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**23 September at the North Kiama
Neighbourhood Centre – Preparing our
roses for the show- including bug free.**

Bring to meeting:

- Roses for show bench & display
- An item for the hamper for Rose Show raffle
- Some change for meeting raffle-
- Something to share for afternoon tea
- But especially yourself.

FLORAL ART

Roses predominating in a small basket

THIS NEWSLETTER:

**In the garden this month- new buds and blooms/ dry and windy weather -pests
Around the Ridges**

**The Illawarra Festival of Roses-
Promotions in the Illawarra**

Visit to Alan Read- Illawarra rose breeder

**Thinking of Bev Irvine who has been
seriously ill/ and thankfully our Shirley
Coady has returned from hospital on the
mend after a mild heart attack.....**

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE FOR
ANYONE SUBSCRIBED BEFORE JAN**

**2023, removed from list at end of
September if not financial.- Thank you to
the many members who have already
renewed**



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.

**Next meeting: Saturday
September 23 at Centre 1.30-
3.30p.m. – Preparing roses for
the Show and keeping bug free.**

*Photo- Good Samaritan Rose
September 2023 from Kristin's Garden*

Dear Members,

I do hope you all are well and enjoying warmer days and the arrival of buds on beautiful new foliage with the promise of many rose blooms soon on your bushes.

Neutrog orders were delivered and organised by our wonderful members- Lorraine Vost and Paul Walsh all the way from Nowra, and Peter Goodger from Illawarra. Thankfully Hans Van de Haar and some Hardware Man staff, also assisted as we were short on volunteers, and he had everything ready to go when Lorraine, Paul and Peter arrived. If you ordered, please make sure that you have picked your products up asap, so they are not interfering with Hardware Man's delivery space.

Our next order will be due in March next year. We also will be graced with the presence of **Helen Lovel from Victoria, our Neutrog representative at our February 2024 meeting.** Helen is an excellent presenter and very knowledgeable about Neutrog products.

August meeting- thank you Peter Goodger for your presentation.

Our September meeting will be the last formal meeting for this year, as we have the Rose Show 28-29 October, the visit to Intan's Garden in Kangaroo Valley 18 November, and our Christmas/end of year lunch and celebration 2 December. We will have show bench at the September meeting for those with roses, either for the set exhibits or for display.

Our Illawarra/Shoalhaven Rose Festival - We are gearing up for this rose spectacular, and the accompanying brochure will list the involvement of those who are looking after the various categories. I'll also include the schedule for those preparing roses for exhibition.

- **We need: items for the raffle- a hamper with a Christmas theme. Joanne will decorate the hamper, so please bring along to the September meeting.**
- **Trading table- plants, jams, crafty materials.... etc. etc. Judith Oyston OAM is overseeing this table. (Who by the way received her medal this week)**

Welcome to new member- Shima Issawi & thank you Esther for inviting her.

Thank you all - Kristin - Illawarra Chair



THE ROSE GARDEN THIS MONTH-

SOME TASKS THIS MONTH

This month there will be some insects on the prowl to receive nourishment from the rose blooms, some wind that may affect roses that have grown tall, and drying of the soil as the rainfall decreases and hot weather is on the horizon. We also want our roses to look good and be ready for the rose show.

HIBISCUS/SAP BEETLE *Aethina concolor* [How to get rid of HIBISCUS/SAP BEETLE | Kings Plant Doctor](#)



Hibiscus beetle is a small oval-shaped black or dark brown beetle, 3-4mm long, which can be found on various flowers, including hibiscus, abutilons, dahlias, roses

and even some weeds. The beetle hides in the flowers' buds, feeding predominantly on pollen and nectar, though they do like to snack on petals too.



When they are prevalent you can see them scurrying around inside the bloom. **They particularly like pale coloured roses** and do not like the dark red coloured.

Affected flowers will open with chewed tattered looking petals, foliage can also show signs of damage. Premature flowers drop could be a sign that Hibiscus beetle is present.

TREATMENT These beetles are hard to treat, as they are safely hidden inside the flower buds. Any spray on the flowers will also affect other (beneficial) insects that seek out pollen. But there are a couple of tricks to keep them contained.

