

Southern Highlands Regional Rose Society

September 2023 Newsletter



Signature Rose Best Friend

Hello Rosarian Friends,

Welcome Rosarians to what I believe is the best time of year in the Highlands. Get out the garden gear and feed, mulch and spray your beloved roses. The pesky aphids are out in force at present.

Your Neutrog delivery will be arriving at Peter Miller's home soon.

He will contact you individually for an appointed time to collect your goodies.

Well done members who were part of the \$3083.40 Neutrog purchase. 10% commission will be paid to our club.



The battle has begun in my garden Rosellas v's Annette to keep the foliage and buds on the roses.

Tried Scat- total failure because the Rosellas seem to enjoy the flavour of the spray and more new foliage stripped from the plant.

Attempt two -dawn patrol when the pests are most active.

Limited success- whilst I protect one section of the rose garden they attack the other.

Last resort cover the roses. There are some roses covered with elaborate but not aesthetic forms of rose protection.



Double Delight

My first hybrid tea of the season is in flower, Double Delight.

First victory over the Rosellas.

The good news to report.

If all things go to plan, you will receive a copy of NSW Rose before Christmas after an absence of two years.

Our guest speaker this month is Gwen Hartley, an Internationally qualified floral artist.

See you at the meeting when the love of the rose brings us together.

Your Chairperson, *Annette*

Cultural Notes for Autumn

A reminder of what we need to be doing to our roses in Spring.

Last month our cultural notes, graciously supplied by Jacqueline Tweedie from the Sydney Regional Rose Society, still apply this month.

Our enemy is those horrible little Aphids.

Constant monitoring is a must to contain their spread.

I have found that a spray of the Brunnings Rose Spray that we have as a raffle prize each month is keeping the aphids off the new growth on my roses.

I am giving them a gentle spray each week.

Soil improvement is also needed at this time of year. Replenishing your soil with an addition of a good layer of compost will give your plants a boost.

If you haven't already you can give your garden bed a lovely drink of Popul8 to help with your soil rejuvenation.

Check your roses for any die back from incorrect pruning. Snip off the dead bits to stop it spreading down the stem.

For Established Roses.

You should have already sprayed your plants with Lime Sulphur.

Do Not apply when the new leaves start to appear as you will burn them.

We can start applying our Sudden Impact for Roses to our established roses.

If you are using the pelleted form, pull back your mulch before applying.

Apply a fresh layer of Who Flung Dung, leaving a space around the base of the plant.

Who Flung Dung will help to prevent weeds from growing.

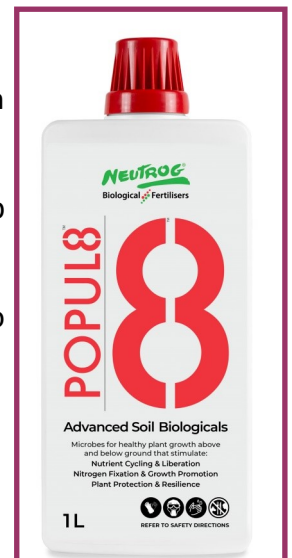
Newly Planted Roses

Wait until November to fertilise newly planted roses.

Fertilising now will burn the newly formed roots.

Our local nurseries have some fabulous roses available.

have you got room for just one more...?



Our Members Choice Bench Florals



Thank you to everyone for bringing blooms
from your gardens.
It is so lovely to see so many pretty flowers each meeting.

Renewal of membership ... *Reminder*

Single membership \$40.00

Joint Membership \$45.00

There are a few options for you to renew your membership.

By cash.

At our meeting, please see our Treasurer, Roz Mulligan.

By EFT

The banking details are: BSB 012 429 Account Number 2784 41863

Please put your membership number, your surname, initial and region in the reference section.

By cheque:

The cheque is to be made payable to The Rose Society of NSW Inc and posted to:

The Subscription Secretary, Maureen Thackeray,
31 Tallow-Wood Avenue, Narellan Vale 2567

If you have had a change of address, contact number or email, please complete a Renewal Form, which can be located on the website nsw.rose.org.au / Become a Member / Print out form and send to Maureen.

At each meeting held we invite members to bring roses from their own gardens to place on both our Judging Table and our Members Choice Table .

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—Any Bloom

*A single bloom of any flower from your garden
or a floral arrangement if you feel creative.*



Our Next Meeting

10.00 am Wednesday 20 September 2023

Our meeting will be held at Renwick Community Centre

Renwick Drive, Renwick

Our Guest is:

Gwen Hartley

NSW Floral Art Association

Gwen is a very talented and artistic floral designer with highly regarded qualifications. She is a retired T.A.F.E. teacher of Commercial Floristry and Business Management. Gwen travelled to the U.S.A. to study and complete the exams for appointment to the American Institute of Floral Design.

Gwen was duly appointed a member of this prestigious organisation.

Gwen is an Interflora judge and a NSWFAA judge and demonstrator. Inspiration for her designs comes from the landscape - the shape of hills and valleys, an old tumble-down fence or possibly the shape of a lake or dam.

Gwen's designs have been published in the International Floral Art publications for many years.



Help needed.

If you are able to arrive a little early we could use some help in setting up our room.

Also, at the end of the meeting if you are able to lend a hand to tidy up that would be appreciated.