

Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society

May 2024 Newsletter



Signature Rose Best Friend

Hello fellow Rosarians,

Winter is certainly knocking on the door. I wish I could say "You can't come in". Since we are into the four consecutive months without an "R" - no fertiliser!! Soil can be enriched with compost and soil tonics such as Seamungus.

What an informative speaker Garth was last month and I will certainly be following his tips in particular a camomile tea spray for black spot.

This month's topic is Q&A.

Peter Miller and I will lead discussion but it depends on "You" to make the segment successful. Anything related to gardening is welcome.

Happy Mother's Day to our Mums and also wishing you loving memories of your Mum to be reflected on this day.

Enjoy the last rose flush!

Annette

Your Chairperson



"A bit of fragrance always clings to the hand that gives roses." – Chinese Proverb .

Feature Rose — Miniflora Sarah Anne

Miniflora Sarah Anne was the Grand Champion of the last NSW Miniature Rose Show held at Mittagong RSL in 2021. Jim Cunningham, a very respected Rose grower was the exhibitor.

Sarah Anne is an Australian bred Miniflora by renowned breeder Allan Reed and registered in 2002.

The blooms are in clusters and vary in colours of pale pink tinged with white splashes to a bold solid pink.

Sarah Anne grows beautifully in the garden and pots.



It makes a stunning vase display and a winner on the Show Bench.

I purchased my plants from Green E Roses Nursery at Galston.

Annette



Curl Grub

At our April Meeting, Mick Fisher wanted information about the White Curl Grub - a very destructive pest to have in your garden.

Curl Grubs are the larvae of scarab type beetles.

The adult beetles mate and lay eggs in soil throughout Spring. The eggs hatch as a grub and feast on roots through Summer, pupate in Autumn, rest in Winter and hatch Spring and Summer.



This destructive grub dislikes being immersed in water and has difficulty pupating in wet soil.

To eradicate the following methods are successful and I use a combination to drench soil.

This is not harmful to your roses.

1. Add a few drops of Tea Tree Oil to a litre of water.
2. Bio- degradable detergent - add a few drops to a litre of water.
3. Eco- Neen as directed on bottle.

Hope this is helpful.

Annette



Our Members Choice Show Bench



As Good As It Gets

1st: Marilyn Dickinson



Southern Highlands Rose

2nd: Jonquil Temple



Unconventional Lady

3rd: Annette Lane



Kardinal with Salvia

1st: Annette Lane



Just Joey

2nd: Roz Mulligan



Gift of Friendship

3rd: Annette Lane

Rose Tips for Late April to May

- ◆ Prepare the soil for planting in June/July. Use dolomite on acid soils and iron sulphate or gypsum on alkaline soils.
- ◆ If you are replacing a rose that has been in the ground, dig out about a wheelbarrow of the soil and fill the space with soil from another part of the garden where no roses have been growing.
- ◆ Dig in well-rotted manure and organic matter. A green crop of mustard seed or legumes, which is then dug in, will also help improve the soil.



Miniature rose 'Life's Little Pleasures'

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.

