

Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society

July 2024 Newsletter



Signature Rose Best Friend

Dear Rosarian Friends,

By the time you receive this newsletter we will be almost halfway through the Calendar Winter.

Planting new bare rooted roses and pruning will be foremost in your rose garden planning.

I hope you enjoyed getting to know your NSW President, Colin Hollis.

What an easy interview for me to conduct and how entertaining was Colin.



It was great to have a milestone celebration in our club. Colin totally surprised Margaret Keith with the presentation of the NSW Rose Society 25 year membership medal.

Margaret originally joined Goulburn Rose Society in 1999. In their first year, Margaret and her husband won Champion Rose at the Goulburn Club Rose Show - what an achievement.

In February 2017, Margaret was one of the original joining members of the Southern Highlands Rose Society.

Well done Margaret for your dedication to the Rose Society and may your love of the rose and our society continue for many years.



On Saturday June 26th I attended the 50th year celebration of Illawarra Regional Rose Society as a guest of Colin Hollis. It was a tribute to all who worked to nurture the spirit of the Illawarra and Shoalhaven community through the love of roses.

The celebration was attended by the founding member and former NSW Rose Historian Judith Oyston OAM and the youngest member 11 year old Sophia Herandez.



This months guest speaker is an icon in the Southern Highlands community Shona Moore.

Shona works tirelessly to raise funds for The Uniting Church with delicious baking of quiches, cakes and preserving jams and chutneys. You will always find Shona at the Church Stall at Mittagong Market.

Her produce sales regularly raise \$2,000 a month for the Church fund. A lot of cooking!!!

It will be delightful welcoming Jeff back to our meeting after returning from his overseas holiday in the UK. We missed our very thorough Secretary.

Stay healthy and warm everyone until we met on July 17th.

Annette
Your Chairperson

Feature Rose — Single Petal Rose

Sally Holmes

I thought little of the single petal rose hybrids until I saw Champion Rose winner Sally Holmes exhibited by a former club member Sally Gaudry at the Southern Highlands Garden Club Rose Show.



I couldn't help being seduced by the beauty of an arching stem of clustered roses with fresh stamens emerging from gorgeous cream petals with yellow centres. It instantly was a must for my garden.

Sally Holmes is a modern hybrid shrub rose bred by Robert Holmes in the UK 1976. Sally Homes is a free flowing rose on long stems which grows up to 2 metres tall on a dense bush.

A single petal rose is defined as a type of rose having 4- 8 petals in a single row. I have since discovered the beauty of many varieties of the single petal rose and have included photos to convert you.

The rose hybridiser Harman Saville says:
".....only the most sophisticated growers like singles."

It's up to you to decide.

Annette



Single Petal Roses



Playboy



Altissimo



For Your Eyes Only



Cocktail



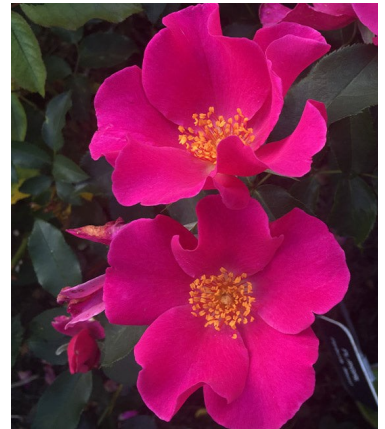
Dainty Bess



Lupo



La Belle Sultane-Gallicao



Playgirl

Our Members Choice Show Bench



Kardinal

1st: Annette Lane



Gemini

2nd: Annette Lane



Starburst

2nd: Liz Patton



Unknown

3rd: Jonquil Temple



Pink Intuition with Oncidium

1st: Annette Lane



Mandarin

2nd: Robyn & Peter Miller



Apricot Nectar

3rd: Roz Wootton

Rose Pruning Techniques

The three Ds — first remove the

Damaged

Diseased

Dead

The COW—then remove the

Crossed stems

Old stems

Weak stems



Once you have removed The 3D COW elements

simply reduce the bush down to the size you require.

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.

