

Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society



Signature Rose Best Friend

May 2022 Newsletter

Hi Everyone,

Boy..... what a busy time we have had over the last few weeks.

Our Regional had a stand at the Southern Highlands Botanical Garden Plant Fair on 23 and 24 April then we had the National Rose Championships Roses by the Seaside, which were held at The Pavilion in Kiama over the weekend 30 April and 1 May.

Many thanks to Robyn and Peter Miller, Annette Lane and myself who volunteered at both events.

At the National Rose Championships Peter and Annette worked as stewards for the rose judges which was not an easy task, but thoroughly enjoyed by both.

Events organised by and on behalf of the Rose Society are only a success due to the members who give up their time to ensure tasks are completed and the events are enjoyed by all visitors who attend the events. At both these events mentioned they were long days, not just an hour or two but the whole day.

So on behalf of the Rose Society of NSW I would like to say thank you to Robyn, Peter and Annette for your kindness and generosity of your time and spirit of giving. It is very much appreciated.

Regards, Carol McVeigh

Quote

Of
The
Month



If love were what the rose is,
And I were like the leaf,
Our lives would grow together
In sad or singing weather,
Blown fields or flowerful closes,
Green pleasure or grey grief.

Swinburne

Southern Highlands Botanical Gardens Plant Fair 2022

The weather was brisk for the two days of the Plant Fair, 23 and 24 April with just a hint of sunshine making an appearance, but still the visitors braved the Autumn chill.

Thank you to Annette Lane, Robyn and Peter Miller for helping on our stand on Saturday and Annette and Peter along with Carol McVeigh on Sunday.

Rose Society of NSW President, Colin Hollis also dropped in on Saturday to support our efforts.

We are happy to say that three new members joined our society at the Fair which was lovely. We were surrounded by stands representing the many other garden related societies and clubs that are present in the Southern Highlands, which makes our healthy membership numbers all the more special.



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Roses by the Seaside



2022 is the 50th Anniversary of the National Rose Society of Australia and it was definitely celebrated in style over the weekend of 30 April to 1 May 2022. The Roses by the Seaside event was to be held in 2020 but as we all know all our lives were placed on hold due to the pandemic. And so, now in 2022 we were finally able to hold the National Rose Championships alongside the 50th Anniversary celebration. The venue was The Pavilion, in Kiama, which more than complimented the event. Spectacular views both inside with the stunning roses and outside with our just as stunning beaches and our South Coast coastline.

We were so honoured to have our Patron Mrs Linda Hurley officially open our show and we were delighted when she sang a song she had written especially for us. It was goosebumps all round, such a delightfully thoughtful lady.



Our other special guests were His Excellency the Governor General Of the Commonwealth of Australia Mr David Hurley, Mayor of Kiama, Neil Reilly, Ms Fiona Phillips MP and Mr Gavin Woods, President of the National Rose Society of Australia.

Our guests and visitors were made extremely welcome and were treated to a show of roses that somehow survived our recent extreme weather conditions.



The Governor General with Colin Hollis discussing the floral design exhibited by Maureen Thackeray.

Mrs Hurley speaking with Intan Kallus, about the Heritage roses on display, collected and labelled by Susan Wade.

Our Guest Presenters at Roses by the Seaside

Dr Uwe Stroehler from Neutrog



How wonderful it was to listen to Dr Uwe Stroehler from Neutrog, one of our guest presenters at our Roses by the Seaside National Rose Championships. Not only did we receive this interesting information we all received a bottle of one of the newest products researched and developed at Neutrog....Popul8.

Our gardens will love us !

Dr Stroehler enlightened us on the biology of fertilizers and how our gardens can be improved by good management.

Dr Stroehler was kind enough to send me his presentation and I have included his bio for your information.



I graduated from the University of Adelaide in 1993 with a Ph.D. in Microbiology, where I remained for a further six years working as a Postdoctoral research scientist on aspects of cholera virulence. In 1998 I was awarded an Alexander von Humboldt Research Fellowship and subsequently spent over two years working in Tübingen, Germany.

On my return to the University of Adelaide in 2001, I worked on Streptococcus pneumoniae for eight years before moving to the Hepatitis Research Laboratory. During this time, I started working for Neutrog as an independent consultant on the development of products such as GOGO Juice. In 2010 I moved to Flinders University working on how Staphylococcus aureus and Acinetobacter baumannii resists antibiotic treatment. In 2016 I started working full-time as the R&D manager at Neutrog.

We can also enjoy listening to Dr Uwe on the Radio 2GB Garden Clinic program each weekend with Graham Ross.

It was a pleasure to meet Dr Stroehler and I know he enjoyed sharing time with us.



Dr Uwe joined our group on the bus trip to the Wollongong Botanical Gardens, Pioneer Park and the Nan Tien Temple.



Not only was Dr Uwe interesting to listen to, he was so passionate about the research being conducted at Neutrog. It was exciting to know that more beneficial products will be available soon for use in our gardens to help maintain a healthy, environmentally friendly garden.

Judith Little

Oh my goodness.....how creative and talented was our guest presenter Judith Little.

Judith amazed us with her designs and entertained us with her stories, especially having her husband row her across the flooded river to bring all the materials she needed for this presentation safely across, as her home on the North Coast of NSW was flooded during our recent rain storms.

