

Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society

December 2022 Newsletter



Signature Rose Best Friend

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Ray Bradley
1st Place Floral Art



Sally Gaudrey
Veterans Honour

Wow what a year we had,

Coming out of our Covid year prior, where our freedom to wander was taken from us and now we are able to wander but still with the shadow of Covid following us.....just when we thought it had gone!

I do hope 2023 brings with it good health and happiness.

It was a delight to see so many of our members taking away prizes at the Highlands Garden Society Show held recently at the Mittagong RSL.

It serves well to know that we can grow championship roses.

Well done to all who went home with prizes.

Congratulations to our new committee, Chairperson Annette Lane, Secretary, Carol McVeigh, Treasurer Rosalyn Mulligan, and a huge thank you to retiring committee members, Peter Miller and Jo Babb, both of whom have worked so tirelessly and graciously to maintain our membership.

Thank you to all members who have contributed to the enjoyment of our meetings, assisting with setting up and then clearing up at the end of the meeting, as they say, more hands make less work.

And to those members who bring in their many blooms from their garden to share their beauty with us, thank you, your blooms are very much enjoyed by all.

I wish you and your loved ones a very Happy Christmas and look forward to an enjoyable 2023 with the Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society.

Merry Christmas,
Carol McVeigh
Secretary



Greeting from our Chairperson, Annette Lane,

What a wonderful time to be elected Chairperson, two days prior to our own Society combining with the Highlands Garden Society, Bowral for the Spring Rose Show.

Our members excelled.

Sally Gaudry was awarded Exhibition Champion and also most successful exhibitor.

Ray Bradley was awarded Reserve Champion as well as Class firsts and placings in both rose classes and floral art.

Jane Stockel also had rose exhibition success and floral art achievement.

Margaret Keith was awarded Novice Champion and will have the Novice Shield with her name added to the list of our societies previous success.

I was fortunate to win the Champion David Austin Trophy. To my delight I also won our Societies Sponsored Champion Miniature Trophy.

Robyn Miller and Jo Babb were both very successful first time exhibitors. They were 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Open Class Vase of Roses exhibit.

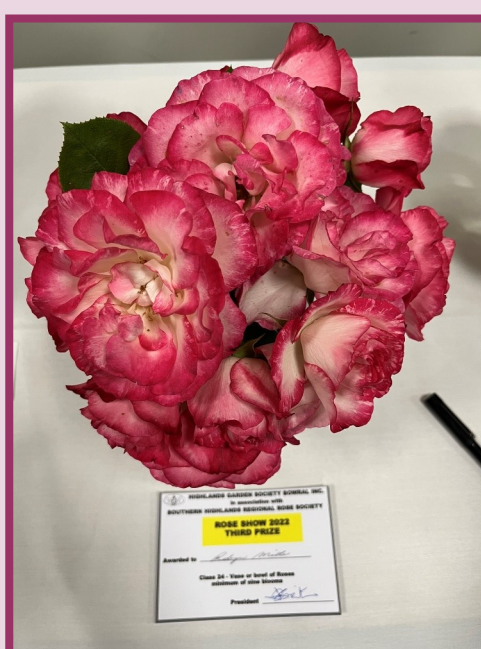
Forget starting as novices...!!!

Deb Everett was also a successful place getter in her second season as an exhibitor.

Congratulations everyone.



**Jane Stockel
2nd Place
David Austin Roses**



**Robyn Miller
3rd Place Vase of Roses**



**Jo Babb
3rd Place Exhibition Rose**

What a great start to our own inaugural co-hosting of a Rose Show.

Marilyn, Noel, Ros and Judy when viewing the show, agreed that they had roses equal in quality to those exhibited. Hopefully, they and other members will be part of the Autumn Show.

More categories will be available for Novice entrants, particularly in the miniature / mini-flora rose classes where our society sponsors the Champion Miniature Trophy.

A big thank you to Peter and Robyn Miller who contributed their time tirelessly throughout the day.

They were runners for the Judges, manned the Show room until the exhibition closure and participated in the thankless task of cleaning up after the show.

Carol McVeigh after fulfilling a prior commitment at Jamberoo, drove the long distance to photograph all our entries and assist with clean up, then had the hour long journey home to Mt Annan. Your effort was really appreciated.

I am looking forward to our first meeting for 2023, on 18 January.

The emphasis at this meeting is to have a fun social catch up and of course talk about roses.

Wishing you all a happy festive season. Don't forget to smell the roses.

Annette



Jo Babb
2nd Place Vase of Roses



Sally Gaudry
1st, 2nd and 3rd One Exhibition Rose

Our Gallery of Champions

So many Blue Championship ribbons went home with our members. it was a true testament that we certainly know how to grow roses. Congratulations to everyone who entered. It was so lovely to see a room bursting with amazing roses.



