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“Prickles”

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Dates for your Diary 2020

7 November
Zoom
Members' Forum
Virtual Monthly Show
Bench

December
Zoom
Members' Forum
Bench

2021
No January Meeting

Message from the Chairman

For our October forum we had our guest speaker Stephanie Grigoriou-Judges do a presentation of her role as a volunteer with Rural Fire Service and now as a full-time employee with the State Mitigation Department.

It was extremely interesting to hear how long Stephanie has been a member of the RFS, her training as a volunteer, the roles they play in helping fighting the fires and how the bush fires impacted local communities. Stephanie was a team member fighting some of the enormous fires at Gosper's Mountain.

We saw photos of the fire trucks and their equipment - how the teams in them can be protected if they are caught in a firestorm. A video clip of the helicopters loading their water containers was shown and we were also saw photos of how containment breaks are managed and back-burns carried out. It was an extremely excellent presentation and we thank Stephanie and her husband Paul for setting up such a riveting presentation. I am sure the members who attended the Zoom forum were very impressed.

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We had hoped that more of our members would take the opportunity to keep abreast of the activities or simply to keep connected to each other. One of the suggestions was that we hold a virtual monthly show bench come October when the first flush of Spring arrives. The logistics were worked out, and I am happy to say that seven exhibitors entered. Many thanks to Glynis for her great work with this virtual show and her guidance with those of us new to the concept and especially photographing our roses. Congratulations to those who showed interest and entered. The results have been collated and they are attached at the end of the newsletter for you to enjoy and be impressed by. Thank you to Doug Hayne and Mark McGuire for judging Classes 1-4 and 6 and Ken Smith for the Bowls. Mark's comment was, "wow, your members are really improving with their ability to stage their roses." Ken's comment is on Class 5 page.

While we would love to keep all our members, if you have decided not to renew please note that the September issue of the NSW Rose News will be your last as your name will be removed from the Public Officer's list. Thank you

to all members who have renewed. We also welcome Margaret Sainty a new member.

We are still holding off on having face to face meetings for now, as many of our members are at an "at risk age" and even though the COVID-19 numbers are holding strong, to be sure, is probably the best option at this stage.

Wishing you all safe and good health during this trying time and please continue to follow the rules put into place to keep you and your loved ones safe. Once again thank you all for your prayers and kind wishes on my health which is virtually fully restored.

Jeff

Notice of Zoom Members' Forum Saturday, 7 November 2020 commencing at 10am via Zoom

See email for links

Dear Members

We encourage you to download the Zoom App on your mobile phone or iPad etc. and join us in a Members' Forum. A forum is more of a discussion tool than a meeting which is formal. We have 40 minutes for the forum. If you have any questions relating to roses you would like answered, please send them to me by at least Friday, so we can have your answer ready for you when you join the Forum.

The link for our forum is in the original part of my email and I will open the waiting room 9.55 am on the morning of the meeting - please be prompt as we only have 40 minutes. As you click on the link, you will come up on my screen and I will accept you. You should then be able to see all who are attending the forum. I have set up a second meeting in case we need more time.

Please contact me on 0427 104 944 if you are not very tech savvy to help you link at the latest an hour before the meeting as I cannot do it when the meeting has started. Please don't hesitate to contact me for assistance.

Kind regards

Glynis



**Happy Birthday to :
1 November
Gary Murphy**



Copies of Prickles

"Prickles" was set up as an electronic based newsletter for Regional Members to keep costs down. However, we understand some members do not have email but would still like to receive this newsletter. If you wish to receive a printed copy of "Prickles" please supply Glynis with self addressed and stamped envelopes for six months and she will print a copy and post it to you.

Cultural Notes for November

Your first flush of spring is almost over now. The warm weather will hit pretty quickly and during the forthcoming hot summer months roses need some protection from the hot sun so keeping your roses free from disease is a good start as the resultant foliage cover will help prevent sunburn on your roses.

Mulching is essential coming into Summer as it keeps in the moisture, protects the roots from the hot sun and keeps weeds down. There are various mulches on the market and it is recommended that you use "WhoFlungDung". Remember to always wear a mask when using any of products as they do contain spores that can irritate the respiratory tract.

Aphids are on the attack already and there are various methods of removing them. If you have only a few roses squishing them off, water jet spraying or some soapy water will do the trick but if you have many roses you may have to go for the chemical solution. Always read and follow the manufacturer's instructions and use chemicals registered for that control. The OCP products are good to use as they are environmentally friendly.

The most important thing to remember over the next coming months is if you have roses in pots ensure your pots are watered daily and are not allowed to dry out and roses in the gardens get a good soaking at least twice a week.

Happy rose growing!!!

Stephanie fighting the fires



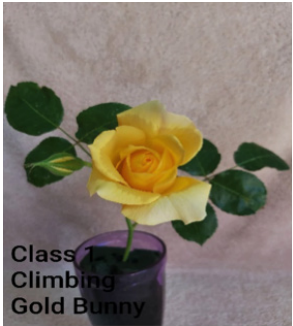
The scene confronting Stephanie at one of the fires



NBMH Regional 2020 Spring Virtual Show Class 1 - Judge Doug Hayne



Unplaced Entries in Class 1



NBMH Regional 2020 Spring Virtual Show Class 2 - Judge Mark McGuire



Unplaced Entries in Class 2



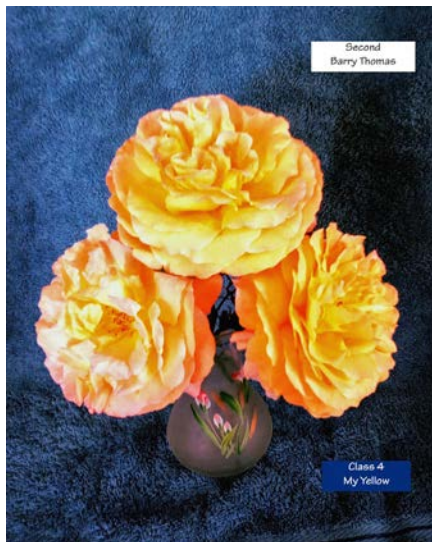
NBMH Regional 2020 Spring Virtual Show Class 3 - Judge Doug Hayne



Unplaced Entries in Class 3



NBMH Regional 2020 Spring Virtual Show Class 4 - Judge Mark McGuire



Unplaced Entries in Class 4



NBMH Regional 2020 Spring Virtual Show Class 5 - Judged by Ken Smith



Comment from Ken -

must say I was impressed with the entries. All great. It was not an easy task to judge but was enjoyable. Well done to the members. The "bowl of flowers from your garden" was the focus I used, with arrangement and condition of blooms also taken into account. The arrangements had to "say something".



Unplaced Entries in Class 5



**NBMH Regional 2020 Spring Virtual Show Class 6
Best Australian Bred Rose out of Classes 1 - 4
Judged by Mark McGuire and Doug Hayne**

Jeff Regan - Let's Celebrate



Best in Show taken from winners of Classes 1-4
Winner
Jeff Regan - Three Full Blooms - New Hampshire



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