



Macarthur Rose

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Macarthur Signature Rose:
'Hilton Edward'



'Apricot Nectar'

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'Mornington' bred by Dr Bruce Chapman. Mornington is a floribunda rose. Its petals are bright pink with a slightly silver edge and back. The petals have a small frill. Grows well in pots. Photo: K Dawson

Chairperson's Report

Dear Rose Friends

I am sure that you all found the rain in September a wonderful bonus. Refilling our water tanks, refreshing our gardens and best of all giving a boost to the Spring rose growth. Let's hope we get some more rain before the end of October. The rainfall was a great help to encourage new buds and the best blooms for our Spring Rose Show on 20 October at Mater Dei School. Many thanks for everyone who has already volunteered. If you haven't already, please consider coming along on the day and volunteering for a short time. We look forward to seeing you all visiting the Show and enjoying the roses.

A reminder that the 'Exhibiting Roses Workshop' is being held on 6 October at the Macarthur Sustainability Centre. If you have haven't booked your place at the workshop, it is worthwhile doing so. These workshops are a wonderful opportunity to learn how to prepare, display and exhibit your roses from some of the best rose exhibitors in NSW. Ted and Meryl Morphett, Macarthur's own Ian and Maureen Thackeray and Graham and Janet Wright will be there to guide you through all the details of exhibiting roses. It is an opportunity too good to be missed. Call Rosalie Vine on 02 4625 6067 to secure your place at the workshop. This is a 'don't miss out' event. The brochure for the workshop is on the NSW Rose website at www.rosesocietynsw.org.au/rose-society-events.

Christmas is just around the corner and plans are well underway for our Christmas lunch, which will be held on our usual meeting day of Saturday, 14 December at Macarthur Sustainability Centre. This is always a very convivial and social event and we encourage all members to attend and catch up with each other in an informal and joyous atmosphere.

Griners Catering from Camden, which is a gold licensed, multi award winning catering company, will be providing the catering for the Christmas Party. The menu will include both traditional food such as roast turkey, roast ham, sticky date pudding and pavlova, and also a selection of salads and fresh fruits.

Page 3 of this newsletter has the details on how to book your place at the table.

Phalaenopsis orchids were the topic of Daniel Webb's very entertaining and informative talk at our last meeting. Daniel gave us great information to help guide us to success the next time we succumb to temptation and purchase a Phalaenopsis orchid. Please contact me if you missed out on getting the information sheet and I will forward it to you. Many thanks to Carol McVeigh for putting us in touch with Daniel.

The guest speaker at our next meeting will be Mark McGuire who will talk about growing roses in pots. This can be particularly challenging in the hot dry weather we have been experiencing. Mark McGuire will be able to provide many insights into growing hybrid teas, floribundas and miniature roses in pots.

Finally, a reminder there is no meeting in October as our show is on the 20th. Our next meeting is on 9 November at Elderslie Public School.

Judith



Cultural Notes

As October begins and full spring growth gets rapidly underway, a regular pest and disease prevention program should be well underway. As with everything 'prevention is better than cure' and a regular maintenance program will ensure the best roses possible.

As roses need to be able to draw nutrients up from the soil, weekly watering with GoGo Juice will help to improve and maintain the soil bacteria and support the rose bush roots to draw up the essential nutrients. This is particularly important during the growing season and during the dry conditions we are experiencing. The amount of nutrients that the rose can absorb is regulated by the amount of

heat and moisture in the soil. An inadequate watering regime will result in fewer nutrients being absorbed and lead to smaller flowers and stunted rose bushes. Despite the solid downpour of rain that we had in September, the conditions are still very dry and a regular program of watering will help keep your rose stems and blooms growing and thriving.

If you water in the evening, make sure that you don't water over the foliage as leaving the foliage wet for longer than seven hours can encourage fungal diseases to develop and transfer to other rose bushes.

The moisture sitting on the leaf surface activates the fungus. The fungus is unable to activate if the leaf surface is continuously wet for a lesser period of time. When a spot comes to a leaf vein it crosses it and infected plants defoliate slowly from the bottom up. If the characteristic black spot appears on the lower leaves then damage has already occurred. These leaves are going to turn yellow and then fall off. Fungicides available from local nurseries and hardware stores are effective if applied consistent with



the instructions on the label. Almost all of them give protection for 5-7 days. Creating a regular spraying regime is the best way to prevent black spot.



Unfortunately, the recent, welcome rain and the rising temperatures have made ideal conditions for black spot to appear. Don't panic, if it has appeared already. Pick off the damaged leaves and clean up any fallen leaves to reduce the likelihood of the spores falling into the soil or transferring to other rose bushes. Do not compost them, but put them in a bag and dispose of in the garbage bin. Eco-fungicide, Triforine and Mancozeb Plus (mancozeb with sulphur) are the most effective prevention and treatment methods for black spot.

