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## **Next meeting- The Festival of Roses at Jamberoo**

### **In Your Garden this month-**

Some ideas on home made spray mixtures from the Sydney Rose Region  
Preparing for the rose show

### **Around the Ridges**

Our September meeting  
Peace Park & the Ribbonwood Garden

Thinking of our members who are not well- Bev Irvine, Max & Val Atkins and Shirley Coady

*Please let us know if anyone else is not doing so well at the moment.*

**NOTE: THE NOTICE OF THE AGM  
FOR THE ROSE SOCIETY OF NSW  
12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**



PATRON: MRS JILL EAST

Meets on the fourth Saturday of each month at the North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre, Meehan Drive, North Kiama 1.30-3.30 p.m.

*The next meeting to be held at the Neighbourhood Centre will be February 24 with a presentation from Helen Lovel from Neutrog.*

October- Festival of Roses  
November- garden visit  
December- Christmas Party  
January- Agricultural Shows

*Dear Members,*

### *Message from the Chair*

This rose season is looking the best for quite a few years, with the right conditions of sun, and not too much rain, and therefore less blackspot and fungal diseases. Hopefully we can time our roses to be ready for the Rose Show in two weeks' time.

There are quite a few members involved with the Rose Show, preparing both exhibition and display, raffle prizes, rose prizes and catering, and we encourage you to either exhibit some roses or bring them along to display. We will name the suburb for each bunch of roses brought in. If you have a single hybrid tea rose that would fit an exhibition rose, could you bring in one or more to exhibit on Class 31 B It will help give a good view of members' roses. See the flyer attached for more information and the schedule. If exhibiting roses, you will need to email or phone in to Julianne Faulks by Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 9p.m. the classes you wish to enter.

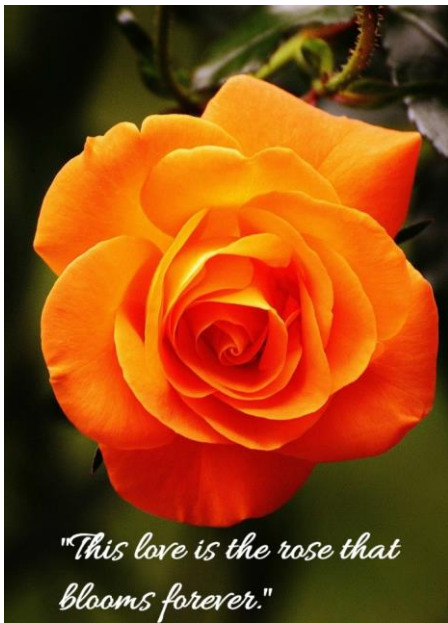
We do need some more to help look after the entry table which will include the raffle as an entry. Pat Bleuel is overseeing the roster: Saturday times are filled, but we need 2 people for Sunday: 11am-1pm, and 1 person for 1.00p.m. -2.30 p.m., and someone to relieve Judith on the Trading table between 11.00 a.m-11.30a.m. *thank you to those who contributed towards the hamper for the raffle, and a few who are sponsoring rose classes at the show.*

Our next formal meeting will be in February with a presentation by Helen Lovel, all the way from Victoria as our Neutrog representative. In November 18, we will visit Intan Kallus garden at Kangaroo Valley and on December 2- our end of year Christmas Party. See flyer with this newsletter with details.

We were very sad to hear about the recent passing of a former though active member of the Rose Society- John North – our condolences to Dorothy. A photo is included in the newsletter.

Next year we celebrate 50 years of the Illawarra Rose Society, and we will be planning some celebrations early next year.

*Kristin - Illawarra Chair*



## THE ROSE GARDEN THIS MONTH-

If we have strong and vigorous bushes, they will be able to withstand any kind of weather and at the same time fend off pests and diseases. Roses need water, nutrition and protection from pests and diseases.



