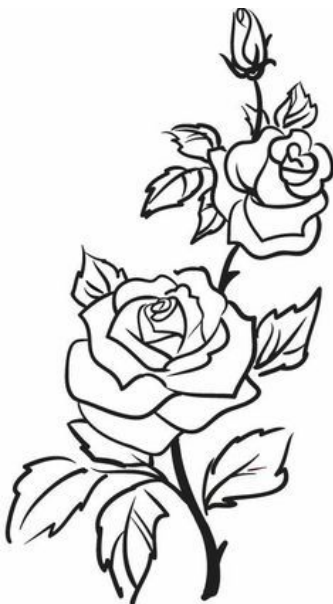


Sydney Regional Rose News

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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*

NO meeting on Friday, 3 April

See you (maybe) at 8 p.m. on

Friday 1st May, 2020

at **Epping Community Centre**

Please check before the meeting

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Nice to hear the rain, I hope it continues over the following months to deeply replenish the moisture content of the soil.

Our meeting set down for April is cancelled. May is a little further into the future so a decision will be made closer to 1st May regarding how the coronavirus is effecting the population. You are advised to check before the May date by phoning any committee member or myself on 9872 1862 or email... jacquit@hotmail.com.au. (the .au is needed)

The Royal Easter Show has been cancelled which means other Autumn Rose shows may also be cancelled. Concord Garden Club's Autumn show is cancelled.

Our February meeting was cancelled at the last minute owing to torrential rain late on the Friday afternoon. All members on email were sent a notice about the cancellation, if you went along to a closed hall please accept our apology. I hope you did not suffer flooding at your home while the water-table rose.

Gary Wootton's subject at the March meeting was interesting as he spoke about letting the bees do their thing of pollination and waiting for the hips to form and ripen before planting one seed to a pot and

waiting for a surprise bloom, in maybe one or two years. Gary has registered a rose cultivar called 'Jim's Gift' a yellow colour at this stage of development. See picture this magazine. Gary's speaking notes have also been included.

Colin Hollis, National and State President, was welcomed at the March meeting. He spoke about the [World Rose Conference in 2021](#). The last World Conference in Australia was in 1988 so they do not get to Australia very often. Invited speakers often come from overseas where they are in demand to speak on their topic concerning gardens or about growing or breeding roses. In the past authors on various topics relating to gardens and roses have been the invited.

There will be a change of venue for the [May 1st meeting](#). Owing to building maintenance at Newington Community Centre we will be meeting at the [EPPING COMMUNITY CENTRE, 9 Oxford St, Epping](#). I was wrong about where I said the hall was at the March meeting so please note it is in

Oxford Street which is on the opposite side of the railway line. There is a map included in this magazine to guide you. Street parking is available.

On Friday 1st May at our next scheduled meeting Pat and Jim's photos from their trips to the Australian Championship and New Zealand Rose Show, will highlight the difference between the various cultivars and the way roses are displayed.

The [Australian Championships will be at Kiama this year](#) and next year 2021 the World Rose Conference will be held in Adelaide, South Australia. The 2020 event at Kiama has been advertised in the latest NSW Rose so you may need to consider booking your accommodation now if you want to stay down around the area for a couple of days. Join in the event and find out about growing roses in the United Kingdom and what can be achieved by organic gardening.

In the last magazine you were asked to offer any suggestions towards the 2020 December

meeting, do we need to make changes?

Our Spring Show will be held in conjunction with Macarthur Regional at the Mater Dei Catholic School Annual Fete day at Cobbity on Sunday 18th October, a week prior to the Australian Championships at Kiama.

If you are not feeling well I hope on behalf of all members that you will have a speedy recovery and we hope to see you at one of our meetings soon.

Jacqueline

THINK YOU ARE HAVING A BAD DAY?

In a hospital's Intensive Care Unit, patients always died in the same bed on Sunday morning, at about 11:00 am, regardless of their medical condition. This puzzled the doctors and some even thought it had something to do with the supernatural.

