## Sydney Regional Rose News

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Monthly meetings are held on the first Friday of each month starting at 8 p.m. at the Newington Community Centre, Cnr Avenue of Europe & Avenue of Asia Newington

Visitors are welcome

See you at 8 p.m. on
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June and
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2019
at the
Newington Community Centre

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#### CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I hope your garden is still surviving the extended dry period. Even though we had no meeting in April, many Rose Shows took place and our members were very busy entering their gorgeous blooms and winning prizes. The Royal Easter Show days showed the many people who visited a very colourful and beautiful array of roses.

The topic on orchids didn't take place at our May meeting owing to unexpected circumstances of the guest speaker. Instead, at short notice, Ted and Meryl gave a demonstration of how to prepare your roses for exhibiting. Ted showed how to make a slightly lopsided exhibition hybrid tea rose look rounder. His bud to full bloom looked impressive after showing how to gauge the needed size differences in the four stages. We hope members present enjoyed the demonstration. Thank you Ted and Meryl.

Meryl was on hand at 7.45pm on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to answer and help exhibitors with their blooms for suitable class selection. Thank you Meryl.

A decision was made at the May meeting to try two Saturday afternoon meetings this year. The two dates are 3<sup>rd</sup> August and 7<sup>th</sup> September. The start time for the meeting will be 2.00pm at the Newington Community Centre, our usual venue, ending

about 4.00pm. This decision has been taken as a trial to see if this new time and day will suit more members who would come along to hear about the care and growing of roses. If successful, more changes could happen in the future. Current members who attend on a Friday evening are prepared to make a change, and in so doing, hope to encourage more members to come along on a Saturday afternoon. The monthly show bench will still be held.

Some members had expressed a view about the Friday evening not being suitable, well now is your chance in August and September. Afternoon tea will be supplied as usual with members to bring a small plate of food for all to share. You are most welcome to bring along a friend or two to any meeting.

The topic for the June meeting will be images from the recent Nan Yang Rose Convention in China. They visited many wonderful places but some travellers spent time trying to rid themselves of a cold.

June 7th will be the start of the novelty showbench classes where you do not need flowers.

In July we are hopeful of having Mark from 'Mother Earth Nursery' at Kenthurst as guest speaker. This nursery sells a selection of Australian Bred Roses and many other interesting and beautiful plants.

Membership renewals are due NOW unless you joined the Society after January 1st 2019. Please use the form provided in the last or next NSW Rose. We, Sydney Regional, no longer send renewal notices with this magazine. Members will be sent a remittance notice only about the cost of overheads for this Regional. If you want to discuss this extra cost of \$15.00 please come along to a meeting and ask questions or ring me on (02)9872 1862. The treasurer, Greg, will be happy to accept your Society renewal money at our meeting and issue a receipt.

Sydney Regional Spring Show will be on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>
October at Dural Country Club from 11am to 5pm. Intending exhibitors can obtain their

schedule at the August meeting well in advance of the Show. Your help will be needed in the setting up on the Friday morning so please contact Keith with your details. Help is also needed during the whole show time so please give thought to how you can help Keith.

If you have not been feeling 100% please recover quickly as we would like to see you in at the next meeting.

Jacqueline

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome Mr S & Mrs P Jones of North Parramatta and Mr V & Mrs N Badethalav of Girraween. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

#### SOIL TESTER

Do you have the means to easily test the PH level in your rose garden?

We have a PH soil test meter. lust push it into moist soil wait a few minutes and the answer appears on a dial at the top of the unit. If and when you borrow the unit you will be expected to return it in good condition. If it is lost, broken or damaged while in your possession you will be held responsible to replace the unit. A register to record each member as they borrow the tester will be kept and the borrower will need to return the tester to the Chairman at her home or at the following monthly Friday night meeting.

By watching things grow I can turn down the noise in my brain and observe firsthand the miracle of mindfulness.

