



UNSH Newsletter Edition 2020. 1

UNSH
'Signature
Roses':
Kardinal &
Sombreuil

The Rose Society of NSW: Upper North Shore & Hills Regional
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UNSH meets on **3rd Sunday** of each month in 2020.

Meeting time: 4 pm SUMMER TIME

PLEASE ARRIVE 15 minutes earlier to 'Sign On'; buy raffle tickets

Chair: Kate Stanley

Assistant Chair: David Smith

Treasurer: Judy Satchell

Secretary: Paul Stanley

Next UNSH Meeting

Welcome to
Jasmine & Nanad
Miletich to UNSH

Sunday February 16th 4 pm start (Summer time)
Speaker & Show Bench Judge: Richard Walsh (PowerPoint)TBC

The January meeting was cancelled due to the extenuating circumstances of the bushfires.

NEUTROG ORDERS CLOSING DATE 31ST JANUARY by hand delivering to "Birchgrove" or internet/email.

UNSH has been required to add two more booking dates at the Galston Community Centre, in order to keep the Casual Booking of 2020. They will be April and October.

Please arrive 15 minutes early to buy raffle tickets.

Exhibitors please arrive no later than 30 mins early to prepare exhibits.

Judging commences at 4.05 pm promptly. Any exhibits not registered in Exhibitor Register and placed on bench will not be judged. Schedule out soon.

Afternoon tea to be taken into the carpeted room on right when you enter main doors.

Please bring cut up and undo plastic for the afternoon tea.

Galston Community Centre, 37 Arcadia Rd, Galston.

Next State meeting : Sunday 9th February 2020 at 11 am Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living.
All UNSH members are welcome to attend.

Diary Dates 2020

2020		Meeting Start	Venue		Speaker	Topic
February 16th	Summer Time	4-6.30 pm	GCC		Power point Richard Walsh	
March 15th	AUTUMN TIME	2-6 pm	Birchgrove BBQ	Neutrog Collection	TBA	
April 19th	12th April Easter Sun		RAS SHOW	MACARTHUR SHOW 18 th	TBA	
May 17th	AUTUMN TIME	2-4.30 pm	Geranium Cottage Devonshire Tea	Devonshire Teas in Tea Garden (courtyard)	TBA	
June 21st	Winter TIME	2-4.30 pm	GCC		TBA	
July 19th	WINTER TIME	2- 4.30 pm	Flowerama Castle Hill	31 st Cut off date for Neutrog	TBA	
August 16th	WINTER TIME	2 – 5.00 pm	AGM GCC	UNSHkin Esther Ronco	Power Point & small interview	North & South Pole adventures & magnificent rose garden
September 20th	Winter time due daylight saving changes	12.00 noon -4 pm	Birchgrove BBQ	Neutrog Collection	BBQ LUNCH	
October 18th		2020 National Rose C'ships Kiama Pavilion, Kiama Showground 24-25 October	NEPEAN SHOW 10-11 Oct SYDNEY SHOW TBC	MACARTHUR SHOW TBC GALSTON OPEN GARDENS	TBA	
November 15th	Summer time	4-6.30 pm	Judy Satchell's garden in Dural		TBA	
December 20th	Summer time	5 pm-8 pm	GCC Evening Christmas Dinner		TBA	



Best Christmas Plate awarded to Julie Barlow for her miniature gingerbread houses



2nd place went to Pam Dunn for her strawberry ring cake. She was gifted with a hand embroidered washer and rose soap.



3rd place for her savoury slice. Here Jim is giving Trish a benching booklet for her hard work into helping UNSH. Trish was gifted a mug & coaster.





Thank to all members who baked or brought Christmas goodies for afternoon tea.

