

Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society

September 2022 Newsletter



Signature Rose Best Friend

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Hi everyone,

With winter behind us and Spring bouncing in we are starting to see new growth on our roses. Rosalie Vine's Cultural notes this month are all about how we need to look after the new growth.

Sadly, the Southern Highlands Garden Society had to cancel their Spring Show due to the renovations of the carpark at the venue not being completed in time. Should a new date be scheduled Ray Bradley will let us know.

Although we didn't have any roses in our gardens for our August meeting members show bench we still had a beautiful display from our gardens.

Thank you to those members who contribute, it is so pretty to see all the different blooms on display.

Regards,

Carol McVeigh



Growing Rosesby Paul Hains

Paul Hains has held positions as President of the Queensland Rose Society, Vice president of the World Federation of Rose Societies and President of the National Rose Society of Australia.

In writing this book Paul has said that:

“ It's goal is to simplify rose growing to show that roses can be easily grown by any gardener”.

We have some books available for members at \$30.00.

Please see Peter at the next meeting to order your copy.



Members Bench for August



With no roses in our gardens to bring for the show bench we invite members to bring an arrangement using flowers and foliage from their gardens.



Stunning Camellia...

Margaret Keith brought in this beautiful Camellia for the members show bench.

I put a One Dollar coin next to it to take the photo to let you see how huge the bloom was.

Margaret was unsure of it's name. Does anyone recognise it? Maybe let Margaret know next meeting.



Rose Care for September —Courtesy of Rosalie Vine

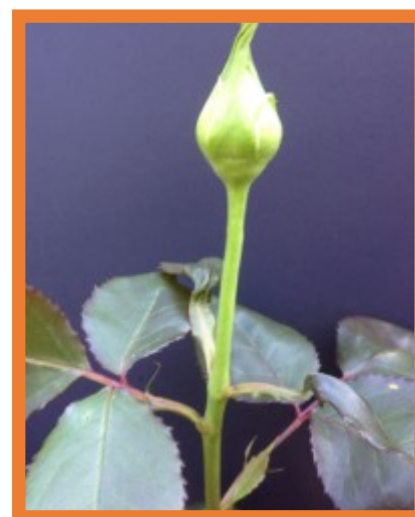
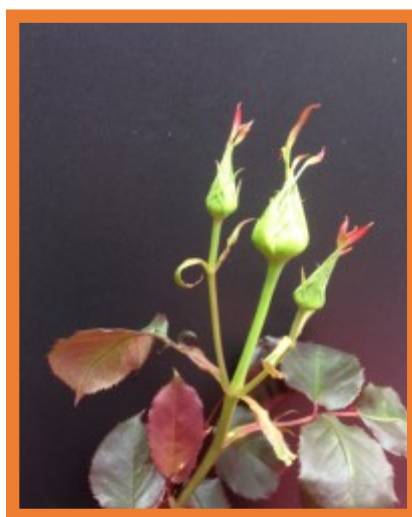
You will now be experiencing extremely fast growth on your rose bushes. If we get hot, dry weather there is critical need for good, deep watering twice a week. Wind may cause some damage. Look for basal water shoots and tie to stakes so that they are not broken by the wind. These water shoots will supply you with blooms for the next three to four years so they are precious and need to be looked after.

Although there are three basal shoots close together, I'm going to try to save all of them because next year at least one of the two remaining older canes on the bush will need to be removed. This basal shoot can be directed forward by tying to another stake to avoid the stem rubbing against the other nearby basal shoot.



These strong basal shoots will give 3-4 years of good blooms. Allow them to grow a bit longer then tie to a stake with a figure 8 loop to prevent them being broken by wind or pets.

For those who want to have bigger, better quality blooms for display at home or on the show bench, it is time to disbud. A number of the new growth branches will have two, three, or four buds emerging. Keep the dominant or apical bud if it is plump and upright and gradually thumb the other buds off, taking off one bud every two days. This will provide a gentle redirection of the sap and growth hormones to the desired bud.

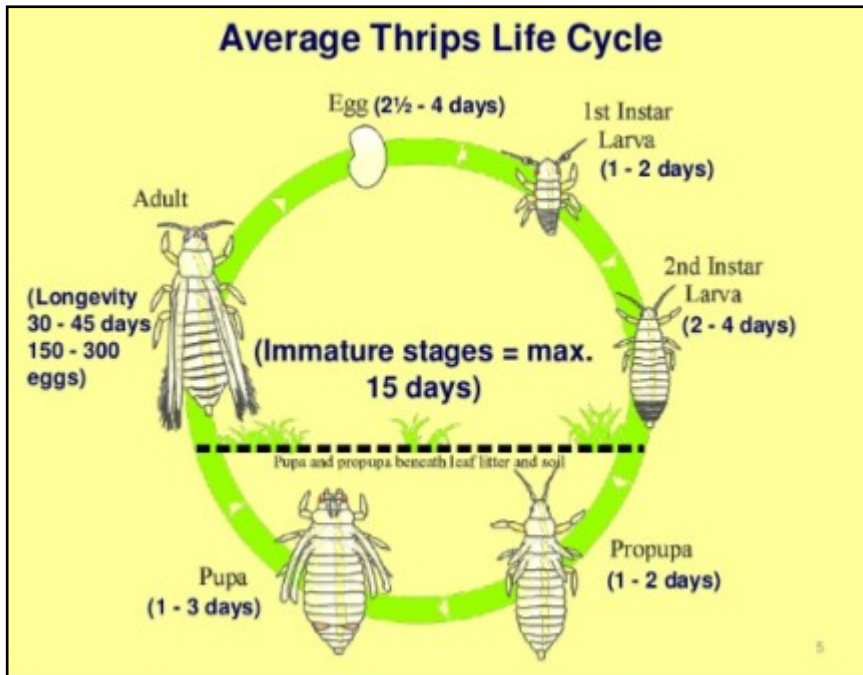


Of course if your bush is a Floribunda or Miniature variety, you might want to consider disbudding the apical bud as it will bloom first, and probably be on the way out, just as the other buds are ready to open.

For the show bench, disbudding the apical bud will allow time for the other buds to fill up the gap and open in a nice, even head of well-spaced blooms.

Or you can simply let mother nature do its own thing and the buds will bloom in their own time giving a glorious display in the garden!

Keep up regular spraying routines for fungal disease and insect attack. **Thrips** will appear on the hot dry winds that come from inland areas. They are very tiny and burrow into buds and leave brown marks, especially around the outer edges of the petals. Spraying for these will be more frequent as they keep coming on the wind and because of their short life-cycle of between 7-15 days.



Thrips lay eggs inside plant tissue and feed on plant juices. They also lay eggs in unopened buds, making it difficult to control the insect. They scrape the surface of the leaves and petals, and suck the sap, leaving a white, mottled appearance on leaves and browning on the petal edges and random brown spots elsewhere on the petals. If left unchecked the leaves, new shoots and flowers will become deformed and stunted. Wilting and browning can also occur.

Note that during the life-cycle the Propupa and the Pupa fall to the ground and incubate beneath the leaf litter or the mulch and the soil.

Spray with Eco-neem, Success Ultra or Mavrik Aquaflo late in the evening. They have a low toxicity to pollinators such as bees. Confidor can also be used when the bees have gone home. Spray the ground also to break the life cycle. There will be several life cycles going on at once, so it is recommended to spray every two to three days after an initial attack; do this three times to break the concurrent life cycles. Alternate the sprays used so that the mites do not build up a resistance to one particular chemical.

With all the new growth powering away on the bushes it is important to inspect the junctions between the new growth and the older canes. Often the first leaflet on the new branch will be turning yellow, with perhaps some speckling or even signs of black spot. Mostly this is senescence or old age, so gently ease them off and bin them.

Thrip damage on most of the surface of this guard petal .



Thrip damage on the outer rim of the petals.

Two tiny thrips are just visible on this petal.

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Happy gardening!

*Thank
you*

Thank you to our guest speaker for our August meeting, Jane Stockel.

Jane took us on a virtual journey through the Chelsea Flower Show 2021—2022 with the kind assistance of her cousin who took photos under Janes direction.

Jane also spoke of predicting colour trends and how colour trends appear in accessories, furnishings and other areas following a decision made a few years earlier. Thank you Jane for the insight into this world of colour trending.

Your expertise and photographs made the talk so enjoyable and interesting.



Small compact balcony gardens were featured.



The garden that was awarded

Peoples Choice Award was that designed

by Richard Meirs.

Richard featured garden art with this romantic message.

“If I had a flower for every time I thought of you.....”

19th World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) World Rose Convention

Being held in Adelaide at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

The convention offers a unique and engaging eight day program running
from 27 October to 3 November 2022

This event is hosted by the National Rose Society of Australia.

Details of the Convention are available on:

www.wrc22.aomevents.com.au

Our Next Meeting

10.00 am Wednesday 15 September 2022

Our Guest Speaker is



Chris Thompson
Heritage Roses
At
Harpers Mansion

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.
Can be any flower that you have growing in your garden.*

Quote Of the Month

*I have a garden of my own,
But so with roses overgrown,
And Lillie, that you would it guess
To be a little wilderness.*

Andrew Marvell 1621 –1678