The absolute cycle of birth, death and renewal displays itself before me and I find that I can be completely present in a way that I never before have been...

I can allow things just to be, and with only a helping hand from me, a large force manages the whole game.

Ack: Vivian Elisabeth Glyk from `Twelve lessons of life I learned from my garden'.

#### MONTHLY SHOW BENCH - 2018-19

CUMULATIVE POINT SCORE 2018-19				
	JULY 2018/JUNE 2019 Classes 1-9	EVA LOUISE TROPHY Class 11	NOVICE ONLY Class 10	
Shirley & Keith Baron	37.00	26.80		
Greg & Robyn East	53.60	12.10		
Anne Mitchell	5.00			
Ailsa Wareham		32.50		

No Rose meeting held in April.

Roses on the MAY show bench:

'Baby Jack', 'Black Jade', 'Baronne E. de Rothschild', 'Colombo Queen', 'Delicious', 'Diana, Princess of Wales', 'Figurine', 'Flemington Racecourse', 'Fragrant Plum', 'Good Samaritan', 'Kardinal', 'Magic Show', 'Mandarin Ice', 'Mini Pearl', 'Irresistible', 'Moonstone,' 'Paradise', 'Pascali', 'Pope John Paul II', 'Red Intuition', 'Seduction', 'Unconventional Lady'.

Our monthly meetings are a good place to learn about preparing and putting blooms onto the show bench. If you get the bush growing correctly blooms always follow.

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FLORAL ART	Meryl Morphett	25.00

#### **BEGINNERS OR NOVICES**

Class II is expressly for Novices. You are invited to place <u>one stem or cut of any rose variety</u> in this class. A cut carries one bloom and bud / buds or more than one bloom with or without side buds. A stem has one developed flower, i.e. no bud or flower has been removed to encourage growth in the remaining bloom.

Any new member can enter into this class.

#### JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

With Winter being upon us there are NOW three new classes (NOVELTY ONES) that can be shown at our monthly meetings covering the four months listed above.

- I. The rose stem with the most prickles
- 2. Healthiest rose foliage on a stem
- 3. A 20cm (8") of any potted plant

Where is your competitive spirit?

## ADDITIONAL NEW CLASS BELOW WILL APPLY FROM JULY 1ST.

Class 10 Any other standard unit. (List supplied in last magazine)

#### TREAT THE CAUSE - NOT THE SYMPTOM

As we tend our roses, we often see imperfections: Disease, pests, less-thanperfect blooms. Sometimes we react by treating the symptom of those imperfections instead of attacking the root cause.

Iron chlorosis, for example, is often treated by adding large amounts of chelated iron supplements to the soil. In this case, the symptom is yellowing leaves with dark green veins (leaf ribs). The cause of iron chlorosis is often high soil pH a condition which traps existing iron in the soil, and prevents its use by the rose. The treatment, therefore, is not the application of supplemental iron, but rather the application of organic materials to bring the soil back into natural balance or slight acidification.

Likewise, fungal leaf diseases like black spot and powdery mildew can often be treated by changing the environment in which the rose is planted. Rather than reaching for the fungicide bottle to treat the symptom, consider your pruning techniques, choice of planting locations, and irrigation techniques. Did you prune so air and sunlight could circulate through the shrub? Did you plant your rose where it will receive the most sun possible? Are air and sun obstructed by buildings or dense landscape plantings? Does your irrigation system spray water over the foliage?

And there are many more like, "Why do I get aphids - especially in the spring?" Or "Why do I have sooty mould?" Or even "Why is it when I spray for one insect pest, another pops up?"

Once you begin looking for and correcting the cause of your rose pest problems, you'll find less need for pesticides - which means less work in the garden and more time to enjoy the roses you're trying to grow

By Jan Samson

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SYDNEY REGIONAL

The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Sydney Regional of the Rose Society of New South Wales Inc. will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2019 at Newington Community Centre, Cnr Avenue of Europe & Avenue of Asia, Newington

## Please try to attend this meeting.

ALL EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE POSITIONS
WILL BE DECLARED VACANT
AND NOMINATIONS CAN BE CALLED FOR FROM THE FLOOR.