Results of December Show Bench

Class 2
Exhibition Rose
1st: Victoria Vartuli
'Heart of Gold' (front right)
2nd: Victoria Vartuli
'Peter Frankenfeld' (front left)
3rd: Shannon Shepherdson
(back left) 'Big Purple'



Class 3

Floribunda Rose

1st: Julie Barlow

'Seduction'

JUDGES' PICK Awarded \$5

2nd: Trish Piper

'Iceberg'



Class 4

Bunch Roses

1st: Margaret Smith 'Double
Delight'

2nd: 'Big Purple ; Pope John II

Shannon Shepherdson



Class 5

Shrub Roses

1st: Shannon Shepherdson

'Olivia Rose Austin' (right back)

2nd: Georgina McCarthy

'Crocus Rose' (front left)

3rd: Victoria Vartuli 'Alnwick'



Class 6

Australian Bred Rose

1st : Victoria Vartuli

'Joyce Abounding

2nd: Kate Stanley

'Imp'

3rd: Trish Piper

'Sunlit'



Class 7

Miniflora or Miniature

1st: Georgina McCarthy

'Unknown' (right back)

2nd: Judy Satchell

'Joyce Abounding' (left centre)

3rd: Pam Dunn

'Irresistible' (Centre)



Class 9

'One of Each'

1st: Judy Satchell

Winner of \$10 prize money with
box of tiered roses from her
garden



Class 12

Floral Design

'Long and Flat'

1st : Judy Satchell





Class 13
 Floral Design
 'All inside'

1st: Judy Satchell (left)

2nd: Judy Satchell (right)

3rd: Trish Piper (middle)



Left: Julie Barlow
 Right: Judy Satchell

1st place

Class 14

SANDRA'S PICK

Awarded \$5



Class 14

Vase from your own garden

2nd: Georgina McCarthy



Class 15

Miscellaneous

1st: Judy Satchell

Gladioli

2nd: Julie Barlow

'The Fairy'

3rd: Kate Stanley

Salvia



Class 16

Culinary

1st: Julie Barlow (left)

2nd: Georgina Mc Carthy (right)

3rd: Georgina McCarthy (below)



Raffle Winners...



Anne pinning an UNSHkin onto new Junior member Jordan. Jordan also won 'Baby Jack' rose in the raffle.



And...

- Barry Leithhead- Rose tea & silver strainer (Thank you to Judith Williamson for donation)
- Jasmine Miletich- 'Softie' rose
- Anne Buttigieg- Set teacups (Thank you to Trish Piper for donation)
- Veronica O'Brien- Eco fungicide
- Trish Piper- 'Figurine' rose



Happy New Year?
Written by UNSH
Chair, Kate
Stanley
(Dip. Teach, B.A,
M.A)

“It is natural to say this phrase in early January as we greet our friends and family after the celebration of Christmas. But this year it is hard not to follow up this greeting with “It hasn’t been a very good start.” Australia as we all know has been devastated by fierce bushfires primarily since mid December over an unprecedented area of five states at the same time. It is the Bushfire Season that the RFS has been anticipating for the last few years as the fuel load mounts up, drought ensues and the summer temperatures are unrelenting.

Every Australian has been affected by the Bushfire Crisis at different levels. Our overseas friends are also fretting, seeing the alarming media footage and have generously donated vast amounts of money to help in the recovery effort. The top of the ‘Stress Pyramid’ has to be the Aussie farmers who have been enduring relentless drought forcing them to shoot their breeding stock and take up work in the townships. Then to have their homes and sheds burnt adds insult to injury. One such family, despite their losses organised a large truck to take around food and water to other farming families, even though they lost their stock by fire, home burnt, parents’ home burnt. Such is the Aussie spirit.

It has brought out the best and sadly the worst in people. Then there are others who have experienced being entrapped by the fires, fled with the clothes on their backs, pets in hand, children and babies who were terrified through the ordeal. Only to discover loved ones, homes, pets, stock burnt. To lose one loved one is distressing, but some have lost more. Sadly there have been firefighters who have perished as they courageously fought to protect others, leaving small children growing up without their father and wives who are expecting a child.

The dislocation of people, the loss of homes, businesses, livelihoods on a large scale would be so challenging for the authorities. It has caused many to be understandably emotional and have caused decent folks to do all they can to help.

The hazardous air quality and horrific heat has been difficult for everybody, for over a month and concerns for the remainder of summer is real and unknown. The understandable severe water restrictions have further created a sense of stress with keen gardeners who have spent money, time and energy and now have to watch their efforts burn or die. While this may seem very trite to those who aren’t gardeners, it is a special hobby for young and old. On a historical level, large collections of rare plants have been lost to fire and many will not be able to be replaced. Again this pales into insignificance when seeing loss of lives and livelihoods that have occurred.