Each day, remove any dropped flower buds and dispose of them in a plastic bag into the garbage bin, as the beetles may still be inside.

Fill a couple of white or yellow containers with soapy water and place them at the bottom of the plant. The beetles are particularly attracted to pale-coloured flowers and the pale-coloured water-filled containers may attract and drown the beetles. *The buds and blooms*

could also be sprayed with soapy water as well or knock them into the soapy water in the morning.

Spraying [Neem](#) Oil onto the soil surrounding the base of the plant may stop larvae from pupating in the soil, and to all above soil portions of the rose bush. This will need to be repeated in 7 to 14 days to interrupt the breeding cycle. (If using Neem – use in evening as it can kill beneficial insects.

Apply a sticky tape of about 6 cm around the trunk of the rose bush to prevent the larvae from climbing up the bush.

Cover your roses with cheesecloth or mesh tulle for a couple of weeks after you spot the first beetle.

Spider Mite



These thrive in hot, dry, dusty conditions along paving, paths, gravel or reflective heat from fences or walls. They are the tiniest mites found on underside of

leaves which cause them to become dry and dusty, often causing the leaves to drop. A fine dusty web can be seen among the branches in a severe infestation.

Once they infect your plants, they can multiply rapidly. Each female mite can lay around 10 to 20 eggs per day. It takes around 3 to 15 days for the eggs to hatch. The tiny larvae have six legs and are colourless except for their bright red eyes. These tiny pests are difficult to see with the naked eye and you need a magnifying glass to see them clearly.

EARLY SIGNS OF SPIDER MITES

The first signs that you'll see are small, necrotic spots on the leaves. These will be most visible around the veins

and the midrib of the leaf. If you turn the leaf over and look at the underside, you'll notice small white silk webs. Amongst these webs, you'll be able to see the tiny red mites. As the mites continue to feast on your plant, the necrotic spots will merge with others until the whole leaf is damaged. Eventually, the leaves will turn yellow and fall off the plant.

TREATMENT Once you spot the tiny mites, it's important to remove the infected leaves and throw them in the trash. This will help to break the breeding cycle. A simple remedy is to hose water through the foliage, particularly the underside of leaves. Do this each morning for 3 or 4 days to change the dry conditions. Mulch under the bushes and wet this also. 'Pest oil' or 'Eco Oil' sprayed to wet the underside of the leaves is also effective. If it is a severe infestation a miticide spray may be needed.

THRIP [Thrips](#) are extremely small garden pests, but they can do a great deal of damage.

[How To Control Thrips on Roses in The Garden](#) (plantcaretoday.com)



Thrips are so small you will probably never see them or recognize them. To the naked eye, thrips look like

tiny brown, orange, or yellow dots. Under magnification, you will see they have very long, slim bodies. They are yellowish orange in colour, and some types have fringed wings making them capable of flying a bit.

These tiny, slim insects belong to the group known as hemimetabolous which may feed upon plants and/or other insects, depending upon the species. Thrips are a species who prey entirely upon plant matter.



They do this using their rasping/sucking mouthparts which look and work something like a soda straw. Thrips have two jaw-like structures (mandibles).

The left mandible is strong and predominant and used to pierce plant tissues' cell walls and extract nutrition.

The right mandible is considered vestigial.

In some species of thrips, an enzyme is injected into the plant tissues, making them easier to digest.

What Can You Do About Thrips in The Rose Garden?

It is hard to know when you have thrips in your rose garden because they usually set up shop at the base of the rose petals, so they are very difficult to see.

If your rose blossoms are looking dry and withered, it's an indication they may be suffering from thrips.

Browned areas on rose blossoms may be more obvious on light-coloured flowers.

If thrips are feeding on your rose petals, you may notice a pattern of flecks on the leaves surrounding the buds and flowers.

In extreme cases, undeveloped buds may be deformed or may open only part way.

Bud drop may occur with a heavy thrips infestation.

When this happens, follow these steps:

Inspect your rose bush and find a healthy-looking flower.

Pick the flower and examine it closely, peeling back the outer layer of petals. Look at the base of the flower for tiny brownish-orange dots.

Below into the flower petals and look to see if this stirs movement of tiny orange/brown dots within.

