

Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society



Signature Rose Best Friend

July 2022 Newsletter

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Just when we thought the rain was over it came back with a vengeance.

If our roses survive their wet feet it will be a bonus.

We had Martha Clarke from Welby Garden Centre as our guest speaker last month to give a demonstration in pruning a shrub rose and a miniature rose.

We need to be careful not to prune too early if we are in a frost prone region.

Waiting another couple of weeks may make all the difference to the bushes for a Spring show of blooms.

Don't forget to spray with Lime Sulphur following pruning.

I have included some photos of the roses that Martha advised would be coming to Welby Garden Centre during the season. If you have any more room for a rose or two there are some beautiful roses to choose from.

Also, I have included some new release roses from Treloars that you may like.

With Robyn and Peter Miller away on a lovely caravanning holiday, Annette and I will setting up the venue for our next meeting. If you are able to come a wee bit early to help set up the chairs and tables that would be appreciated.

Regards,

Carol McVeigh

It's that time again.....Memberships are now due.

Single \$40.00 Dual \$45.00 (2 members per household)

If electing to pay by EFT online the banking details are:

The Rose Society of NSW Inc

BSB 012—429 Account Number: 2784 41863

Please put your Initial, surname and membership number as reference with your payment.

If you wish to pay by cash.....

Our Treasurer, Annette will be able to take your membership at the meeting and provide you with a receipt.



Lady of Australia Rose



At our June meeting, Martha mentioned that Welby Garden Centre were getting in some Lady Of Australia Roses.

Martha has kindly sent this dialogue which is the speech given by Mrs Hurley, wife of His Excellency, the Governor General of Australia Mr David Hurley, at the launch of the Lady of Australia Rose on Remembrance Day 11 November 2021 at Government House Canberra.

Thank you Martha for sharing this with us.

I acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet, the Ngunnawal People, and pay my respects to their elders, past and present, and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders gathered here today.

Good morning, everyone, and welcome to Government House. David and I are delighted that you could join us for the launch of the Lady of Australia Rose.

I want to thank Colin Hollis, the immediate past President of the National Rose Society of Australia, for liaising with me over the past two years to find this special rose.

Colin, in collaboration with Wagner's Rose Nursery in South Australia, planted some of the bushes in the garden at Yarralumla back in June to ensure that all was ready for today's special event.

I also want to thank Bruce Brundrett who bred the rose. Bruce has bred many award-winning roses over the years, so I know that the 'Lady of Australia' has been in safe hands.

I would like to tell you a little of how the Lady of Australia Rose came into being. When David was Governor of New South Wales and we were living at Government House Sydney, it dawned on me that there was nothing in the House or on the grounds that indicated that Governors' wives had ever lived there. No evidence whatsoever!

I felt that there needed to be some recognition of the important role played by the wives.

A rose seemed the perfect thing as it symbolises love, devotion and peace. The National Rose Society of Australia and Colin Hollis helped make this happen.

Governors' wives Lady Martin, Lady Cutler, Mrs Shirley Sinclair and myself planted the 'Governor's Wife Rose' in the garden at Government House Sydney in honour of all Governors' wives.

It is still there to this day.

Lady of Australia Rose Cont:

The rose we are celebrating today – the Lady of Australia Rose – is in honour of the wives of Australia’s Governors’-General.

It was named by Brian Wagner and his partner, Benedetta, who sadly couldn’t be with us today. They will be releasing the rose for sale from their nursery next year.



The idea for a yellow rose was mine! I wanted the colour to be representative of Australia. ‘Gold’ immediately came to mind, and the ‘yellow’ came from that.

The rose represents the joy and support that the wives of Governors’-General bring to the vice-regal role.

As you know, today is Remembrance Day – a day when we remember, reflect and honour those who have served and also their families.

It is fitting that the Lady of Australia Rose be launched today because The Australian War Widows – an organisation that supports and honours women who stood alongside men who made the ultimate sacrifice – will be selling roses to raise much needed funds.

I want to thank all at the National Rose Society of Australia for organising today’s event and for encouraging the cultivation of the rose in Australia.

Your work brings joy to many Australians and helps spread kindness in our community – a wonderful gift to give.

I am proud to be Patron of the National Rose Society of Australia and look forward to launching the Lady of Australia Rose shortly.

Thank you. It is wonderful to have you all here!



Members Bench for June

Even though our gardens are generally devoid of quality rose blooms this time of year we can always find a few blooms to bring into our homes.

However the rain soon put a **dampener** on that for this monthha ha.

Our June members bench was a floral table arrangement and these arrangements were brought in by some of our members to share.