No one could solve the mystery as to why the deaths occurred around 11:00 a.m. Sunday, so a worldwide team of experts was assembled to investigate the

cause of the incidents. The next Sunday morning, a few minutes before 11:00 a.m., all of the doctors and nurses nervously waited outside the ward to see for themselves what the terrible phenomenon was all about. Some were holding wooden crosses, prayer books and other holy objects to ward off the evil spirits. Just when the clock struck 11:00, Fernando Rodriguez, the part-time Sunday sweeper, entered the ward and unplugged the life support system so he could use the vacuum cleaner.

STILL THINK YOU ARE HAVING A BAD DAY???

A woman came home to find her husband in the kitchen shaking frantically, almost in a dancing frenzy, with some kind of wire running from his waist towards the electric kettle.

Intending to jolt him away from the deadly current, she ran outside and grabbed a handy plank of wood and smacked him with it, breaking his arm in two places. Up to that moment, he had been happily listening to his iPod.

LOOKING FOR SOME INSPIRATION ON WHAT ROSES TO CHOOSE FOR YOUR 2020 PLANTING YEAR?

Brigitte from Green E Roses gives these suggestions.

“We do grow over 600 different varieties of roses and we are finding it difficult narrowing it down to one or two favourite ones. Different roses perform different functions, a rose planted in Paddington is going to be different to one covering a shed in Dubbo. So we have come up with these (not in order of preference):”



‘Chinensis Mutabilis’ – heritage rose, blooms are single and change colour as they age, flowers almost continuously.



‘Parole’ – a hybrid tea rose, long stems, big blooms, good fragrance and repeat flowers fast, ticks all boxes for us



‘Green E Rose’ – Australian bred by Richard and Ruth Walsh, unique green blooms, named in honour of our nursery.

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ROSES FROM THE FIFTIES

Most of you know that 'Mr Roses' aka Don Campton worked from February, 1945 – August, 1975 at Hazlewood Bros' Nursery at Epping. I asked him what was selling at this time of year in the early 1950s. "Remember", he said as he instantly pulled up the names of roses from his memory, "the 2nd World War finished in 1945, so stocks were still being built up."

Most of the orders were received and dispatched by mail and many orders were along the lines of '12 roses. Please include perfumed ones', or 'Please send 12 of your best rose bushes' thereby leaving the choice to Don and fellow workers. They had 27,000 customers on their books, the majority mail order. These roses were dispatched May, June and July. Folk living in frost affected areas, i.e. Orange, Molong, Bathurst, Canberra etc. received their roses in August.

Those with perfume:

'Apricot Queen'	'Etoile de Hollande'	'Rose Marie'
'Comtesse Vandal'	'Golden Dawn'	'Spek's Yellow'
'Crimson Glory'	'Mrs Herbert	'Talisman'
'Editor McFarland'	Stevens'	'Warrawee'
'E G Hill'	'Queen Elizabeth'	

Hybrid tea roses:

'Coral Pink'	'Fashion'	'Masquerade'
'Diamond Jubilee'	'Golden Delight'	'Moulin Rouge'

If we were asked for "12 assorted" we'd send 4 of 'Moulin Rouge', 4 of 'Golden Delight' and 4 of 'Mrs R M Finch'.

Roses popular late in the 1950s – early 1960s

'Buccaneer'	'Helen Traubel'	'Queen Elizabeth'
'Charles Mallerin'	'June Bride'	'Sutter's Gold'
'Charlotte Armstrong'	'Mission Bells'	'Tassin'
'Chrysler Imperial'	'Montezuma'	
'Diamond Jubilee'	'Pink Parfait'	

