

Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society

February 2025 Newsletter



Signature Rose Best Friend

Hello Rosarian Friends,

Welcome to our new member Debbie Darling who joined us as a guest for our January informal meeting at the Renwick Community Coffee Shop and left as a new member.

The NSW Miniature Rose Show which we are hosting is two meetings away. We need all members on board to ensure success. This will be discussed in detail at our meeting and we will so appreciate your support and time.

Just prior to Christmas you received The Rose journal in digital form. The journal, due to ever increasing printing and postage costs will be only available to members without charge in digital format.

For myself this is not as pleasurable as book format that is easy to read, a handy hands on reference and a beautiful "coffee table" book.

I have a reference library of NSW Journals which portrays the society's history. There is hope for the Rose publication *IF* 100 NSW members will agree to pay \$15 per copy.

Please consider this and give me your response at the next meeting.



Our guest speaker for February is Glenys Isbester, Owner & Floral Designer of 'little garden in the highlands'. Ask lots of questions and learn design tips and ideas.

Have you ever wondered what Gertrude Stein meant by her famous quote "A rose is a rose is a rose."?? Hope fathoming the meaning of this quote does not keep you awake at night.

Looking forward to seeing you at the February 19th meeting.

Annette

Your Chairperson

Miniature Rose Show Preparation

- ◆ Check your show schedule carefully.
- ◆ Look at miniatures in your garden to see which plants show promise.
- ◆ Soak your bushes regularly and rain water premium choice if possible.
- ◆ Liquid fertilise fortnightly up to Show Time.
- ◆ Keep up regular spraying program to ensure the nasties are not feasting on your plants.



Floral Design Show Schedule

There are 4 entry choices
You can decide now and practise.

Themes:

- ◆ Class 59. Weathered Wood & Succulents
- ◆ Class 60. Vertical
- ◆ Class 61. Roses contained in glass.
- ◆ Class 62. Autumn

Designs very open to your interpretation.

Only stipulation is bench width 35 cm and contains a miniature type rose.

You do not have to name the rose.

All materials provided by you and you assemble it at venue.



Ralph S. Moore

Ralph S. Moore (January 14, 1907 – September 14, 2009) was an American miniature rose breeder. He is known by many as the “Father of the Modern Miniature Rose”.

During his career, Moore developed over 500 new varieties of miniature roses. Moore enjoyed working with small roses. He later decided to develop and sell miniature roses.

He played an important role in the return to popularity of Miniature roses, which had been abandoned by rose breeders and gardeners in the 19th century. By 1957, Moore turned his business into a specialty nursery, Moore Miniature Roses. Some of his hybrids, include the award-winning 'Rise n' Shine' and 'Anne Moore', named after his wife, Ann.

Other cultivars introduced by Moore were the single-petalled Miniature 'Simplex' (1961), the first yellow-flowered modern Moss Rose, 'Goldmoss' (1972) or the orange-red Floribunda 'Playtime' (1989).



Miniature 'Simplex'

'Rise n' Shine' was the plant released in Australia and is well known.

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ralph_S._Moore



February 2025 Morning Tea Catch up



What a delightful morning we had for our first catch up for 2025. Annette had beautiful miniature roses on the tables.



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.

2025 Advocate Store Deadlines

Winter – Order by 14th April 2025, 8am ACST

Spring – Order by 14th July 2025, 8am ACST

Summer – Order by 13th October 2025, 8am ACST