Thank you to Jo Babb, Annette Lane and Carol McVeigh.



A pretty posy in pink.
Love the Gum Blossoms.
Jo Babb



Stunning Cymbidium Orchids
Annette Lane



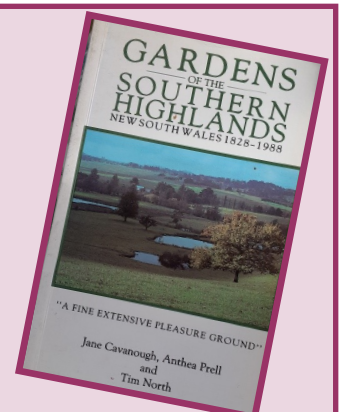
Blooms from a White Ivy Geranium
Carol McVeigh

Thought lost but now found....

With all this wet weather I have taken to sorting out the contents of the many boxes of "treasures" I have stored in my garage and located this little book. Published in 1988, it features those gardens that were considered to be of historical significance. If you haven't read it and would like to, I will bring it to our meeting in July.

It may bring back some gardening memories for you.

Regards, Carol



Rose Care for July —Courtesy of Rosalie Vine

As you go about the winter pruning of your roses from mid to late July, you might notice a white scale coating on some of the older stems. Scale are sap sucking insects and come in a very wide range of shapes and colours. Most are no larger than 1/2cm and can be found on leaves, stems and branches. What they have in common is that these small insects produce a protective shell or scale over themselves whilst they suck sap from the plant tissue underneath. The sap sucking weakens plants particularly if the scale are in large numbers. If left untreated some scale types can actually kill a plant. This is certainly true for rose scale.

Scale insects can loosely be divided into hard and soft scale groups. Soft scale types excrete large quantities of 'honeydew' which attracts ants and also provides food for sooty mould to develop. This does not happen with hard scales. Rose scale are the hard or 'armoured' type. They attack the stems of roses growing under stress, in damp or shady places and also on weaker bushes. They usually appear as a white scale coating on older stems.



Control for Scale: Where infestations are particularly heavy, warm soapy water and a soft scrubbing brush can be used to remove the majority of the scale. A follow up application of an oil based spray e.g. Eco-oil, will usually bring about control as it smothers the insect at all stages. Repeat as often as necessary. White rose scale often multiplies rapidly during winter. After winter pruning use lime sulphur to clean it up and then continue with the oil spray routine into spring and summer. Juveniles mainly develop in warmer months and are easier to kill as they haven't developed their protective scale yet.

Some scale are extremely good at blending in and its often the appearance of sooty mould that tells a gardener there's a problem. Some of my gardenias and camellias are troubled with sooty mould and I know there must be scale present, but I can never find them! To address this I include them when I'm spraying my roses. I regularly use eco-carb (eco-fungicide) together with eco-oil on the roses. I make sure I spray the canes and the bud union as well as under and over the leaves.

If you live in an area affected by frosts it is better not to prune until August. Young growth in those areas is very subject to damage by frosts. Immediately pruning is completed, the prunings and fallen leaves should be put in the green waste bin and the plants sprayed with a fungicide particularly aimed at killing the spores of black spot, mildew and rust. Lime Sulphur is very effective and it will also address white scale as advised above. Spray it on the ground around the rose bushes as well as all over the pruned canes. Be careful if there are new shoots appearing on the canes below your pruning cuts. They will be affected by the lime sulphur and will burn. Cover them, or if there are too many shoots already in growth, simply begin your regular preventative spray routines.

It is still too early to get maximum value out of manures, so wait until the middle of August. Meanwhile loosen the top 2-3 centimetres of the soil and remove weeds.

Happy gardening!

Rosalie

Some Roses soon to be available at Welby Garden Centre



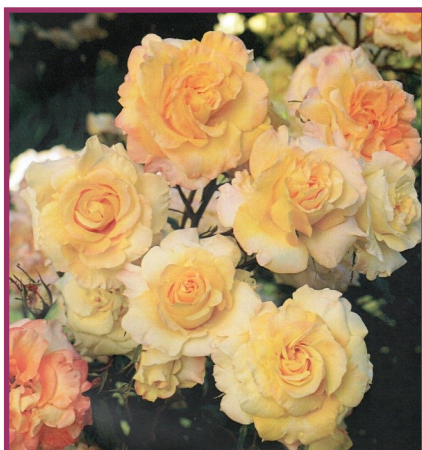
**Roald Dahl
David Austin**



**Bathsheba
David Austin**



**Lioness
Kordes Roses**



**Skylight
Kordes Roses**



**Heaven on Earth
Kordes Roses**



**Mandarin
Lilliputs Collection**



**Pink Ayoba
Kordes Roses**



**Afrikaans
Kordes Roses**



**Delightful Parfuma
Kordes Roses**

2022 Rose Releases from Treloars

These are the roses Martha advised that Treloars have released for 2022. You can order on line through Treloars or contact Martha at Welby Garden Centre to inquire if they will be ordering in any of these.



