

Macarthur Rose



Macarthur Regional Rose Society Newsletter

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'Hilton Edward' bred by founding member Robert Stibbard. Signature Rose of Macarthur Rose Society. Highly fragrant.

Chairperson's Report

Dear Rose Friends,

What a wonderful event the Autumn Rose and Flower Show was! We've delayed getting this month's newsletter to you so that we could report on the show and feature some highlights.

Special thanks to all those who contributed in time or kind: Margaret Hudson, Maureen Kennedy, Sheryle Albeck, Janine Turner, Mary Camilleri, June Head, Lyn Hudson, Lorraine Hawke, Jan Priestly, Carol McVeigh, Janet and Graham Wright, Maureen and Ian Thackeray, Robert and Jan Stibbard, Margaret Appleby, Gloria Forsyth, Judy and Bill Reilly, Stephanie Judges, Robin Wright, Judith Carll, Brenda Morrison, Muriel Harris, Bruce and Lonnie Raines.

Thank you to Judges Gavin Woods and Graham Wright. Gavin graciously provided us with many insights and additional skills at the workshop on Exhibiting Roses. The raffle was won by Chris from Macquarie Fields; second prize went to Kerry from Glenfield. Once again the Boxes and Bunches of Roses sold like hotcakes. Thank you to all who helped.

Congratulations to Maureen and Ian Thackeray for their great achievements at the Miniature and Miniflora Rose Show on 16-17 March held in Mittagong. They were awarded two Champion Ribbons, six firsts and two seconds. This was an excellent result, particularly as the weather leading up to the show and over the summer months has been so challenging for keeping our roses in top form.

Please note that there will **not** be a meeting in April, as our main helpers in setting up the tables and chairs will be exhibiting at the Sydney Royal. We wish them great success. I will be away giving a workshop on Exhibiting Roses to the Rose Society of Queensland.

Maureen and Ian's Champion Vase of Miniature Roses.
'Figurine'



With very best wishes,
Rosalie

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*Three VIPs - Very Important Presidents:
Gavin Woods, National President, Colin Hollis, State
President, Rosalie Vine, Macarthur Chairperson.*

Cultural Notes for April

GLYPHOSATE DAMAGE

Also known as Roundup damage. Glyphosate is the main ingredient in many herbicides (weedkillers). Many are not aware of the severe damage this product can have on roses. Glyphosate can drift long distances on the breeze to still affect rose plants – only a little is needed to cause harm.

Symptoms include:

- stunted and weak new growth and shoots,
- tiny, discoloured and malformed rose buds
- rose buds not opening,
- spiky, deformed growth

In severe cases, young or heavily sprayed roses will not recover.

If the damage is not severe, the best action to take is to remove any affected growth and water regularly. Keep removing the deformed growth as it appears. The best thing to do is avoid the risk completely. Use organic sprays or alternative weed killing options. **Use a dedicated spray container for weedkillers.**



Recently a cancer patient in America was awarded several million dollars in damages in a legal case against the manufacturers of Glyphosate, claiming there was a direct causal link between his cancer and the use of the chemical in his work. Other legal cases are pending.

TRANSPLANTING DURING THE GROWING SEASON

Sometimes in autumn you will want to move a rose to a better location, and it can't wait until the rose is in its winter dormancy. The plant will need soil to be kept around the roots. Any air getting to the roots during this time can cause damage to the plant.

Prune to at least half of its size, the balance of roots to growth will be important to make sure that the plant is not shocked too much but you do not have to do a winter prune. Your plant may wilt a bit or just sit for a few weeks once in its new location but if kept moist it will recover.

With climbers and weepers please keep at least three to four long young canes attached to the plant, although the lateral branches may be trimmed.

Get a long narrow spade and cut a circle around the plant about 45cm in diameter (the larger the better). Angle the spade slightly toward the plant to make the job of pulling it out much easier, although you will not need to cut directly under the plant. When lifting the plant from the ground, make sure you keep as much soil around the roots as possible - the more the better.

Place the plant with accompanying soil into a container for transport to its new location.

