

Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society

September 2024 Newsletter



Signature Rose Best Friend

Hello Rosarian Friends,

Spring has certainly sprung.

Beautiful blooms, warmer weather and longer daylight hours in the garden. Unfortunately, the horrendous winds have been very damaging.

Of course the pesky aphids have returned with a vengeance.

Congratulations to our Secretary, Jeff Lawrence, a first time grandfather with the birth of Ivy Maree. I am sure he will have lots of photos on his phone for 'Show and Tell'.

Thank you so much Jeff for last month's presentation of Jane and your trip to renowned English gardens as well as the Chelsea Flower Show. It was horticultural 'eye candy'. You left us eager for more- especially your visit to Irish gardens.

Well done members- our regional rose society nearly had 100% membership renewal as well as gaining 5 new members for 2024-2025 membership year. A big Thank YOU.

Our guest speaker this month is Mark Massey from Mother Earth Nursery.

His three nurseries specialise in rarer plant varieties as well as our favourites.

Mark is a rose enthusiast and at present is breeding Moss Roses.

He has propagated Richard Walsh miniature roses and I hope we can renew his faith in miniature roses for him to continue.

If you wish to purchase his plants he will take orders at our meeting and deliver free of charge to my home.

September is the beginning of the 'r' months on our calendar which means FERTILISE.

Our roses need nourishment- water, fertilise and mulch.

Looking forward to seeing you September 18th.

Enjoy your garden!

Annette
Your Chairperson

"There is simply the rose; it is perfect in every moment of its existence." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Feature Rose — Bowral's Rose

Until recently, I was unaware of the existence of the Bowral's Rose.

It was an exciting discovery for me for two reasons, it's name and the rose being introduced to Australia by the late Sue Kingsford and propagated at her nursery 'Serenity' at Fitzroy Falls.

Sue propagated fifty plants to honour Bowral Garden Club's fiftieth anniversary in 2013.

To my knowledge only 3 people still have the rose in their garden—Mary Madeley two bushes, Shonagh Moore and Intan Kallus.

Recently Intan and I pruned Mary's roses. Intan now has a lot of rose cuttings and rose hips to hopefully propagate a new generation of Bowral's Rose.

Rose propagation is an area of experience for Intan and I was more than pleased to leave the task to her.



Annette



Soil Rejuvenation

Healthy fibrous, sweet smelling soil is so necessary for beautiful roses.

The wind has leached a lot of goodies from our soil.
It's time to let the humble earthworm do much of the repair work for you.

We can attract the earthworms by:

- ◆ Loosening the first couple of centimetres of soil with a fork to let the air and water in. This encourages natural soil building processes.
- ◆ Add organic matter to the soil surface in the form of compost and mulch.
- ◆ Avoid digging and the worms will do the rest.
- ◆ Deep digging disturbs the habitat of soil organisms and breaks down the below surface life cycle.
- ◆ Add micro-organisms to the soil.



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Our Members Choice Show Bench



**Camelia Reticulata
Arc de Triomphe**

1st: Cheryl Costigan



**Camelia Reticulata
Laska Beauty**

2nd: Margaret Keith



Camelia Reticulata

3rd: Jonquil Temple



Camelias

1st: Robyn & Peter Miller



Elegance & Bob's Tinnsy

2nd: Noel Dickinson



Hellebores

3rd: Annette Lane

Spring Rose Care

- ◆ *Apply Sudden Impact for Roses when growth first appears and immediately after first flowering*
- ◆ *Protect new water shoots with stakes*
- ◆ *Use preventative mildew and black spot sprays*
- ◆ *Use pest sprays as required*
- ◆ *Remove spent blooms to second five leaf to encourage fresh growth and blooms*
- ◆ *Water as required to keep roses growing*
- ◆ *Feed with Sudden Impact for Roses late Spring*

The Show Bench

Each month at our meetings we encourage you to bring along your beautiful rose blooms to share your joy with fellow members. A single bloom or a vase arrangement featuring the rose (or both) will enhance our meeting discussion.

Members are asked to vote for their favourite presentation.

Tallies are added up at the end of each year with the winners in each category receiving a garden centre voucher.





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2025 **MINIATURE**
ROSE SHOW

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MITTAGONG RSL CLUB

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FRIDAY MARCH 21ST 12PM - 5PM

SATURDAY MARCH 22ND 10AM - 4PM



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