Love Affair
Kordes Roses



Impala
Kordes Roses



Sweet Honey
Kordes Roses



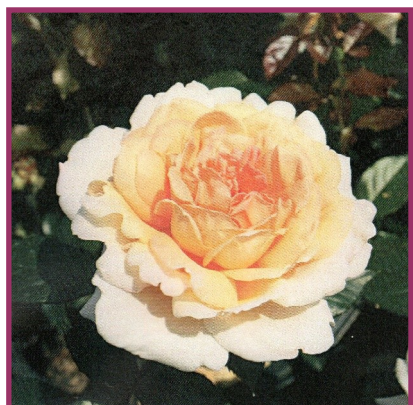
Dame Judy Dench
David Austin Roses



James L Austin
David Austin Roses



Vanessa Bell
David Austin Roses



Spicy Perfuma
Kordes Roses



Snow Kiss
Kordes Roses



My Little Angel
Kordes Roses

Thank You

At our June meeting we bade farewell to two of our keystone members, Ros and Ralph Parsons. Colin Hollis, President of the Rose Society of NSW attended the meeting to personally thank Ros and Ralph for their loyalty, dedication and friendship through the years as members of the Rose Society.



Ros and Ralph Parsons being presented with their gift by Peter Miller and Annette Lane.

Ros held the position of Vice President of the Rose Society of NSW for many Years and Ralph was the Subscriptions Secretary until recently.

Colin shared that it was at a Dahlia Society meeting that he approached Ros and Ralph to ask if they thought a Rose Society could exist in the Southern Highlands and the seed was sown.

They set about recruiting members and the Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society was formed.

The Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society has continued to attract members who enjoy the

beauty of the rose and the companionship of fellow rose growers. The experience Ros and Ralph brought to our Society included their organisational skills and expertise with planning and scheduling shows, was so very much appreciated. We wish them well.

Thank You

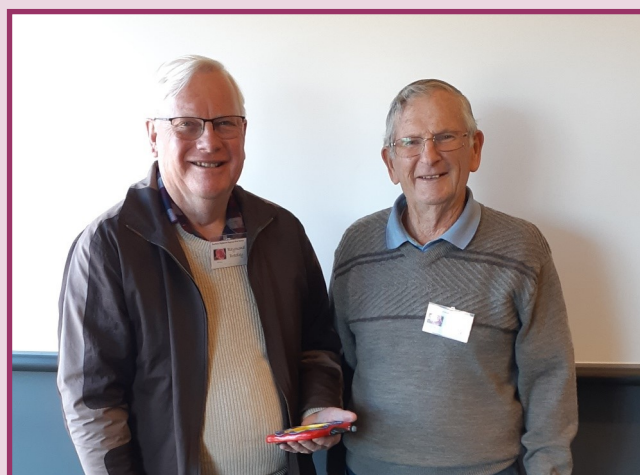
Also at the June meeting we thanked and acknowledged another of our members, Ray Bradley.

Along with Ros and Ralph, Ray also played an important role in the setting up of the Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society and became an integral member of the Society and still is.

Ray was generous in taking on the role of looking after the Members Show Bench each month and assisting with the judging, recording of votes and keeping us all in check with trying to remember the correct name of the roses we were benching.

Ray is very much involved with a selection of Garden associations withing the Highlands and he kindly keeps us informed with events that may interest us as a group. We so appreciate his experience, knowledge and friendship.

Jo Babb has graciously volunteered to take over as our "Members Bench Manager".



Ray Bradley with Chairperson Peter Miller

Our Next Meeting

10.00 am Wednesday 20 July 2022

Our Guest Speaker is

Lorrie Zammit

Rose Society of NSW

Growing Roses in Pots

Our meeting will be held at Renwick Community Centre

Renwick Drive, Renwick

Morning tea will be served.

Members are invited to bring something to share.

Members Choice Table

As we may not have any roses in our gardens at the moment members are invited to bring a small Table Arrangement using flowers and foliage from your garden to place on the Members Choice Bench, where judging will be by popular vote from the members with points being awarded.

Judging Table

For the Judges bench a single bloom from your garden. (If you are fortunate to have one)



Quote Of the Month

*“Tis the last rose of summer
Left blooming alone,
All her lovely companions
Are faded and gone”.*

Thomas Moore

