this old area of the cemetery the tour is completed.

Note: Participants will have to make their own arrangement to and from Rookwood.
If there are any changes to the schedule I will let you know

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Stephica Banks
Secretary—The Rose Society of New South Wales

How to Propagate Roses

- ◆ *Cut pieces of stem about 20 – 30cm long (remove flowers, if there are any)*
- ◆ *Remove all leaves*
- ◆ *Re-cut the bottom of the rose cutting, just below a node (the swelling on the stem, where the leaves emerge)*
- ◆ *Remove the thorns on the bottom half of the rose*
- ◆ *Dip the end of the rose cutting into a rooting hormone gel (or use honey if you don't have any hormone gel)*
- ◆ *Plant rose cuttings into a pot filled with propagating sand. (Alternatively, you can try growing rose cuttings in a potato). Poke a hole in the sand first, so you don't rub off the hormone gel, and then carefully firm the sand around the stem. Water gently. You can plant about 4 cuttings in a 200mm pot.*
- ◆ *Place the pot in a protected spot, with filtered light, and water sparingly. By late spring, the cuttings should be producing leaf shoots and roots and are ready to be planted in a sunny spot with well-draining soil.*

Source: <https://www.bhg.com.au/garden/gardening/how-to-grow-roses-from-cuttings/>

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.





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2025 **MINIATURE**
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MITTAGONG RSL CLUB

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FRIDAY MARCH 21ST 12PM - 5PM

SATURDAY MARCH 22ND 10AM - 4PM



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