#### **AGENDA**:

- 1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 51st A.G.M.
- 2. Presentation of the Treasurer's Report.
- 3. Presentation of the Chairman's Report.
- 4. Election of Office Bearers and Committee members for the following year.
- Election of appointees to State Council of the Rose Society of NSW Inc.
- 6. To appoint an Auditor for the following year.
- 7. To appoint a Publicity Officer for the Regional.

The above notice of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting has been authorised by Kerry Hurst, Secretary of the Sydney Regional of the Rose Society of New South Wales Inc.

#### CULTURAL NOTES

(with help from earlier compiled articles)

Have you already identified those roses on death row?

Hope you have already ordered those new bushes. The prepared garden beds should be nearing peak condition for planting shortly as some orders will arrive early June.

You can use this time to sharpen your pruning secateurs and make sure your protective clothing and mask are clean ready to protect you as you prune and spray chemicals. A good sharp pruning saw always comes in handy for cutting those old thicker stems. Have you purchased your fresh supply of 'lime sulphur' as old past the date stock cannot be guaranteed to be effective. Do not spray 'lime sulphur' on a hot sunny day as the new growths (if already breaking away from the cane) will be damaged even at the recommended strength. This spray mixture can be sprayed over the soil to help stop spores of blackspot remaining ready for Spring.

Preventive treatment is better than after the problem is visible.

Watering frequency can be reduced over the Winter months, but blooms may still need to be removed prior to pruning. We do not advise you to prune until August or maybe later if your area is still likely to get frost. Leave pruning until the chance of frost is no longer in your area. Reducing water intake will help your bushes go dormant for a period before new growth commences.

A light prune may help your garden look tidy but early Winter pruning in June will not encourage earlier blooms. New growth can be damaged by frost so why expose your bushes and new growth to damage of good Spring renewing growth. Remember do not fertilize newly planted bushes, wait until November at the earliest.

Remove all packing material and spray with a jet of water to clean the roots before placing them into a bucket of water for 24 hours to fully hydrate. Only unpack and water treat as many as can be planted in a day.

If needing a few days or a week between plantings then you can dig a trench in your garden, place in the new bushes and cover the roots with soil and water lightly (called heeling-in). Do not leave your un-planted bushes roots exposed in the sunlight as they will dry out.

The weather forecast seems to be continually on dry and sunny, it would be nice to get enough rain to settle the dust and sink in but no heavy rain to cause flooding.

If you want more information please contact one of the Rose Consultants listed in the back of this magazine.

#### ELECTR ONIC INFORMATION HIGHWAY

The web address is: www.nsw.rose.org.au. It has been designed to be interactive with anyone who locks on from anywhere. Member information about events, Rose Consultants, photos of various roses from around the State submitted by

members. Log in, will be 'rmember'. The password is printed in each edition of the NSW Rose quarterly.

#### BEST QUOTE OF ANY ERA!

"The Budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest Rome will become bankrupt. People must again learn to work instead of living on public assistance."

Cicero, 55 BC

So, evidently we've learned bugger all over the past 2,074 years.

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A garden can sometimes be just like a time machine...

The smell of lavender takes me straight back to my grandmother – it was her favourite scent.

Whenever I pick an apple, I'm back harvesting fruit with my father. When I touch lily of the Valley I'm holding my wedding bouquet and when I see daisies, I'm sitting in a meadow helping my children make daisy chains.

Ack: Mary in The Friendship Book of Francis Gay 2006

## FLORAL ART - JUNE 'WINTER FROST'

any embellishments

# FLORAL ART – JULY 'CHRISTMAS IN JULY'

any flowers, any embellishments

You do not have to include flowers this month. Any flowers used need to have a whitish look or be white.