The delight and magic of arranging flowers was demonstrated by Judith and we were all mesmerized by her very special talent and kindness as all arrangements were donated for our raffle.

How excited was I to win two of them....wow!!!

Thank you Judith for a very special day. One we will all recall fondly.



Thank you



Our visitors were treated to a beautiful display of Janes linen and other charming and delightful gifts as they entered through the foyer to the rose show.

So many lovely items to choose from.

Thank you Jane for being part of our celebrations.

I loved your story of your generous gift for Mrs Hurley.



My friend Deidre Hill used a photo I had taken of my Climbing Peace Rose in her article in the Winter Edition of Our Garden Magazine. My first time published!!!

Thank
you

For the duration of our Rose Show our visitors were greeted by an amazing array of roses and other beautiful plants on display and for sale at the entrance to the Pavilion.

They were supplied by Elizabeth from **Burnetts on Barney** a local family owned nursery.

Of course we were all tempted and yes some did follow me home.

I bought these two Golden Child standards and Peach Perfusion shrub roses which are now greeting my visitors in my front garden.



Thank
you

Thank you to John Swainston, our guest speaker at our April meeting. John was very generous in sharing his techniques for photographing roses. One particular area that I took most notice of was when we are taking a photo to record a memory of a place or garden visit. John advised that rather than just take the stunning rose....think about the following.

Context of place, choose the background so that you can remember where you were when you took the photo, that is remember the surrounds not just the subject and the relationship between the target rose and the adjacent flowers and gardens. Such good advice.

I wonder how many of us went home and tried out the techniques John spoke about after he let us know that all the photos that he featured in his presentation were taken by his phone.



Welcome to Our New Members

Belinda McLennan

Marianne Choetziemmanouil

Peter Jones

Rose Care for May—Courtesy of Rosalie Vine

With just one month of autumn left, it is definitely time to stop fertilising with Sudden Impact for Roses, so that our rose bushes can go into dormancy in winter. You may have some roses that need some tender loving care for plant recovery.

Many gardeners believe they should feed heavily at this time of year, however heavy feeding encourages a lot of rapid new growth, and while there is still the chance of some warmer weather, these leaves are not hardy enough to survive until the heat has passed.

In addition, the high level of nitrogen in some products leads to a large increase in leaf area which the roots may not be able to support. A plant can only carry as many leaves as the root system is capable of providing nutrients and moisture for, and in dry, hot conditions (unless you've kept up the mulching and watering), plants have more than likely lost some of their root system. A gentle feed allows the roots to keep up with the new above-ground growth. Plants use their reserves of nutrients to come back from stress, and if you knock them down again, they often don't recover a second time.

About Seamungus - Because the level of nutrients in Seamungus is sufficient for the plant to put on new growth, it is an ideal recovery fertiliser and soil conditioner. It contains composted seaweed, which can stimulate root development – this is essential for the recovery process.

Additionally, Seamungus has a great water-holding capacity (it can retain up to 70% of its own weight in moisture), and also helps to eliminate some of those nonwetting properties many soils have after summer.

Seamungus is manufactured by combining the very best of composted raw materials – seaweed, fish, humic acid and manure.

Available in the original pellet form, a crumble form and a 1L liquid concentrate, the Seamungus formula remains the same for all three.

Seamungus is also a health tonic and planting food for all plants including natives, lawns and bare-rooted roses. The plants love it and the soil microbes get stimulated by it. Seamungus will help your plants resist heat, drought and frost, along with pests and disease.'

Health care for the garden at this time also includes raking up the fallen rose leaves and putting them in the bin. They need to be thrown out rather than composted because they usually have fungal spores on them from black spot and powdery mildew.

If you have noticed a few weeds starting to pop up as the layer of mulch is beginning to get thinner.

Pull them out before they set seed to save yourself a bigger job later on.

A generous layer of Who Flung Dung will help to suppress the weeds.

Pick some roses for the house and enjoy their beautiful perfume.

Happy gardening!

With kind regards.... *Rosalie*



We sow with all the art we know and not a plant appears.

A single sowed from any weed a thousand children rears.

Anon

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 20 and Saturday 21 May

NSW Floral Art Association
Floral Design Competition and Demonstrations
Guest Presenter is **Sue Fingleton**
Mittagong RSL, Mittagong

Book on line at nswfloralartassociation.org.au
Or call
Deidre Hill 02 4887 1254

New Vision 2021 Best In Show
winning design by Sue Fingleton



Our Next Meeting

10.00 am Wednesday 18 May 2022

Our Guest Speaker is

Carol McVeigh

Roses by the Seaside

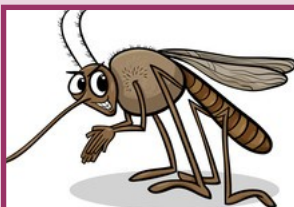
Our meeting will be held at Renwick Community Centre

Renwick Drive, Renwick

Morning tea will be served.

Members are invited to bring something to share.

As we may not have any roses in our gardens at the moment members are invited to bring a Sasanqua Camellia from their garden to place on the Members Choice Bench, where judging will be by popular vote from the members with points being awarded.



A handy hint I learnt recently....

By sprinkling coffee grounds into the centre of Bromeliads, this will deter mosquitoes from laying their eggs and breeding.