As the winds begin to blow and the rain is not as prevalent, we will need to **stake our roses**, ensure the ground is well **mulched**, roses given a very good **watering** of 20 litres at least once a week, and pots more regularly as they dry out quickly; and **the pests** especially red spider mite, thrip and hibiscus beetles to be kept at bay. I was able to keep the thrip and black hibiscus beetle at bay by spraying the light-coloured roses and buds they prefer, with soapy water with a touch of oil and a small amount of an insecticide. I spray every couple of days late in the afternoon, so the bees are not affected.

**Fertilising** the roses is important as they become hungry for **nutrition** as they begin to bloom. Fertilise now so your roses are well fed before the rose show, and then again before the next flourish. Soils that contain good organic matter will provide lots of the trace elements needed, and an organic fertiliser can assist if there are nutrient deficiency. Sudden Impact for Roses is recommended, and for pots that replenish quickly with lots of watering will benefit from a liquid Sudden Impact feed more regularly.

Ensure the soil is moist before application and then water in well after application to prevent fertiliser burn. **Foliar spray** enables a swifter nutrient absorption by the plant and can supplement the traditional feeding. A spray of liquid Sudden Impact and Seamungus can be beneficial to the bushes.



### Protection from Pests:

The recent newsletter from the Sydney Region had some good recipes for **home made remedies**. They kindly gave me permission to reproduce them for your benefit, and some ideas are included here:

### **HOMEMADE SPRAY MIXTURES-**

**All the mixtures below will wash off with water, they are contact not systemic.**

**Pepper spray:** You can kill caterpillars with fresh peppers. Wear gloves and eye protection and finely chop enough habanero peppers to fill ½ cup. Crush six garlic cloves. Puree the peppers and garlic with 2 cups of water. 1 tablespoon of vegetable oil, and 1 teaspoon of dish soap in the blender. Pour the mixture into a 1 litre glass jar and cap it tightly. Set it in direct sun for two days. Strain the pepper solution through a coffee filter into a spray bottle. Spray caterpillars generously.

**Molasses and dish soap:** Mix a tablespoon of molasses and a teaspoon of dish soap with a litre of warm water. Once room temperature, spray the mix regularly over the leaves, to bottom.

**Oil Spray:** This stripped-down version of pepper spray is ready and with fewer ingredients; combine 2 tablespoons of canola oil (or any vegetable oil), 1 teaspoon of dish soap, and 2 cups of warm water. Funnel the solution into a spray bottle and spritz caterpillars liberally. Don't use this on orchids, squashes, or hairy-leaved plants.

**Vinegar spray:** A vinegar and water solution will kill and repel most garden pests, including caterpillars. Mix two tablespoons of vinegar with 3.8 litres of water, and spray wherever pests are.

**Milk spray:** Mix 1-part full cream milk to 10 parts water and spray it on affected plants. Full cream powdered milk mix can be used. Use for fungus problems.

**Bi-carb spray:** Two teaspoonfuls bicarbonate of soda with half a teaspoonful of sunflower or horticultural oil, into 1 litre water, and spray on affected plants. Use for fungus problems.

**Insecticidal soap** is a mixture of water and the potassium salts of fatty acids and is commonly used to curb infestations of insects on indoor and outdoor plants. Soap sprays are effective for soft-bodied insects such as mealybugs and aphids. Insecticidal soap typically does not harm plants.

Soap sprays are some of the oldest insecticides used by gardeners in the old days; gardeners used to boil water with Fels-Naptha soap to create an effective soap insecticide. Over time, these “old fashioned” remedies fell out of favour as they were replaced by much stronger and more toxic chemicals. Today, however, as the interest in organic and less chemical-intensive gardening continues to grow, insecticidal soap sprays have made a major comeback. There are some effective commercial products on the market labelled insecticidal soap, many including supplemental ingredients. But if you have the right ingredients, you can make your own.