Annette Lane
1st Place
Champion David Austin Rose



Margaret Keith
1st Place
Novice Champion One Exhibition Rose



Sally Gaudry
Champion Exhibit
and
Most Successful Exhibitor

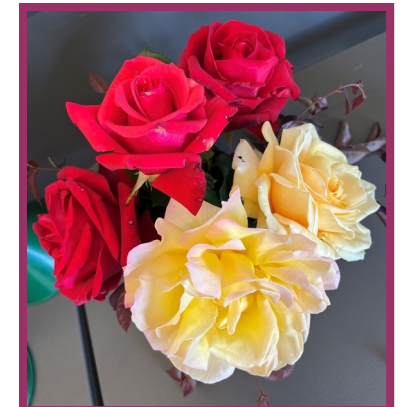
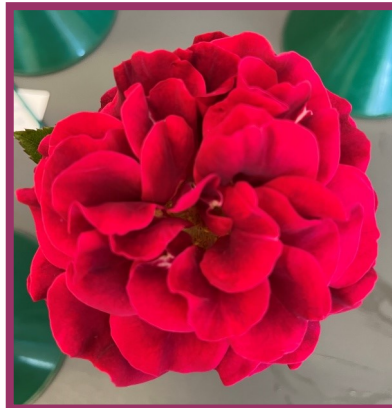


Annette Lane
1st Place
and
Champion Miniature Rose Exhibit



Ray Bradley
1st Place
and
Reserve Champion Exhibit

Some of the Stunning Roses on the Show Bench
and Members Choice Bench at our November Meeting



Cultural Notes for December Courtesy of RosalieVine

Have you noticed quite a lot of powdery mildew on your roses lately? Powdery mildew is a fungal disease and is most commonly seen in early spring and early autumn. This year it is extending into late spring and the time of our second flush of new growth because of the kind of weather we have been experiencing. Cool mornings with high humidity are the ingredients powdery mildew needs to flourish, with ideal conditions being temperatures between 15°C and 27°C along with humidity of 40% to 70% during the day.

The first sign that you have powdery mildew will be a white or silver powder-like growth on the tops of the leaves. Fresh, new growth is most susceptible and you may see the edges of the leaves beginning to curl. You will also see grey patches on the undersides of these leaves. You may see this powdery growth on stems, buds, and the sepals of your rose blooms.



With a severe infection your plants may become stunted and you will notice the leaves curling and dropping from the plant. Powdery mildew does not generally infect mature leaves. Unlike black spot, this fungal disease does not need water to be sitting on the leaves to reproduce. It can overwinter as dormant spores on infected stems and leaves so it is important to remove and destroy infected leaves. Do not compost the infected material or it will simply reinfect when you place the compost in the garden.

Once you see powdery mildew on your roses you should spray with fungicide. Eco Carb works within 5 minutes and is a good organic option. Other effective alternatives are Wettable Sulphur or Mancozeb Plus (mancozeb with sulphur) which are recommended to be used by themselves, not in conjunction with other sprays.

With new growth at hand you will see aphids come back to your garden. Black spot will also become more evident throughout December. Pick off and bin diseased leaves. Regular preventative sprays will keep insects and disease at bay.

Over the coming summer months give your roses a deep watering twice a week and keep the mulch fluffed up on the beds. This will allow any rain and your hand watering to penetrate easily while at the same time keep the moisture in when it really hots up. It is time now for another feed of Sudden Impact for Roses to keep the blooms coming. Pick your roses and enjoy them inside or to give away as gifts.

Happy Gardening! Happy Christmas!

Rosalie

Reference: Paul Haines (2017) *Growing Roses*

Our Next Meeting

10.00 am Wednesday 18 January 2023

Our meeting will be held at Renwick Community Centre

Renwick Drive, Renwick



Happy New Rose Year

Morning tea will be served.

Members are invited to bring something to share.

Judging Table

For the Judges bencha single rose bloom from your garden.

Please feel free to enter more than one single bloom if you have more in your garden

Members Choice

A single bloom or arrangement of your choice from your garden which features the rose.

Oh no.....!!!

As if coping with the overgrown garden that awaited me when I got back from France, wasn't driving me nuts.....My fork broke as I was digging up an out of control Lavender I had growing at my letterbox. I noticed wasps flying around it and saw quite a few nests in it, so it had to go in case the Postie got a nasty bite. So it's off to Bunnings I go.....!!



Quote Of the Month

*Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who made him sees,
That half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees,
So when your work is finished, you can wash your hands and pray,
For the glory of the garden that it may not pass away.*

Kipling