As the weather heats up and the gusty, spring equinox winds begin, start to look for your red coloured, basal water shoots that will emerge from the graft. Remember to treat these soft stems gently and ensure they are tied securely so they do not break in the equinoxal winds. These water shoots will be the most productive rose bearing stems next year, so they need to be nurtured and cared for now.

Happy Gardening!

Bigger Blooms

If growing roses for competition and exhibition, you want long rose stems for the house or to give away, now is the time to regularly finger prune. It doesn't require any tools but your thumb and finger to rub off any unwanted buds as soon as they are large enough.

In each hybrid tea rose bush there is the possibility of three eyes. The centre one usually develops first and if it is damaged the two on the sides will



break dormancy and begin to grow.

Sometimes, particularly during the spring, these side buds start to grow very quickly, resulting in small spindly flower stems instead of one large bloom. Pinch them out to let the centre bloom thrive.

Floribundas and minifloras are treated slightly differently when finger pruning. They form multi-head sprays from their centre bud first. This centre bud will grow large and die before the other buds reach maturity. Pinching the centre flower out when it is just a soft bud, will ensure that the other buds will grow together into a nice spray with bigger flowers.



Exhibitors Workshop

The Exhibitors Workshop is on once again and all are welcome to participate in this outstanding opportunity to learn all about staging roses for exhibition.

The workshop agenda is designed to be very 'hands on' and participants will get the opportunity to observe the experienced exhibitors and participate, with their assistance, in learning how to stage various classes of rose exhibits. There will be small groups of participants rotating between the different demonstrations providing the maximum opportunity for everyone to learn and enjoy the day.

Participating in these workshops will help to grow your confidence and skills, learn the best way to prepare your roses, including timing growth for the shows and how to store and care for the roses once picked for the show. Call Kristin Dawson on:

4244 3765 or **0422 157 353** Rosalie Vine on:

4625 6067 or **0423 050 532**

to secure your place.



Christmas Party

Organising for our annual Christmas party is well underway. Lorraine Hawke has once again volunteered to organise the Christmas party and based on her previous success we can expect another memorable event.



The menu is traditional but also caters for warm weather. Details for the Christmas party are:

Date: 14 December 2019

Time: 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Venue: Macarthur Sustainability Centre, 1 Mount Annan Drive, Mount Annan.

Cost: \$45 per person



To book your seat at the lunch, and make arrangements for payment please call Lorraine Hawke on:

0410 226 548.

Please ensure that you have the correct change for your payment and that it is placed in an envelope with your name clearly marked.

Left: 'Kardinal' - Maureen and Ian Thackeray's rose that has already won them their first exhibition rose win for the Spring 2019 Rose Show season. Come along to the Exhibitors workshop to learn how they have such success. Photo: Ian Thackeray

NEUTROG™

The Experts' Choice

There has been a recent delivery of Neutrog in time for the Spring growing season.

Products that are now available include our favourites and essentials such as Sudden Impact for Roses in both liquid and pellet form, Bush Tucker, which is specially formulated for the low phosphorous native trees and plants, Rapid Raiser to help get your new seedlings and grafts underway successfully, the ever fantastic Meatworks Blood and Bone, which must be the best available. Vegetables do particularly well with this blood and bone and I can attest to how well potted geraniums respond to a small handful of blood and bone every couple of months. GoGo Juice in 2L and 5L containers, Kahoona for the azaleas, camellias and rhododendrons and many other products are now available.

Call Graham Wright to arrange your purchase and pick up on **9606 5888**. **Please ensure you have the right money for your purchase.**

NOTE: access to Neutrog products is subject to the sponsorship agreement between the Rose Society of NSW and Neutrog. Sharing these details, including pricing, beyond the Rose Society is against the terms of the agreement. Breaching the agreement may result in Neutrog withdrawing from the agreement with the Rose Society and we will no longer have access to Neutrog products at these extremely competitive prices. Your ongoing discretion and support is appreciated.



Rose Show Volunteer Schedule

Our annual Spring Rose Show at Mater Dei Country Fair is fast approaching. The main purpose of the Rose Shows that will be held over the coming weeks is to foster cultivation, improvement and appreciation of the rose through the public exhibition of roses in their most perfect phase of possible beauty.

The Spring Rose Show offers us all the opportunity to participate in this event either as exhibitors, viewers of



the exhibited roses and of course as volunteers on the day.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered and those who intend to volunteer on the day. We look forward to seeing you all there. The sale of gift boxes of roses and rose bunches are a great incentive for people to visit the Rose Show, enjoy the roses, ask questions and support the Rose Show. Most of all they help us to view and show the roses at their very best.