People need to watch their emotional barometer when such a lengthy disaster is unfolding. While we have a small reprieve with cool weather, we are facing some uncertain weather and future resources, no matter what the cause.

The UNSH Rose Regional like other regionals and garden clubs are at risk of diminishing under these circumstances. Especially as UNSH members primarily live on acreage and often near bushland. The water restrictions are the same for those on 5 acres as a residential block.

In order to keep mental health, it is vital to have a plan. Often actively working at a goal under such circumstances assists the individual to cope on a better level.

- Be prepared- keeping lawns and yard clear. Clear gutters. Keep informed where the fires are.
- Be active in nurturing your garden. Remove weeds or long grass who are stealing the water from your plants. Mulch your garden (Bucket plants /sapling trees that are stressed (burnt leaves, drooping leaves)
- Be water wise- for those who have grey water hoses-move them about to share the water.
- Look out for your friends, family and elderly folk- a phone call can be very reassuring.
- Look after the birds and animals. Leave full water bowls under taps. Put ice blocks in on hot days to cool water down.
- Keep a compost bin-applying compost or cow manure will help the soil to be more water retentive. Ensure the soil is wet before and after to avoid burn.
- If the trees or plants are dropping leaves, they are stressed. They need water.
- Plants that have been planted in the last few months will show signs of stress more than your other plants. They will need more water to cope.
- As a rule of thumb, roses require a 15 L bucket of water 3 X times a week in the peak of summer.
- Some rose cultivars will be more prone to heat stress than others. Do a walk about (or ride on mower assessment) to see which needs water first.

Neutrog Who Flung Dung is a fabulous feeding mulch to put on your garden. They also carry 'Cock n' Bull' which acts as a great mulch for both roses and camellias.



**STAY SAFE. Don't forget your Neutrog Order. Cut off date 31st January 2020.
Online or deliver to ' Birchgrove '**

Information for new members 2019-2020

Patron: Sandra Ross

Chair: Kate Stanley

Treasurer: Judy Satchell

Secretary: Paul Stanley

Committee Members: Kate Stanley, Judy Satchell, David Smith, Paul Stanley, Victoria Vartuli.

Delegates to State Council: Kate Stanley; Judy Satchell; Paul Stanley

Alternative Delegate: Victoria Vartuli

Assistant Chair: David Smith

Assistant Treasurer: Paul Stanley

2019 Neutrog rep: David Smith

Chief Steward: Paul Stanley

Welfare: Trish Piper

Newsletter & Membership Secretary: Kate Stanley

Website: www.nsw.rose.org.au

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Username: **r member (no space-just for printing)**

Password: The member password

Click "sign in" , The password is printed in the January 2020 The Rose edition sent out to members



Rose Advisors to UNSH

Klaus and Brigitte
Eckardt

from Green E Roses
(listening to Graham
Ross at the Inaugural
meeting May, 2017)

Show Bench A schedule is published each month for the upcoming meeting. This will outline what classes are included. During the "off season-winter months for roses" horticultural classes and other garden flowers are included. This gives member's practise in exhibiting. Floral Design (ONLY) classes can use purchased flowers, if desired. Places are given a point score, which accumulates in August AGM. For 2019-2020 each exhibit will receive 1 point for entering Monthly Show Bench.

Judge's Pick: 20 points

First: 10 points

Second: 5 points

Third: 3 points

Entries into Rose Shows are –

Champion: 50 points

First: 30 points

Second: 20 points

Third: 10 points

Instructions to Exhibitors.

- Arrive 15-20 mins earlier than meeting start to stage exhibit/s. You are welcome to prepare your Floral Design in the hall. Paul and Kate are there 1 hr before meeting setting up.
- Sign the Exhibition Register. With your name and exhibits. You will use the register number to put on Benching Slips. This makes you anonymous to judge. Eg. # 5
- Using green bikini vases (unless specified) and place your exhibit in the right class. There is water available. Bring newspaper or paper towel to put in the vase to secure bloom. You want the bloom to be 'looking at judges'
- Write out benching slip (you can prepare these at home). One side will be for the benching number. (which you will need to add) and the other side is the name of rose if known. Slip this under the base of the vase. There are benching slips available.
- Please clean up any water spilled/ foliage.
- Collect your exhibit at the end of the meeting.
- The judge will put a sticker on place getters. Blue-first; red-second; Green/Yellow-third) You will receive an UNSH prize slip in the post. They are collated with point scores till July meeting.