Replanting is a case of just digging a hole a little larger than the root ball on the plant and placing the rose into it. Make sure the rose is placed at the same height as the original planting. Back fill the hole and water in well, adding some seaweed solution to counteract shock.

Happy gardening!

Rosalie

Easter Recipe

Coming from a Greek background, my favourite traditional Easter treat of all, is the Greek Easter bread called Tsoureki. It's a bit like brioche and leftovers can be used in French toast recipes as well. I'm yet to find a gluten free version that is just as delicious but this is worth the effort.

Ingredients:

1/4 cup warm water
2 tsp instant dried yeast
1 tbsp sugar
3-4 cups bread flour
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 cup castor sugar
3/4 tsp ground mahleb or cardamom
Zest of one orange
60g melted butter
2 eggs
1/4 cup milk room temperature
Egg wash, sesame seeds or flaked almonds
for topping

Method:

Mix together first three ingredients and set aside for 10 mins or until frothy. In a large bowl mix flour, salt, sugar, mahleb/cardamom, and zest. Add the butter last, once ingredients are combined. You can use a dough hook mixer for 10 mins or knead by hand for 15 mins. Keep dough moist and sticky but just workable. Transfer dough in a lightly oiled bowl, cover with plastic and set aside in a warm place for 2-3 hours, or until doubled in size. Once ready, knock down dough and divide into 3 equal portions. Roll and stretch each portion into long thick 'sausage' shape and loosely plait it, place it on a baking tray (shape it into a wreath) and let it rise again for 1 hour. When almost ready, pre-heat oven to 180 degrees C. Brush the top with egg wash and decorate with sesame seeds, flaked almonds and dyed boiled eggs (optional). Bake for around 45 mins, and at the half way mark cover loosely with foil to prevent over-browning. Take out of oven once ready and let cool.



Stephanie Judges

OUR AUTUMN ROSE SHOW AT INGLEBURN



A very proud Jim Cunningham with his and Pats' Grand Champion Rose Unit , Austax A Grade Rose Championship, Champion Vase of Floribunda Roses (French Lace) and Champion Exhibition Rose (St Patrick) photo: Ian Thackeray



Kristin Dawson's winning Championship Ribbon in The Ace Ohlsson C Grade Rose Championship

Photo: Carol Mc Veigh



Ted & Meryl Morphett's winning The George Knight Cup (6 Exhibition Roses– distinct)

Photos: Ian Thackeray



OUR AUTUMN ROSE SHOW AT INGLEBURN-Continued



National Rose Society President and guest Judge Gavin Woods with Macarthur Judge Graham Wright

Photo on left: Stephanie Judges Photo on right: Carol McVeigh



*Chris + Rosalie Vine's
Champion Vase of
Modern Decorative
Roses (Baronne E de
Rothschild)*
Photo -Bill Reilly



*Ian + Maureen
Thackeray's
Champion Vase of
Miniature Roses
(Figurine)*
Photo: Ian Thackeray



*Sheryle Albeck's B/C
Grade Miniature
Rose Championship
(Delicious, Figurine,
Baby Jack)*
Photo: IanThackeray



*Stephanie Judges
Champion Vase
of Bud to Bloom-
(Moonstone)*
Photo: Bill Reilly

Neutrog Products

Remember, as a member you are able to purchase Neutrog products at special member prices. Products available include: **Sudden Impact for Roses, Kahoona, GoGo Juice, Seamungus, Gyganic, Blood and Bone, WhoFlungDung and more.**

Simply give **Graham Wright** a call on **9606 5888** to order and to arrange a time to collect from Graham.



Many Happy Returns

April Birthdays

5th Ian Thackery

7th Graham Wright & Stephanie Judges

11th Ron Grimaldi

17th Judith Carll

26th Mario Bucci

29th Jim Jelich

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!



Dates for Your Diary

No Monthly Meeting in April, due to many members exhibiting at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

11 May - 2.00pm Meeting Macarthur Rose Society, Elderslie Public School 170 Lodges Road, Elderslie

Topic: Good Roses for Your Garden and for Exhibiting Part 2

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