Use a magnifying glass to determine whether these are thrips.

What Can You Do About Thrips?

It is very hard to get rid of thrips in your rose garden, so it's better to prevent them.

Remove all damaged flowers and buds and foliage and dispose of them correctly in a sealed plastic bag or by burning.

Don't allow grass and weeds to come in contact with the trunk or lower branches of your rose bushes.

Keep them trimmed back well.

Periodic spraying of insecticide can help prevent thrips infestation.

You may also wish to experiment with organic alternatives.

Parasitoid wasps and other natural [predatory insects](#) can help control thrips, but it is difficult for them to be effective because thrips typically live inside the folds of flower blossoms.

Most predators have a hard time encountering them.

If you do use natural predators in your garden, take care not to use pesticides, which will negatively impact them.



Illawarra/Shoalhaven

Festival of Roses

28-29 OCTOBER 2023

JAMBEROO SCHOOL OF ARTS HALL

Allowrie Street Jamberoo

Come to see

- Roses from some of our best rose growers in the State and of our members in the Illawarra will be exhibited in the rose competition.
- Roses on display from the gardens of members of the public from suburbs of the Illawarra/Shoalhaven.
- Floral Art including a children's class.
- Heritage Roses.
- David Austin Roses.
- Roses in portrait, in teacups and seashells, boxes and the best perfumed rose.

Official Opening SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 1.30PM
 BY JUDITH OYSTON OAM
 AND SONGS BY ILLAWARRA VOICE ACADEMY



DO YOU OR YOUR NEIGHBOURS GROW

Roses?

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROSE SHOW:

The rose show will be at Jamberoo on the Saturday/Sunday of the weekend: 28-29 October.

THURSDAY 26 OCT.- Those entering roses in the competition will need to either phone or email Julianne Faulks – show Secretary by 9.00p.m. (See attached schedule)

FRIDAY 27TH OCT. WE WILL NEED SOME HELP SETTING UP..... 10.00 A.M.- 1.30 P.M.

Those bringing roses for display (not competition) can bring between 4.00p.m.-5.00 p.m. Robyn Hambly for garden roses/ Esther Hernandez for David Austin/ Intan Kallus for old garden, heritage roses.

Saturday- roses are staged and judging takes place at 10.00a.m. with opening to the public at midday.

Official opening at 1.30 p.m. by Judith Oyston OAM, with presentation to the champion exhibitors, and a couple of songs from the Illawarra Voice Academy. Closes at 5 p.m.

Sunday- Opens at 9a.m. and closes at 2.30p.m. with raffle drawn at 2.45 p.m. and roses sold at 3.00p.m.

These roses include the special artistic display by Joanne Fisher.

NOTE: The Motor Show and a Jazz at Jamberoo on the Sunday will entail road closure of Allowrie St between Churchill & Young Street with detour – to the School of Arts where the rose show is held

SUNDAY 29TH OCT. WE WILL NEED SOME HELP TO PACK UP- 2.30- 400 P.M.

HELP NEEDED: 1. Roster for the entry/raffle (2 people for 2 hours): Saturday:11.00-1.00p.m./1-3p.m./ 3-5p.m. Sunday 9-11a.m/ 11a.m.-1p.m. / 1-2.30p.m. (Please let us know the time that suits you) (We are not having both entry & raffle this year, but all entry is through buying a raffle ticket or by donation).

2. Setting up and dismantling the rose show- see above
3. Relieving Judith Oyston at the trading table.... check in with Judith.
4. Assisting with collecting and wrapping the roses for sale between 2.30-3.00p.m.
5. By your donation to the raffle Christmas hamper –
6. Distribution of our rose flyer especially to neighbours who have roses, or to businesses/ nurseries etc.
7. Encouraging people to display the roses they grow in their garden.