Winter frost shows up on greenery as a whitish grey tinge. Do you have foliage that is grey in colour?

Maybe greenish grey, or green with blotches of white or edging of a lighter colour. If you were to consider a Modern Design then spraying with a whitish grey paint could make the difference to green foliage.

Small clear glass beads could represent thawing frost as beads of water. It may sound difficult but not if you think away from the accepted idea of fresh green plant material.

Think of Christmas but in the cooler atmosphere of Winter. Snuggly wrapped in warmth, hot food, warm clothing the opposite to our usual weather for Christmas.

You can add baubles, bows, glittering items and strong warm colours, red or orange will suit in colour scheme. Really, any colour scheme would be okay as long as it looks Christmas.

Remember not to use artificial flowers or foliage, i.e, plastic or fabric manufactured ones. You can make it as large or as minuscule as you like, Traditional, Modern or Contemporary.

THE BIG PRINT GIVETH AND the fine print taketh away. (Monsignor J. Fulton Sheen {sounds important!})

#### RESULTS FROM THE ROSE SHOWS

#### MacARTHUR REGIONAL ROSE SHOW RESULTS SATURDAY 30 MARCH, 2019

#### ROSE CHAMPIONSHIP

J & P Cunningham with French Lace (F25), 'Moonstone' (B5), ' Diana, Princess of Wales' (E), 'Moonstone' (E), 'St. Patrick' (E).

#### AUTUMN ROSE CHAMPIONSHIP

J & P Cunningham with 'Baronne E. de Rothschild' (D4-6), 'Baronne E. de Rothschild' (D3), 'Princess de Monaco' (B3), 'French Lace' (F1-6), 'Joyce Abounding' (MF1-6), 'Princess of Wales'(E).



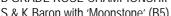
Jim & Pat's winning entry

#### MINIATURE ROSE CHAMPIONSHIP

T & M Morphett with 'Radiant' (M4-6), 'Figurine' (M4-6), 'Ruby' (M4-6).

#### B GRADE ROSE CHAMPIONSHIP

S & K Baron with 'Moonstone' (B5), 'Moonstone' (B-F-B), 'Moonstone' (E), 'Mudgee Red' (E)



B-C GRADE MINIATURE ROSE CHAMPIONSHIP S.Albeck with 'Figurine' (M-3), 'Delicious' (M-3), 'Baby Jack' (M-3).



Keith & Shirley Baron's entry

#### C GRADE ROSE CHAMPIONSHIP

K. DAWSON with 'Fairytale Queen' (B3), 'Pope John Paul II,' (B-F-B), 'Moonstone' (E).

CHAMPION EXHIBITION ROSE J & P Cunningham 'St. Patrick' (E).

CHAMPION VASE OF BUNCH ROSES T & M Morphett- 'Princess de Monaco' (B5).

CHAMPION VASE OF MODERN DECORATIVE ROSES. C & R Vine-' Baronne E. de Rothschild' (D4-6)

CHAMPION VASE OF FLORIBUNDA ROSES and **GRAND CHAMPION UNIT** J & P Cunningham- 'French Lace' (F25)



'St. Patrick' Jim & Pat Cunningham

'French Lace' Jim & Pat Cunningham

## CHAMPION VASE OF BUD TO FULL BLOOM S. Judges- 'Moonstone' (B-F-B)

CHAMPION VASE OF FULL BLOOM ROSES S. Judges- 'Black Magic' (FB3)

CHAMPION VASE OF MINIATURE ROSES I & M Thackeray- 'Figurine' (M4-6)

CHAMPION VASE OF MIN FLORA ROSES
J & P Cunningham- 'Joyce Abounding' (MF1-6)

CHAMPION VASE OF SHRUB ROSES T & M Morphett- 'Paris 2000' (S1-6)

CHAMPION VASE OF AUSTRALIAN BRED ROSES J & P Cunningham- 'Joyce Abounding' (MF1-6)

GRAND CHAMPION ROSE UNIT J & P Cunningham 'French Lace' (F25)



'Joyce Abounding' Jim & Pat Cunningham

## CONCORD GARDEN CLUB ROSE SHOW RESULTS 6 APRIL 2019

ROSE CHAMPIONSHIP

T & M Morphett 'Fairytale Queen' (B5), 'Gemini' (B5), 'Fabulous' (F25), 'White Spray' (F25), 'Apricot Nectar' (F25), 'City of Newcastle' (B-F-B).

CHAMPION AUSTRALIAN BRED J & P Cunningham- 'Joyce Abounding' (MF 1-6).

GRAND CHAMPION UNIT 'Apricot Nectar' (F25). Ted & Meryl Morphett



Rose Championship Ted & Meryl Morphett

#### All photos courtesy Pat Cunningham

Our highest assurance of the goodness of providence seems to me to rest in the flowers. All other things, or desires, our food, are really necessary for our existence in the first instance. But this rose is an extra. Its smell and its colour are an embellishment of life not a condition of it. It is only goodness which gives extras, and so I say again that we have much to hope for from the flowers.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle 1859-1906

#### FIVE COMMON MISTAKES PEOPLE MAKE WHEN GROWING ROSES

By Taylor Ramsey

For years, roses have kept the prized position among all the garden flowers. They captivate the mind, enchant the soul, and awake the senses, bringing beautiful vibrant blooms and decadent scents to anywhere they are grown. However, even though they are an excellent addition to any flower bed, many gardeners shy away from these sweet flowers because of their supposed "growing difficulty."

Roses are often considered those plants that are impossible to grow or require so much time and effort that it is not even worth it. Fortunately, roses are just as easy to cultivate as any other perineal, and with a little patience, you will be enjoying your abundant rose garden in no time. Here are 5 common mistakes that many people make when growing roses for the first time and a few tips for success.

#### Choosing the wrong variety

To say that there are a lot of options when choosing which rose variety to plant is an understatement. Take some time

and research before planting to determine what size, color, and shape you want your roses to be. Many gardeners rush into the planting stage and are stuck with perennial roses that don't go well with the rest of their garden.

#### Wrong location

As with most plants, location is everything. It is essential that you scout your garden and find the best possible spot for your rosebush before simply sticking it in the ground. Most rose varieties need 6-8 hours of sun each day and do best when shielded from the hot afternoon sun that can scorch their leaves and dry out the roots. Don't make the common error of planting rosebushes too close together. Unless you are planting a dwarf variety, they need space to sprawl out, including the root system. Ensure that your plant is in an area with quality well-drained soil, as roses need proper drainage for ideal growth.

### Forgetting what you plant It is understandable to forget

everything you planted after an

exciting spring season. However, keeping track of what type of roses you've planted is an essential step for long-term care. Many gardeners stick a rosebush in the ground and immediately disregard whether it is a Polyantha, Queen Elizabeth, or some other variety entirely. Keep in mind that if you tend them properly, your roses should thrive for years to come. Taking note of everything you plant means that you will be able to find specific care information if you ever have any issues such as blight or bugs.

#### Water mistakes

Roses can be very particular about the amount of water that they need. A good rule of thumb is to keep them consistently wet throughout the growing season and water them occasionally while they are dormant.

It is also important that you water them at the base of the plant, as wet leaves can cause mold and powdery mildew. Water deeply and thoroughly, making sure that the moisture is getting down to the roots. It may be best to use a soaker hose to ensure that your vibrant blooms get a proper drink.

#### **Pruning confusion**

One of the most significant mistakes of any novice rose gardener relates to pruning. Either they are an overzealous pruner and practically chop the whole plant down in their quest to reign in stray growth, or they merely let their roses grow free and wild. There is a happy medium, but it is often difficult to find when you are first starting.