**How Do Insecticidal Soaps Work?** Insecticidal soap works through several mechanisms. The soap itself penetrates insects’ cuticles, which causes cell collapse and desiccation. In other words, the spray eats away at

### **An interesting cake decorating idea-**



This cake is decorated with pomegranate seeds and sprigs of thyme. It looks highly effective and a lovely rose theme.

the bug’s exo-skeleton, dries them out, and results in dehydration and death. The sprays also operate by suffocating insects such as scale.

### **How to Use Soap Sprays**

Although soap sprays are less toxic to gardeners and non-pest animals they can still be damaging to some plants, especially if an oil has been added to the spray. Before the widespread use of any spray, test it on small section of the plant first and wait at least 24 hours to see if there are any negative effects. Look for signs like spotting, wrinkling, and browning on leaves. If you see any negative signs, discontinue use of the product. Plants that are susceptible to damage from soap sprays, include beans, cucumbers, ferns, gardenias, and peas.

When making a home DIY insecticidal soap spray, be careful of



what ingredients you choose because there is a difference between detergents and soaps. Clear dishwashing detergents are different from soaps and should not be used in insecticidal soap sprays. Dishwashing liquid soap does not contain fatty acids and can also harm plants. Instead use pure liquid castile soap (olive oil based). Dissolved sunlight cakes of soap can also be used. Do not use any product with fragrance, moisturizer, or other additives.

**Castile & Fels-Naptha soaps can be purchased on-line.**



Judith Oyston OAM is celebrated at the Wollongong Town Hall on receipt of her Order of Australia Medal. Colin Hollis attended the special occasion last month.

## AROUND THE RIDGES OF THE ILLAWARRA – SHOALHAVEN

### SOME GLIMPSES OF OUR SEPTEMBER MEETING

We very much enjoyed a virtual excursion to the Mottisfont Abbey Gardens sheltered in the valley of the River Test in Hampshire, UK. Many thanks to Deb Keller, battling the remnants of knee surgery to show us beautiful photos over several years of visits to this garden.

It was also the first show bench of the year, and though the roses were still on the way out, we had a very lovely exhibit and display of roses, as well as some beautiful roses in a basket for floral art.



1. Display of larger roses. 2. Winning exhibit -bunch of 3 Kardinal roses; 3. Winning Mini – Cut/stem 3 Figurine; 4. Geraldine Shea & Esther Herandez display of roses from their garden.



Guy Savoy 2. Rosemary Singleton, Lorraine Vost & Judith Oystons baskets of roses 3. Deb Keller with other Heritage Rose enthusiasts – Judith Oyston and Intan Kallus.

## PEACE PARK

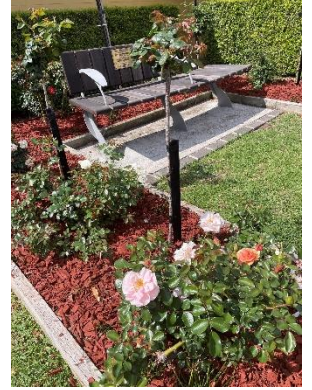


The roses are coming out and looking exceptional at Peace Park now. One special rose bed of *Golden Beauty* is looking particularly beautiful. The volunteers with Colin continue to work on the garden each Tuesday morning. The Alyssum planted by the local pre-school children is also a highlight as they have flowered beautifully. *Elina* is flourishing.

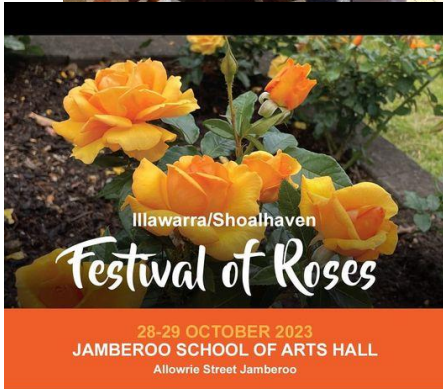
## DAPTO RIBBONWOOD PEACE GARDEN



Vanessa Berends and I continue to care for the Dapto Ribbonwood Peace Garden whenever we can. A weeding, deadheading, and fertilising with a good watering of the garden was conducted early in October. Peter from Ribbonwood placed a mulch on the garden to keep the weeds down and the moisture in. It looks quite beautiful now, and the roses are looking exceptionally healthy.