Donations of any spare roses that you may have in your garden would be particularly appreciated.

Please drop your spare roses off at the Rose Show Hall so that our volunteers can make up the boxes and bunches of roses for sale.

Photo: 'Imp' a floribunda rose.

Show Set Up Day

19 October 2019

9:00am - 12:00pm

Note: Show Set Up commences at 9:00am, Saturday 19th October and must be completed before 12:00pm.

Volunteers

Chris Vine

Rosalie Vine

Judith Carll

Ian Thackeray

Margaret Hudson

Bill Reilly

Maureen Thackeray

Robert Stibbard

Many thanks to those who have already volunteered. Any additional help that other Rose Society members can provide will be appreciated.

Show Pack Up

3:00pm - 4:30pm

20 October 2019

Volunteers

Chris Vine

Rosalie Vine

Sheryle Albeck

Graham Wright

Janet Wright

Ian Thackeray

Maureen Thackeray

Bill Reilly

Robert Stibbard

Judith Carll

Any other volunteer help will be appreciated after what will be at the end of a long and busy day.

Schedule

Early Morning Refreshments for Exhibitors

7:00 - 8:00 am

1. Gloria Forsyth
2. **VACANT**

8:00 - 9:00 am

1. June Head
2. **VACANT**

Judges Lunch

1. Rosalie Vine
2. Judith Carll

Judges Runners

1. Ian Thackeray
2. Carol McVeigh
3. Judith Carll

If you are an early bird, your help to provide an early morning cup of tea will welcome our exhibitors.

Make-up Rose Gift Boxes and Bunches of Roses

1. Lorraine Hawke
2. June Head
3. Sheryle Albeck
4. **Volunteers needed**

Other talented volunteers needed to make up the Rose Gift Boxes and bunches of flowers. This is an opportunity to put your flower arranging, decorative skills and other talents to work.

A contribution of one hour can make a big difference to the workload and the enjoyment and success of the Macarthur Spring Rose Show for us all. It is also a major fundraising activity that helps us to maintain the Rose Society.

Rose and Raffle Sales Tables Volunteers

9:00am -10:00am

1. Rosalie Vine
2. Volunteer needed

10:00am -11:00am

1. Jan Priestley
2. Volunteer needed

11:00am - 12:00pm

1. Jan Priestley
2. Volunteer needed

12:00-1:00pm

1. Volunteer needed
2. Volunteer needed

1:00pm - 2: 00pm

1. Volunteer needed
2. Volunteer needed

2:00pm - 3:00pm

1. Volunteer needed
2. Volunteer needed

More volunteers are needed to help with the rose sales and raffle sales tables. If you have some time available either before or after viewing the roses, your help would be appreciated. - even one hour will be greatly appreciated.

Map of the location and surrounding area to Mater Dei School 229 Macquarie Grove Road, Camden 2570



"There had never been such roses as those that bloomed that summer. They clambered everywhere and dripped as if perspiring the heaviest most intoxicating perfume, which seemed to make the very masonry drunk. The senses fused; sometimes these roses emitted low but intolerably piercing pentatonic melodies which were the sound of their deep crimson colour and yet we heard them inside our nostrils."
— Angela Carter, *The Infernal Desire Machines of Doctor Hoffman*

Dates for your Diary

- 06 October - Exhibitors Workshop, Macarthur Sustainability Centre
- 12 October - Nepean Blue Mountains Hawkesbury Rose Show at Kingswood
- 19 October - Sydney Regional Rose Show at Dural Country Club
- 20 October - Macarthur Spring Rose Show at Mater Dei Country Fair
- 02 November - Illawarra Regional Spring Rose Show at Jamberoo
- 10 November - Upper North Shore and Hills Regional Rose Show at Galston
- 14 December - Macarthur Regional Rose Society Christmas Party



October Birthdays

- 10th Gary McLean
- 19th Janet Wright
- 20th Brian Quinn
- 23rd Sheryle Albeck
- 26th Muriel Harris
- 28th Patricia Presland



Contact Us

Your contributions to the Newsletter are welcome. Please send items of interest and your photos to the :

Chairperson: Judith Carll, E: judithcarll@gmail.com T: 0410 444 562

Next Meeting: 2:00pm Saturday 9 November 2019, at Elderslie Primary School, 170 Lodges Road Elderslie.

Our guest speaker will be Mr Mark McGuire who has extensive experience at growing beautiful roses in pots.

"The rich smell of the rose was almost visible; I fancied it lent a rosy edge to the shadows cast by the firelight."
— Robin McKinley, [Beauty: A Retelling of the Story of Beauty and the Beast](#)