Keep in mind that modern roses don't need to be pruned nearly as often as many people think and this process is not as confusing as most "rose experts" claim. In early spring, before the new growth, trim off any dead and damaged canes and cut back nearly half of the previous season's growth in order to find the healthy shoots (with white centers inside the cane). As the growing season progresses, you can keep up with light pruning to help train your rosebush, but don't go crazy or you will be left with very few blossoms.

Deadheading the spent blooms is also an essential step to encourage reblooming. Simply cut below the first five-leaflet steam on any withered flowers. This will help make room for more growth.

#### THE BLACK ROSE OF HALFETI

Fed by the waters of the Euphrates, black roses, an extremely rare flower grown in the village of Halfeti near the historical Urfa province, presents a unique natural beauty. The flower growing in that region requires a certain pH level, and even though it blooms red, it turns to black as the summer season progresses.



Halfeti's Black Rose

In a week when one terrible event after another has rocked Turkey, it is time to take a deep breath and direct our attention to something positive, something that promises life and hope.

The black rose of Halfeti, a village near Urfa, is an extremely rare and oddly beautiful flower. When it first blossoms, this rose is dark red; this dark shade of scarlet "fades" – sorry, I am not sure what the opposite of fade is, so I am sticking with fade – to black as the summer progresses.

This flower used to thrive in the town of Old Halfeti.

Old Halfeti was a town located on the eastern bank of the Euphrates, I 20 kilometers from Urfa. In 2000, just over 2,500 people lived in this town, in which the first settlement has been dated to 855 B.C. The Byzantines called this town Romaion Koula (Roman Castle), and the Arab conquerors translated the name, calling it Qal'at Rum. The town came under Ottoman rule during the reign of Selim I.

But with the introduction of the GAP project – the Southeastern Anatolia Project – the Birecik Dam was built in the 1990s, and the area was filled with water in April 2000. Old Halfet is now submerged under water. The residents of the Old Halfeti village were relocated to the "new" Halfeti village, at a distance of approximately 10 kilometers. The residents took their roses with them when they moved.

However, the rose, also known as the Arab Bride or Arab Beauty, did not thrive in its new location. The soil in Old Halfeti had been fed by the waters of the Euphrates, and had a unique pH level. The soil in New Halfeti was different, despite the small distance, and the flowers struggled. District officials intervened, collected the seeds and planted them in greenhouses that were close to their original location, in an attempt to imitate the original conditions. As a result, the flower has been saved from extinction.

Not only is the Halfeti rose unique in being black; the black rose of Halfeti can be taken to other regions and planted, but when it flowers, it emerges as a classic red rose. The black hue of the flower can only be produced in the Halfeti region of Urfa.

The black rose of Halfeti is a unique flower in a unique region. The region of Urfa is one with an incredibly ancient history. Some scholars suggest that Adam and Eve lived near here, in Göbekli Tepe. In both Jewish and Muslim traditions, Urfa is considered to be the home of Prophet Abraham, and

the area is also closely associated with the Prophet lob. But it is not just the major religions that revere this city; Armenians consider it to be a holy city, as it is thought that the Armenian alphabet was first created here. Urfa is a city that has been conquered and dominated by a number of civilizations, including Sumerians, Babylonians, Hittites, Armenians, Assyrians, Persians, Macedonians, Romans, Sassanids, Byzantines and Crusaders. It was given the prefix "Şanlı" for the resolution it demonstrated in the Turkish War of Independence, driving out the French occupiers who had taken over the city from the British in 1920.

Sadly today, however, Urfa is in the news neither because of its rich history or culture nor for being the home to the only black rose in the world. Urfa is in the news because 32 people lost their lives when a suicide bomber decided to create a bloodbath. Some people think that the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham (ISIS) is responsible, some see the PKK as being behind this violent crime. At the

end of the day, although determining who committed this act of terror is important, it will not bring the 32 young lives back.