**John North RIP** – Many members will remember John North who frequently attended our meetings with his wife Dorothy until he fell ill about three years ago. We heard news that he passed away last week. We wish Dorothy and the family our condolences. Joanne & Reg Fisher and Barbara Bartczak were able to attend his funeral Friday 13 October. In 2015 we enjoyed a lunch and tour of the remarkable garden that John had established at his home in Flinders. The photo is of John barbecuing for the members at the luncheon. May John rest in peace.



**THE FESTIVAL OF ROSES** - Don't forget Sunday the Motor Show will cause a detour between Churchill & Young St at Jamberoo. The hall is near Young St.

### REMINDERS:

- check your roses ready for display or exhibition over these next two weeks.
- Thursday 26 October- phone or email Julianne Faulks by 9p.m. if you are exhibiting roses, including David Austin or miscellaneous classes such as roses in a seashell, or children exhibiting. (See attached schedule)
- If you are bringing roses to display you can alert Robyn Hambly for modern garden roses, Esther Hernandez for David Austin Roses, and Intan Kallus for Heritage Roses. Roses for display can be brought in between 4-5 p.m. on Friday 27 Oct., and from 6-10a.m. on Saturday. See back of flyer for information.
- We need help on Friday between 9.30 a.m.- and 1.p.m. for setting up the hall at Jamberoo. We also will need some help dismantling the hall from 2.30p.m. Sunday 29 Oct.
- You will not there are a couple of spaces on the roster for entry/raffle to be filled. See my introduction to this newsletter.
- Thank you to Joanne Fisher who is making the raffle hampers look magnificent. Joanne may need some assistance on Friday 27 in preparing the rose decorations.



Bring them to share with the public in a display of roses from the suburbs of the Illawarra & Shoalhaven Regions.  
Let us see what you grow in your local area.

Roses from your garden for display can be delivered in disposable containers between 4-5 pm on Friday 27 October or before 10am Saturday 28 October. ( Non-disposable containers can be collected on Sunday between 3-4 pm).  
Contact the following if you are bringing roses to display or have a query:



# *The Rose Society of NSW Inc.*

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Notice is hereby given of the 43rd Annual General Meeting of the Rose Society of NSW Inc. to take place on **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023** commencing at **10.00 a.m.**

**At: The Macarthur Centre for Sustainable Living, 1 Mount Annan Drive, Mount Annan NSW**

All financial members are invited to attend and to vote at the AGM.

The purpose of the AGM is to confirm the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023; to receive and consider the President's report; elect the Office Bearers and Committee of Management, and to approve the consolidated financial report of the Rose Society of NSW Inc. for the financial year 2022- 2023.

**Nominations are called for:**

<i>President</i>	<i>Honorary Editor</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Honorary Web Manager</i>
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	<i>Historian</i>
<i>Honorary Treasurer</i>	<i>Chairman of Judges</i>
<i>Assistant Secretary</i>	<i>Educator Officer</i>
<i>Honorary Subscription Secretary</i>	<i>Awards Committee (three to be elected)</i>

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Regional Secretary  
Notice and nomination form will also be available on the website: [nsw.rose.org.au](http://nsw.rose.org.au).

Nominations for the above elected positions to be with the  
**Returning Officer – Mr Chris Vine M: 0457 777 415**  
**25/40 Estonian Road THIRLMERE NSW 2572 or email: [chrisvine46@gmail.com](mailto:chrisvine46@gmail.com)**  
**By no later than the close of business 5pm. Sunday 29th October 2023**

Colin Hollis President of the Rose Society of NSW Inc.  
Stefica Bikes Secretary of the Rose Society of NSW Inc. 11 October 2023

PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE SENT OUT IN THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER