

Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society

March 2023 Newsletter



Signature Rose Best Friend

Hello Rosarians,

Autumn!!.....Love this time of year with warm days and cooler nights.

Firstly, Renwick Hall Management were appalled when I reported the disruptive behaviour of the yoga class towards the end of our last meeting. Their hall booking is one hour from 12.30 to 1.30.

I have been assured that meeting interruption will not occur again.

Congratulations once again to members who benched roses. It was an impressive display.

Our visitor, Jonquil Temple's rose was voted Exhibition Rose winner. Jonquil is joining our rose society this month.

Our guest speaker Dallys had us enthralled with her bee keeping knowledge and how hives function.

The term "busy bees" is a perfect summation of the bees life cycle.

The NSW Rose Society's AGM nearly resulted in committee disbandment with nominations for Secretary and Subscription Secretary and Vice President unfilled.

Fortunately, Carol McVeigh agreed to be interim Secretary for the next quarter, in the hope that a replacement can be appointed. Maureen Thackeray, a former Subscription Secretary, agreed to fill the position.

Colin Hollis remains President.

Thank you so much Colin, Carol and Maureen for caring.

On a more cheerful note. The NSW Rose Society agreed to sponsor the Autumn Rose Show .

This will cover Hall hire for the Autumn and Spring Shows.

Our guest speaker this month is Ted Morphett, the NSW Chairman of Judges Panel.

Ted is also a National Rose Judge and will be accompanied by his lovely wife Meryl.

This couple are a living encyclopedia of rose knowledge and generously give their time to spread the joy of roses.

Ted will show us basic skills of presenting a rose either for home or exhibition.

This will be a practical workshop with Meryl assisting us.

Looking forward to seeing you at our meeting and learning skills to present our roses at the Autumn Show on Friday March 17th.

Enjoy your roses.

Annette



Some of Meryl and Teds Championship Roses

Cultural Notes for Autumn

*Kindly supplied by
Jacqueline Tweedie
Sydney Regional Rose Society*

The days will begin to get cooler during March and April but early March can still be very hot.

When the evenings start to be cooler you will need to keep the leaves dry overnight as powdery mildew is encouraged by moisture remaining on leaves after a warm day.

To overcome this problem, you should water earlier in the day.

To check for powdery mildew- look for any leaves that appear distorted.

This is the time to think about the future bushes you may want to purchase.

Looking at catalogues gives encouragement. Order early to avoid disappointment.

March is when you should start preparing the soil for those new roses.

Bed or hole preparations – dig the ground to spade depth, mix in compost and leave to settle before re-digging.

If the soil is too hard or clumpy you could add some gypsum to break up the clay.

Your order may arrive during May and it is then too late to start your preparations.

If you are contemplating showing roses at this year's Royal Easter Show (starts 6 April) then counting the days is important, so you have blooms at the right time.

This will depend on the weather conditions during February and March and also on the type and variety of roses in your garden.

If the weather is cooler the flowers will be slower developing.

With this in mind, if you have multiples of one variety try pruning half one week and the rest some days later or prune half a bush one week and the other half a few days later.

This will stagger when the blooms will be ready.



Powdery Mildew

Good gardening, Jacqueline.



Highlands Garden Society Bowral Inc
and
Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society
Autumn Rose Show
17 and 18 March 2023

The Schedule and information regarding registration to exhibit has been sent to you all.

Demonstration

As advised, Meryl and Ted Morphett will be our guest presenter at our March meeting.

Ted will be demonstrating how best to best prepare our blooms for display.

This will be a demonstration that you will be invited to practice with your roses, so please bring some roses to practice with and your secateurs

We will be supplying vases and oasis to insert in the vases.

Ted will be demonstrating how best to stage Bud to Full Bloom and Single Rose.

As we will be using the tables could you also bring an old towel to help clean up any water spills on your table.

A first time exhibitor? Why not just enter in one class....you never know, you may have the winning bloom.

Even if you are not considering exhibiting, Teds knowledge of all things roses is amazing and I am sure he will be able to give you some handy cultural hints for your roses, so come prepared with your questions.

How Busy is a Bee.....????

Guest speaker for our February meeting was Dallys Napiorkowski a member of the Macarthur Bee Keepers Association.

Dallys has a number of bee hives in her garden and shared her experiences and joy of being able to supply bees with a safe haven and a garden where they can source their daily supply of pollen.

Dallys spoke of the daily routine of the bees and how so well organised they are.

Each of us at the meeting were astounded by just how much work each little bee undertakes each day.

There is of course the Queen Bee who is looked after by her bees, then the workers who we get to see in our gardens if we are lucky. It was interesting to know that bees will favour a plant and only gather from that plant and not skip over to other different plants when out shopping.

Dallys has lots of Salvias in her garden that the bees love visiting.

Thank you Dallys for a very interesting and informative talk.

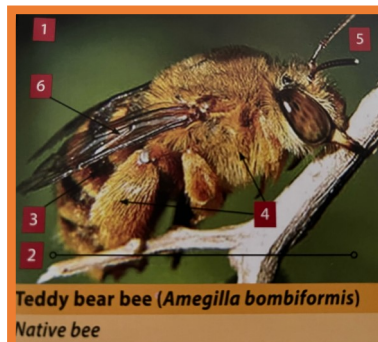
We presented Dally with an ***Unconventional Lady*** rose bush as a thank you. Do you recognise any of these bees in and around your garden?



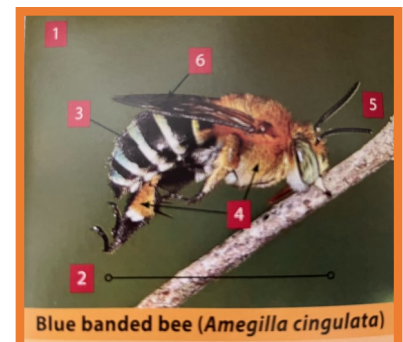
Dallys brought some of the honey she and her husband Ed get from their hives, which having bought some myself, can say it was so very delicious.



European Honey Bee
They have been present
in Australia for 190 years



Teddy Bear Bees
Native to Australia
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Blue Banded Bees
Native to Australia
Except Tasmania

Congratulations to Margaret Keith who won the Championship
Novice Class at the Spring Rose Show
held last November.

Margaret was presented with the trophy at our February
meeting by our Chairperson, Annette Lane



Our Next Meeting

10.00 am Wednesday 15 March 2023

Our meeting will be held at Renwick Community Centre

Renwick Drive, Renwick

Our Guest Speaker will be;

Meryl and Ted Morphett

Sydney Regional of the Rose Society of NSW

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.

Neutrog Delivery

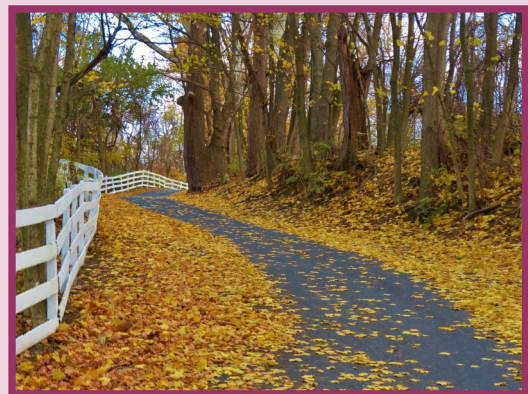
Those members who have placed their orders through Neutrog will be contacted when that order will be delivered, which is expected in March.

Once again Peter and Robyn Miller have allowed their home to be the collection point. We must be courteous on the day of delivery and be mindful that we must pick up our products ourselves and not expect Peter to do so.

Please take someone with you who can help you to do this, where possible please.

Quote Of the Month

*The day becomes more solemn and serene
When noon is past...there is harmony
In autumn, and a lustre in it's sky,
Which through the summer is not heard or seen,
As it could not be, as if it had not been.*



Percy Bysshe Shelley 1792—1822