Of course, the first thing that comes to mind when one learns that the only black rose in the world grows in Urfa is that this rose is this color due to the violence experienced in this region. But when one examines the symbolism of black flowers, facts emerge that can perhaps help us to better understand the latest tragedy that befell the region.

Naturally, when thinking of black and roses, what first comes to mind is bereavement. loss and death. The black rose seems compatible with mourning. However, there is another aspect of the rose tinted with the hue of night. These flowers have a fairytale appearance, and this "unnatural" color gives it a mystical atmosphere. When one considers that Urfa is a location associated with at least two prophets, this mysticism takes on a new meaning.

There is another positive symbolic meaning for the black rose. The color brings to mind deep space; that is, such a rose symbolizes the beginning of something new, a journey into the unknown. The black rose also symbolizes major change, the death of old habits and the introduction of a new system. Thus, by heralding in a new era of hope, an era of possible peace, the black rose can bring great joy.

Only time will tell if the black rose of Urfa will thrive in an atmosphere of peace and understanding, or will it struggle to emerge from the stony ground of terrorism and hatred. This much is sure: The majority of the citizens of this country – be they Muslim, Alawi, Christian, Jewish or Atheist – want to sow the seeds of peace and watch them grow into flowers of beauty and brotherhood throughout this beautiful land.

Sourced from the internet

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I have been warned off old roses by a lot of people. They are prone to very disease, I am told, temperamental and touchy, scarcely worth the trouble.

Old roses have character and romance lingering in their pasts. They are like faded old beauties of Victorian and Edwardian country houses. I love their names and their rarity and the way they are ever so lightly blousy and yet paper-frail, too...

I doubt if I shall ever be able to achieve the old rose garden I dream of, but I shall make a start... Old roses alba roses, tea and damask and moss roses, most of them richly scented, many of them white or pink, which I prefer to reds and mauves. 'Belle de Crecy', 'Duchesse d'Angouleme', 'Felicite Parmentier', 'Madame Hardy', 'Wife of Bath', 'Mousseline', 'Old Pink Moss', all of them will have a place....

'Albertine', of course. If there were only one rose in the world I should want it to be 'Albertine', that glorious cascade of the pinkest pink. If I had a very high wall, I would like it tumbling over every inch of it.

Susan Hill from 'The Magic Apple Tree'

#### **COMING EVENTS**

#### **June Meeting – 07.06.19**

Newington Community Centre 8.00 p.m. **Speakers** – Pat & Jim Cunningham

**Topic** – Nan Yang, China Regional Rose Conference

Raffle – Gift from Nan Yang or bottle of Bloom Booster Floral Art – 'Winter Frost' any embellishments

**June Committee Meeting – 13.06.19** 

Castle Hill Vet Hospital 7.30 p.m.

#### **July Meeting – 05.07.19**

Newington Community Centre 8.00 p.m. Speaker – Mark Massey

> **Topic** – Roses and other plants **Raffle** – Potted Rose

Floral Art – 'Christmas in July' Any flowers, any embellishments

**July Committee Meeting - 11.07.19** 

Castle Hill Vet Hospital 7.30 p.m.

August AGM Meeting – 03.08.19 NOTE: THIS IS A SATURDAY MEETING

Newington Community Centre 2.00 p.m.

**August Committee Meeting - 00.08.19** Castle Hill Vet Hospital 7.30 p.m.

State Council –11.08.19 @ 11.00 a.m. Macarthur Sustainable Centre

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#### **ROSE CONSULTANTS**

The following members of the Rose Society of NSW Inc. are rose growers of both exhibition (show) & garden roses who have kindly agreed to make available to all members their expertise. If you have problems or questions about rose growing, contact the person listed as living closest to your garden.

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#### NEPEAN BLUE MTNS & HAWKESBURY

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