UNSH kins are \$5 to raise money for UNSH. Our new little mascot!
Put your order on sign on sheet – state whether you would like yellow or red.



UNSH name badges also available. \$10 each.
You can order through email or at the meeting.
If possible please pay when ordering. Badges will be available at next meeting.

Upper North Shore & Hills Regional Signature Roses

Each region has its own special signature rose. Our regional group has adopted TWO roses.
One modern and one old to signify the importance of both to rose lovers.



The first is Hybrid Tea , **Rosa 'Kardinal'**. We chose this to signify where the group was set up-ie "Birchgrove", where there is a climbing Kardinal on the barn. It is a sturdy rose throwing long canes. Unlike other

roses that are prone to wilting when benching, it hold its petals and its majestic shape. The velvety petals makes one wonder whether it is the inspiration for the material velvet.



Old World Climber, Rosa 'Sombreuil' (1850)

A charming and refined climber. Flat, quartered, creamy white rosettes tinged with pink.
Delicious tea scent. Repeats well.

Tips for Benching.

1. Pick flowers in the morning and hydrate well.
2. Remove any insects/webbing. Check under leaves
3. Presentation is key. The rose should be looking at the judge.
4. Use paper towel or newspaper in vase to angle bloom.
5. Wipe or rinse rose foliage carefully.
6. Floral design should be done in the round. ie to be viewed at any angle.

From Judges' Handbook...

"Stem"-a stem is defined as an original new growth which carries ONE bloom or ONE bud and has received NO check from pinching, stopping or pruning from the time of starting into growth to flowering. Disbudding is not regarded as a check to growth under this definition. The stem should be proportionate in thickness and length to the size of the bloom it supports.

"Cut"- A cut is similar to a stem (original new growth) that carries MORE than one bloom. And/ or bud or buds.

When you arrive to bench...

- Always arrive 15-20 mins before start of meeting to arrange exhibits.
- There will be a preparation table for you. Ensure you clean up your own cuttings. There is a large garbage bin available. Good idea to bring a disposable bag or newspaper to wrap up refuse.
- Have pre written white paper rectangular tags. (6 X 3 cm) The name of your rose should be on one side / your exhibitor number on the other. There are tags available. CONTINUED
- Your exhibitor number is from the Exhibitor Register- as you arrive list your entries (and names of roses) on the Register. Your Exhibitor number is determined as you arrive. Continued...
- The Show bench will be judged during notices at the beginning of the meeting.
- The Judges Pick will then be announced. Certificated will be presented at the next meeting or posted.
- Members can view the Show Bench during afternoon tea. The Judge will be available then to answer any inquiries.
- Places are given a point score which accumulates for the July meeting.
- First 10 points; Second 5 points; Third 3 points. Judges Pick 20 points.
- Entries into Rose Shows are Champion 50 points; First 30 points; Second 20 points; Third 10 points.

Rose Pruning

- D **Dead** remove any dead stems (brown), foliage, blooms.
- D **Dying** remove any sickly growth.
- D **Diseased** remove any growth that has been attacked by insects and fungus.
- D **Damaged** remove any damaged (bruised or crushed) or crossing over stems
- D **Diddly bits** remove these weak, inefficient stems, only in winter.

1. The two types of roses that benefit from this hard winter prune are Hybrid Teas and Floribundas. This will promote flowering.
2. Old Garden Roses, Polyanthas and David Austin Roses should NOT have a hard winter prune. David Austin himself advocates this. They should be maintained with the mnemonic "D". Clearly if there is a rose stem that is in the way of a path for example, trim off. But these roses do not like the hard prune and will either not perform, sulk or often die.
3. Young rose plants of any sort (2-3 yrs or younger) should NOT be hard pruned as they have not established their root system nor established themselves. (This is so important with the intense hot summers we are experiencing.)

FEATURE ARTICLE **Black Spot in roses**

What causes my roses to get Black Spot?