AROUND THE RIDGES OF THE ILLAWARRA



PEACE PARK



1 Planting 3 new standard Seduction roses; 2 Jill's grandchildren assisting Colin and finding worms.

3. Winsome Barker – so sad to report her passing away early September- She had been one of the instigators for the establishment of Peace Park rose garden

Intan & Kristin meeting up with Illawarra rose breeder **Alan Read**.... Now 95 years old, at Culburra Beach Retirement Centre and two of his miniflora roses- *Lilac Festival* and *Sarah Anne*



PHOTOS FROM AUGUST MEETING Rosemary Singleton's Roses in a Seashell & Roses in a teacup / Jill's Cineraria / Lorraine's Gerberas..... There were others too I couldn't fit in



we've been promoting the Rose Show- Colin at Gerringong Anglican's, Kristin at Probus; Judith at W'gong Garden Club & six of us at a Bunnings stall.

Photos: 1 Lorrie & Julianne 2. Jill, Kristin, Geraldine 3. Julianne engaging with a snake on the wildlife stall

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING 26TH AUGUST 2023 OF ILLAWARRA ROSE SOCIETY.

1. The meeting commenced at 1.30 pm and 20 members were welcomed by Chairperson Kristin.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Deidre McLoughlin, Michelle Sadolewski, Geraldine Shea, Barbara Bartczak, Julieanne Faulks, Debra Keller, and Marg Kennedy.
3. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - a. Stefica: Forwarding World Rose News
 - b. Neutrog Spring Advertisement.
 - c. Robert Coady: Article in Kiama Council business paper on Peace Park
 - d. Change to Bendigo Bank in Gerringong.
 - e. Maureen Thackeray: Membership List.
 - f. Forwarded by Kristin: Invitation to host an Awareness Table at Bunnings on 9th September.
 - g. Worldwide Printing: Quote for Flyers. Moved as correct by Jill and seconded by L Vost
4. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Everyday account \$8,899.94 Show Account \$6,850.64 Friends of Peace Park \$3,800.26 Education Account \$6,994.28 Fixed Deposit \$8,119.81.
Authorities to be signed at Bendigo Bank. There will be 6 accounts, the same as we have already.
An EFT Machine will be available to us for use at Meetings and Show, Robert will follow up. Moved as correct by Robert and seconded Janet Bowden.
5. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**
 - a. ROSE SHOW: Despite conflicting reports, Allowrie Street will be closed on the Sunday of the show from 8.30 am but members will still be able to access the School of Arts via Minamurra Lane.
 - b. As well as there being a scaled down Exhibitors Section, there will be a Display of Roses:
Roses from the Suburbs: Robyn Hambly will coordinate, roses to be presented in a vase or bottle.
Heritage Rose Display coordinated by Intan, she will use old suitcases, books, Jugs etc. in the display.
David Austin Rose Display will be coordinated by Esther.
The Miscellaneous Section will be coordinated by Joanne to include Roses in Teacup, Seashell, Artists Palette, and any decorative classes.
 - c. We will need help with heavy items, Lorraine will contact Jamberoo Scouts.
 - d. Lorrie Zammit: Illawarra Vocal Academy will sing at the opening of the Show.
 - e. Trading Table: Judith Oyston and Barbara Bartczak will look after.
 - f. Julieanne Faulks has already contacted Garden Clubs.
 - g. Raffle: Christmas Hamper, members asked to donate something and bring it to the next meeting.
 - h. Raffle tickets: Jill will organise new tickets. Also, roster needed for selling tickets at Show.
 - i. Shirley Coady: Bev Irving is very unwell and is in hospital, flowers and a card have been sent to her.
 - j. Colin gave a talk on the advantages of being a Rose Society Member using examples of savings on Neutrog Products, expert advice on rose care, Newsletters and Journals.
 - k. If Burnetts are not interested in having a plant stall at the show, Intan will contact the Kangaroo Valley nursery as they may be interested.
 - l. Floral Art: Joanne judged Floral Art with the following results.
Roses in a shell: 1st Rosemary Fisher and second Intan.
Roses in a teacup: 1st Robyn Hambly and second Janet Bowden.
 - m. Peter Showed us 3 videos, continuing from last month on a Yellowing of Leaves, Natural way to kill aphids and Minature Roses.
 - n. The Raffle of a beautiful pot plant was won by Kristin.MEETING CLOSED AT 2.30 WITH AFTERNOON TEA FOLLOWING.

TIME NOW TO FERTILISE ROSES FOR SPRING FLOWERING