MONTHLY SHOW BENCH – 2019-20

CUMULATIVE POINT SCORE 2019-20			
	JULY 2019/JUNE 2020 Classes 1-10	EVA LOUISE TROPHY Class 12	NOVICE ONLY Class 11
Keith & Shirley Baron	21.00	14.25	
Michael Brook			13.50
Greg & Robyn East	58.00	26.00	
Braidan Swan	16.50		
Ailsa Wareham		22.50	
<p>No February meeting - cancelled because of the predicted storms. Roses on the March show bench: 'Bella Rosa', 'Bridal Pink', 'Diamond Jubilee', 'Dwarf Fairy', 'Emily', 'Figurine', 'Firefighter', 'Flemington Racecourse', 'Gray's Blue', 'Imp', 'It's a Winner', 'Joy Delight', 'Joyce Abounding', 'Kardinal', 'Love In', 'Man of Steel', 'Marie Bashir', 'Paradise', 'Pascali', 'Pink Intuition', 'Poetry', 'Queen Elizabeth', 'Red Intuition', 'Robyn', 'Seduction', 'Sprayer', 'St Patrick', 'Timeless'.</p>			
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>FLORAL ART</i></p>			
	Meryl Morphett		9.00
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>BEGINNERS OR NOVICES</i></p> <p>Class 11 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.</p>			

CONTINUATION

One of the three Novelty classes will continue this year ending at our November meeting.

A potted plant in a pot up to 30cms (12") diameter

Where is your competitive spirit?

Paddy asks, "Mick, how did you get on at the faith healer's meeting last night?"

Mick replies, "He was absolute rubbish. Even the fella in the wheelchair got up and walked out!"

*FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN
DECIDING TO START BREEDING ROSES FROM SEED
(OPEN POLLINATION OR HYBRIDIZING)*

Thank you Gary Wootton for sharing your talk with us all.

INTRODUCTION: We are not here to discuss methods of growing roses by seed as there are more methods than I could mention here today and most will depend on the answers you give to the questions I will put to you, tonight. They are freely available on the internet as well as most rose publications and it is an individual exploit.

WHY: There is nothing better than putting up on the show bench and winning a ribbon for a rose that you have produced yourself.

WHY NOW: Up until the end of February is the time to make that decision. Some factors that you should take into account when deciding to commence your breeding endeavours are as follows:

- Good records and markings (this is the only requirement that is common to all breeders) the date of pollination (approximately). Most rose hips

need to mature on the bush for at least 4 months.

- Your individual environment. Geographical Direction of the area to be used. Shade and times available. Any changes to that environment.
- Time you have available (as a hobbyist). Preparation of seeds. Watering and time of watering seedlings. Pollination should occur early mornings. (if/when hybridizing).
- Available space (not only garden space but seed preparation and growing space.)

**“WHAT IN YOUR
OPINION CONSTITUTES
A TOP QUALITY ROSE”?**

This has a different meaning for different people but you should aim to breed a quality rose and the following should be considered:

- One consideration is perfume:

Perfume is hard to assess and an area where some have great difficulty

- Other considerations are disease resistance along with heat tolerances
- Available stock (what is growing in your garden)

Your **approach** must also contain a degree of flexibility, as the rose recessive genes that give you what you are striving for, are also the same recessive genes that can also give you what you are not after.

Breeding roses cannot be likened to an artist who can mix two or more colours on their artist's palette and achieve the required result. The breeder should always breed using the best to the best and then hope for the best.

Please at least have an attempt at growing roses from seed, it is a rewarding activity and adds another string to the rosarian's bow.



'JIM'S GIFT'

Some months ago Gary Wootton presented Jim with a plant named 'Jim's Gift' to thank him for the

interest taken earlier by him in the plant's beginnings. Details of registration
 Class: Hybrid Tea
 ARS Light yellow Floribunda
 Yellow, light yellow reverse,
 Moderate fragrance
 Average diameter 5cm

Very full (41+petals)
 bloom form
 Upright
 Medium, matte,
 medium green foliage
 Height 120cm to
 150cm

When it is obvious that the goals cannot be reached, don't adjust the goals. Adjust the action steps. *Confucius*



CULTURAL NOTES

(with help from earlier compiled articles)

Having Summer trimmed your bushes they will be sending out new growths helped by the present rain. Water logged blooms (buds turn brown and decay) and warm days can cause botrytis. Blooms with botrytis blight have brown lesions and masses of gray spores. Flowers may need to be picked ASAP before botrytis appears on those wet soggy blooms. Cut off the affected bloom and discard in the bin, don't add to the mulch. Have you topped-up the depth of mulch on your garden to conserve moisture from the rain and help protect your plant's roots from the cold weather ahead? If you live in a warmer area then your rose bushes will still grow steadily in Autumn and Winter and therefore may need some fertilizer.