1. Some rose varieties are more susceptible than others, such as roses that have yellow in their genetics. Graham Ross
2. Tends to occur in hot, humid conditions.
3. Caused by a fungus called *Diplocarpon rosae*.
4. Water staying on rose leaves for 6-7 hours
5. Stressed roses are more susceptible to Black Spot. This may be due to adverse weather conditions such as severe heat; inadequate water; inadequate food. The Rose Society recommends Neutrog's Organic Products for Roses. **Sudden Impact for Roses** applied 6 weekly over Spring, Summer and the first half of Autumn will nourish your roses. Then you can use **Seamungus** during the Winter when most roses are dormant. Remember to always water soil first before applying fertiliser and afterwards. This way the rose will be more readily able to uptake the nutrients. Also 'burn' can occur on the rose if this process is neglected.

Do I need to do anything about Black Spot on my roses?

1. Apart from being unsightly, Black Spot seriously weakens the rose.
2. Left untreated, Black Spot can cause a rose to completely defoliate. Remember that the leaves are important as they are the 'food factory' for the rose.
3. If you are keen to exhibit your roses, " (the foliage) should be adequate in quantity and size, undamaged, fresh and clean in appearance and of good colour and quality for the cultivar" (NRSA Handbook for Judges, 2013, p.8)

How do I know that my roses have Black Spot?

1. Black Spot is aptly named as this is exactly what it looks like mainly on the leaves but left unchecked it can progress down the stems/canes.
2. It occurs on the uppermost sides of the leaves. It can also appear on the undersides.
3. They are feathery, ragged black circles or filled in black spots with outer margins with edged in yellow.

How does Black Spot spread?

- This fungus is easily spread by water splash. Mulching your roses can assist with this problem.
- Infections take hold when water remains on the leaf for 6-7 hrs. Therefore while we cannot control this when it rains, we can reduce this problem by NOT watering rose foliage and watering at the base of the rose. So if you have an automated watering system, a drip one is preferable over sprinklers. If you need to use sprinklers, soaker hoses especially in scorching summer weather, do so as your first task in the morning, so that the leaves and stems can dry out well during the day.
- Fungus can overwinter on stems or leaf litter and re-emerge in Spring.
- Fallen infected leaves. Most roses are deciduous. However when a leaf is infected it spreads up the life of the leaf and will fall prematurely. (See Challenge at the end of the article)

Organic home control

1. Prevention is the best option. Maintaining a healthy rose will help to reduce the incidence of this fungus. Not overcrowding rose bushes so that the air can move freely. Reduce dense foliage in the centre of the plant.
2. Gardening hygiene- Keep your rose secateurs clean with alcohol. Ensure you dry them with a clean cloth before using. Collect fallen affected leaves and dispose in bin. Pluck off affected leaves/ or cut off stem. Do NOT denude rose. Remove the worst affected parts. Enrich your rose. You can progressively remove the other ones. Remove any affected canes to healthy wood.
3. Mix fat free milk with water with 1:1 ratio. Put into a spray and apply to all leaves of the rose.
4. Or mix 4 litres water with 3 level teaspoons of Bicarbonate of Soda and a few capfuls of fish emulsion. Put in a spray bottle and apply weekly in the cool of the day.

Spray Control

If you wish to use a spray, **never use in the heat of the day.**

- *“Apply eco-fungicide or eco-rose every 7-10 days at the first sign of disease outbreak. Leaves already infected cannot be saved but the spray will create a protective coating over leaves to prevent new infection occurring.*
- *Include eco-seaweed into the spray solution to strengthen plant tissue and make it harder for the fungus to penetrate into the leaves.*

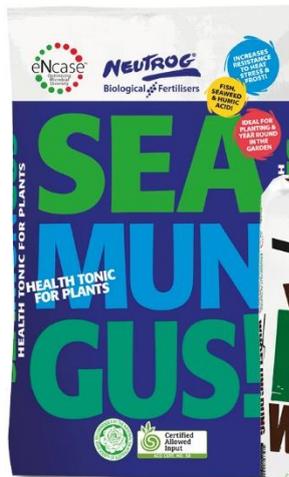
*HANDY HINT: We recommend adding a little eco-oil (2ml per litre) to the eco-fungicide or eco-rose solution to help it stick and spread better over the foliage. If you have an insect problem at the same time then increase the eco-oil rate (5-10ml per litre) to create a combined organic insecticide and fungicide spray. “ *Organic Crop Protectants is recommended by the Rose Society of NSW.**

- Article written by K. Stanley (Dip Teach., B.A.,M.A)

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