Nurseries should have their 2020 catalogues ready for posting or you can view it on-line and order your bushes direct. Some reliable suppliers are listed in the NSW Rose. You need to order early as

sometimes they run out of popular cultivars and want you to make a substitute to fill your order quantity.

If you have chosen new plants you will need to have prepared the garden spot or bed before delivery at the end of May or during June or July. The current weather conditions are helpful for the water table but do not dig in wet soggy ground - be patient and wait until it begins to dry out before you begin bed preparation.

Dig down about 50cm at least, add some compost plus manure in the top 20cms. Superphosphate could be spread into the lower 30cm. Leave the area for a few weeks to settle. If you have clay soil the easiest and quickest way to get good drainage is to add soil and raise the level of the garden bed so that the garden is now on top of the clay. Removal of old or diseased roots is recommended if replanting in the same spot. If intending to move an established

bush, still prepare the soil in the space as suggested.

You may find any unused fertilizer in the soil has been washed away but it is better to wait until Spring to restart your feeding program. We are fast approaching the time when you should stop fertilizing in the Sydney area.

Blackspot is still showing up in gardens, so keep using the preventative sprays. Remove diseased fallen leaves from the garden bed as spores will stay on the soil just waiting for the right condition to grow. Powdery mildew appears especially on new growth when the days are warm and the nights are cool. Keep up with your spraying program.

If considering placing the new bushes in pots then you can also start the potting mix preparations now by mixing in a small amount of superphosphate, compost and manures to enhance the purchased potting mix. Leave the mixed potting mix in an area until needed.

FLORAL ART MAY 2020

*Modern Arrangement using
rose/s only, any embellishments*

Think minimal materials with lots of negative space (open spaces) area with nothing filling the voids. Filled space is positive space which is the area or areas containing flowers, leaves, container etc. A Modern arrangement is not the same as current trends or Contemporary Designs. Painted embellishments can be used, but do not use all painted embellishments, use some fresh ones too. Leaves can be manipulated by rolling, curving, cutting, etc. If you roll leaves make sure the holding point/pin/tape is camouflaged. You can make a feature by making a slit and feeding the point through it to change the leaf's shape and surface texture. The container should be vertical not flat or squat and the colour of the container should be repeated somewhere in the arrangement. This will combine the container and the arrangement. Finished height should be at least 1½ to 2 times the height of the container.

Flowers are not embellishments. Embellishments are all things other than flowers e.g., leaves, bark, ribbon, shells, cane sticks, branches, pieces of polished or rough wood, any man made object or article.

*FLORAL ART
JUNE 2020*

*Start of Winter? Any flowers,
any embellishments.*

You can answer the question in any way you like. Look at what you have handy growing in your garden and make the choice from there. A Modern style of arrangement using bare branches and a single dominant deeper flower colour as Winter is dark reds, oranges, purples, Autumn is pale deeper reds, orange or yellow. New growth and soft colours or white flowers would not fit the title. Do not use a white container, use one suitable to Autumn or Winter colours.

There will be more suggestions in the next magazine. Just want to encourage you to think ahead.

*ELECTRONIC
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.

A Pastor goes to the dentist for a set of false teeth.

The first Sunday after he gets his new teeth, he talks for only eight minutes

The second Sunday, he talks for only ten minutes.

The following Sunday, he talks for 2 hours and 48 minutes.

The congregation had to mob him to get him down from the pulpit and they asked him what happened.

The Pastor explains the first Sunday his gums hurt so bad he couldn't talk for more than 8 minutes.

The second Sunday his gums hurt too much to talk for more than 10 minutes.

But, the third Sunday, he put his wives' teeth in by mistake and he couldn't shut up.

*DIRECTIONS TO
MAY 1ST
MEETING*

**Epping Community
Centre (formerly
School of Arts)**

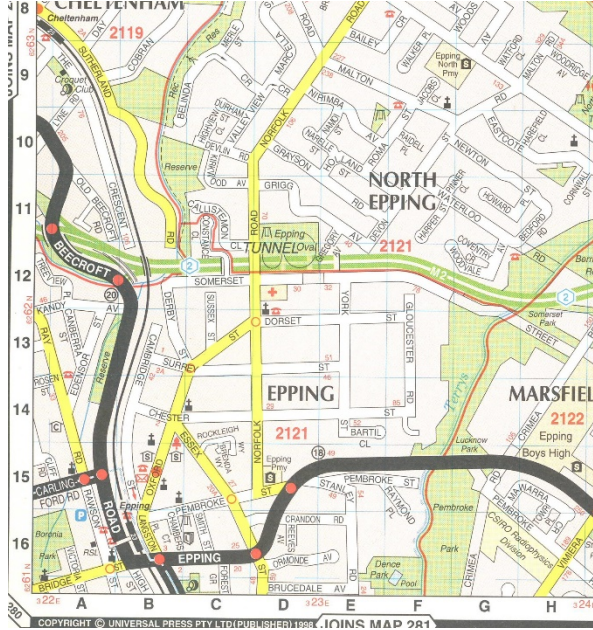
There is no right
hand turn at Blaxland
Road and Langston
Place.

If coming from
Macquarie shops
heading towards
Epping you will need
to turn right into
Pembroke Street.
There is a set of
traffic lights with a
right hand turn lane
and arrow. You can
turn right at the
roundabout into
Essex Street.
If you miss the
Pembroke Street turn
you will need to turn
left into Essex Street,
make a three point
turn in Essex Street
and cross directly over
Epping Road.
At the top of Essex
Street turn left into

Oxford Street, head
towards the station
and the Hall is on the
right just before the
post office.

If coming along

left hand turn just over
the bridge, then turn
left into Essex Street
which is the next set
of traffic lights and
continue as above.



Blaxland Road cross
over Epping Road and
follow the traffic into
Oxford Street. The
hall is on the left just
past the post office.

The other direction is
via Carlingford Road
and/or Beecroft Road.
If you miss the direct

When coming from
Epping station along
Oxford Street the
Community Centre is
on the left hand side
just past the post
office. Street parking
available.

PINK ROSES

Courtesy of the internet

The pink rose. What could be more romantic? Well, it's definitely my favourite coloured rose. There's a pink rose in just about every rose group from the small miniatures to the largest climbers and ramblers. I have gathered together as many of my all time favourites based on colour, length of flowering season, hardiness and disease resistance, as I can fit on this page. But there's one more quality: Fragrance. However, I'm not going to leave one rose out just because it may not get a 10/10 for fragrance. So I will begin with my all time favourite rose: the Fairy.

'The Fairy Rose'

This small but sturdy Floribunda will just keep on blooming and blooming. It has little fragrance, but it is a real workhorse of a rose. The pink rose to have in any garden, whether in a garden bed (surrounded by blue or purple and maybe white companion plants), or in a medium sized container. It blooms from mid spring right through until autumn and is

excellent for a hedge or as a specimen plant. Read about the lovable **Fairy Rose** on its own page.

'Bonica'

The beautiful pink rose '**Bonica**' is a multi-award winner. It is a Floribunda created by Marie-Louise Meilland. It has charmed the world with its hardiness, disease resistance and long flowering period - from spring right through to autumn. No one can resist this rose. It has a mild fragrance and is also available as a climber.

The climber is a sport of the original shrub rose type. There is even a rose which has been developed combining 'Bonica' with Iceberg. Amazing! Find out just what 'sports' are on the **Peace Rose** page. Anyone can wake up one morning and find a 'sport'. If you're in luck, it just might be a winner.

'Pierre de Ronsard'

This gorgeous pink rose is another award winner and therefore definitely a candidate

for your garden. It represents a new breed of roses, called Renaissance or Romantica roses, developed by the Meilland Company to combine the charm of the old world roses with the magnificent qualities of the modern roses. Just like **David Austin** has done in the UK, Meilland has done in France.

This rose is one of its brilliant successes. It even looks like an old Cabbage Rose with its delicate multi-petalled cups. But this rose has the hardiness and disease resistance of the best of the modern roses of today. It is a pillar rose which grows very vigorously up to 12 feet. Find out all about the **Pierre de Ronsard Rose**.

The Queen Elizabeth Rose
This rose is said to be 'the best pink rose ever'. It's certainly 'perfectly elegant' and fit for a Queen. It is the first and most popular of the Grandifloras which are a cross between a Floribunda and a Hybrid Tea rose. It was developed by Lammerts in 1954 to celebrate the Queen's Coronation (in 1953) and has won world-wide

acclaim for over fifty years. It and its parents have a long list of awards. It is in **the Rose Hall of Fame** and holds its blooms proudly up high. It has unique red canes which help to make it a stunning cut flower. **The Queen Elizabeth Rose**.

The Queen Mother Rose.

This beautiful Floribunda rose was developed in 1991 by the Kordes Company in honour of the Queen's Mother.

'Princess de Monaco'

Sublime. A Hybrid Tea Rose designed for royalty. It is highly fragrant and comes as a shrub rose and even better, as the perfect climber for an archway or a trellis. Read all about it on its own page. It deserves it. Another touch of class. **The Princess de Monaco Rose**.
This rose won't let you down.

The Exquisite New Dawn

Rose. A Wichurana Rambler. This sublime pink rose is in **the Rose Hall of Fame**, but it was really 'just' a lucky break for the world of Rose Lovers. One day a rose breeder just found it - just the one bloom - on one of his Dr. Van Fleet roses. He duly

cultivated it, and here it is today. One of, if not THE, most famous **fragrant climbing roses** of all time. See it on the **New Dawn Rose** page.

The Carefree Wonder Rose.

This is another pink rose which you may like to choose for your

garden. It is a tough, reliable Floribunda shrub rose, and as its name says, it is easy to grow. You won't have many problems with this delightful rose in a really pretty rose colour. find out more about this pink beauty on its own page. **The Carefree Wonder Rose.**

FRAGRANT ROSES ARE A MUST IN MY GARDEN

When I see a blossom, my first response is to smell it. If it has



Dolly Parton Hybrid Tea

no scent, it diminishes my experience with that flower. Roses are no exception. They are a “must have” in my garden, along with perennials and annuals. After working in my rose garden the first blooming year and smelling its wonderfully

sweet scent, I decided that only plants with a heavenly rose

scent could be a part of my rose gardening.

Where do roses get their fragrance?

Bob Hatterschide, in a classic article for the American Rose Society, notes that roses get their scent from essential oils exuded from glands on the lower petal surfaces.

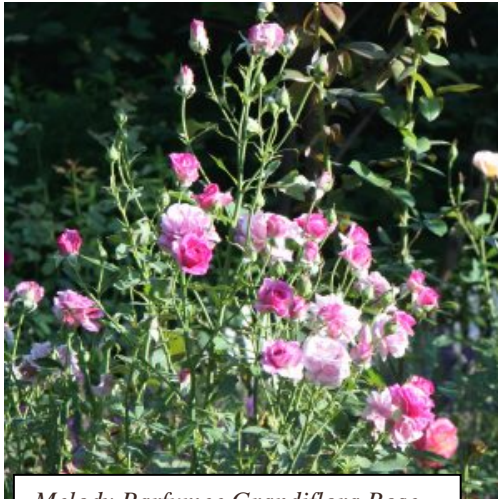
These oils include

Rhodiolol, the essential oil that has the smell described as “old rose;” Geraniol, the scent of geranium foliage; Nerol, a magnolia-like scent; and, Eugenol, a spicy fragrance

sometimes described as the scent of oil of cloves.

Describing rose scents

Of course each person experiences scents differently, so it is difficult, if not impossible, to use scent in judging roses. Scents have little to do with whether a rose wins a class or not. Hatterschide describes the many types of rose scents. These include flower scents, such as rose or damask, clover, hyacinth, honeysuckle, nasturtium, and violet; fruit scents such as apple, lemon, and raspberry; spicy scents, such as bay, cloves, orris, and pepper; and other scents such as musk.



Melody Parfumee Grandiflora Rose

Cecil Brunner Climbing Rose



Factors that affect fragrance

Lois Ann Helgeson, in another American Rose Society report, discusses the connections between fragrances and rose classes and notes that scents in roses vary by temperature, humidity, and the amount of sunshine. Even the degree to which the blossom is open limits or enhances the fragrance. Rose fragrances also vary by colour.

Individual differences

Not all roses are fragrant. Hatterschide and Helgeson note that James Alexander Gamble concluded that about 25

percent of roses have little or no scent, 20 percent were highly fragrant, and the remainder fall somewhere in between. The American Rose Society award for outstanding new fragrant roses is appropriately named for Gamble. The award list is a great starting point for anyone interested in especially fragrant roses.

Personal favourites

Some of my favourites are 'Cecile Brunner', a dainty pink climber; 'Dolly Parton', a hybrid tea that is orange, large, and over-the-top fragrant; 'Mister. Lincoln', a dark red hybrid tea that grows tall and smells like heaven; and 'Fire Fighter', another red upright hybrid tea. Just remember, next time you think about the perfect flower for your sunny garden, try the wonderful reward of a fragrant rose.

To learn more about the James Alexander Gamble Fragrance Award visit <http://www.rose.org/members-only-2/resources/the-james-alexander-gamble-fragrance-award/>.

*Article written by Donna Sapp,
Extension Master Gardener Volunteer.
Ack Internet*

THE BEST DEAR JOHN LETTER EVER

A young girl on a year's training course in South Africa, recently received a "Dear John" letter from her boyfriend back home. It read as follows:

*Dear Mary,
I can no longer continue our relationship. The distance between us is just too great. I must admit that I have cheated on you twice since you've been gone and it's not fair to either of us. I'm sorry. Please return the picture of me that I sent to you.*

Love, John

Mary, with hurt feelings, asked her colleagues for any snapshots they could spare of their boyfriends, brothers, ex-boyfriends, uncles, cousins, etc. In addition to the picture of John, Mary included all the pictures of the pretty lads she had collected from her buddies. There were 57 photos in that envelope, along with this note:

*Dear John,
I'm so sorry, but I can't remember who the hell you are. Please take your picture from the pile, and send the rest back to me.*

Take care, Mary

COMING EVENTS

April Meeting – 03.04.20
MEETING CANCELLED

April Committee Meeting – 16.04.20
Castle Hill Vet Hospital 7.30 p.m.

May Meeting – 01.05.20
ONCE ONLY AT THIS VENUE

Please check meeting is still being held
Epping Community Centre 8.00p.m.
9 Oxford St., Epping

Speaker - Pat Cunningham

Topic – Australian Championship 2019
& New Zealand Rose Show

Raffle – Potted Australian bred rose

Floral Art – Modern arrangement using
rose/s only. Any embellishments

Cancelled

State Council Meeting – 03.05.20
Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living
@ 11.00 a.m.

Judges meeting

Same venue @ 9 a.m.

Cancelled

May Committee Meeting – 7.05.20
Castle Hill Vet Hospital 7.30 p.m.

June Meeting – 05.06.20
Newington Community Centre 8.00p.m.

Topic – Water irrigation
(to be confirmed)

Floral Art – Start of Winter?
Any flowers, any embellishments.

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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Jim Cunningham, Glenhaven, 2156	9659 6664
Mark McGuire, Neutral Bay, 2089	9953 3655
Ted Morphett, Emu Plains, 2750	4735 3668

NEPEAN BLUE MTNS & HAWKESBURY

Doug Hayne, Emu Plains, 2750	4735 1730
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HUNTER AREA

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