



THE ROSE SOCIETY of NSW Inc.
Southern Sydney Region



Gemini is the signature rose for the Southern Sydney Region

Our next meeting is on Saturday 19th August at 1pm

Loftus Community Hall 119-129 Loftus Ave, Loftus

**** Please arrive at 12.45pm for a prompt 1pm start ****

Our meeting will be opened on time at 1pm and our speaker will be immediately introduced to begin her presentation. Our meeting will be held afterwards.

Showing your roses? please arrive early at **12.30pm** to organise

Assistance is required to set up the hall: please arrive early from **12.30pm** to help with the tables and chairs

Our speaker will be Judith Oyston.

Topic: The nuptials of roses & what to do
this time of the year

Judith was awarded an OAM in the King's Birthday Honours this year for service to horticulture.

She has been a member of the Rose Society of NSW for 56 years joining up in 1967, and has held many positions at Regional and at State level. Judith has been a senior exhibitor as well as a senior judge.

She has been involved in the conservation of heritage roses, especially at Rookwood Cemetery. She has a particular interest in Alister Clark roses.



New Show Bench categories

Southern Sydney Rose Society - Show Bench Categories			
Exhibitor Section (Enter the exhibitor section or general section - NOT BOTH)	1	Exhibition Rose (Hybrid Tea)	Open to all 1st, 2nd & 3rd place awarded in each category
	2	One cut Floribunda Rose	
	3	3 cuts Floribunda Rose (same cultivar)	
	4	Bud to Full Bloom (same cultivar)	
	5	3 Full Bloom Roses (same cultivar)	
General Section (Enter the exhibitor section or general section - NOT BOTH)	6	One Red Rose	Open to all except Braidan Swan & Albert Knorr 1st, 2nd & 3rd place awarded in each category
	7	One Pink/Purple Rose	
	8	One White Rose	
	9	One Yellow/Gold Rose	
	10	One Rose of any Other Colour, including multi-coloured	
Miniature Section	11	One Miniature (exhibition form)	Open to all 1st, 2nd & 3rd place awarded in each
	12	Three cuts/stems Miniature Rose (same cultivar)	
Vase of Roses	13	Can be mixed cultivars & colours	Open to all 1st, 2nd & 3rd
Most Perfumed Rose	14	Members vote - no points awarded, winner recorded for acknowledgment	Open to all winner recorded
Show and Share	15	Open to members not interested in competition	

New Show Bench rules

The competition commenced February 2023 has now concluded.

The competition will now be seasonal. Each year the competition will start at the August meeting and continue through to May of the following year.

Members can enter either the Exhibitor Section **or** the General Section but not both. Albert Knorr and Braidan Swan are the exception and are only permitted to enter the Exhibitor section.

All members can enter the remaining sections namely the Miniature Section, Vase of Roses, Most Perfumed Rose and the Show and Share section.

Each year the winner of the general section will advance to the Exhibitor section for the following year's competition.

Points will be awarded for the Exhibitor, General, Miniature and Vase of Roses sections.

First place will receive 3 points, second place will receive 2 points and third place will receive 1 point. There will be no points for entering.

An overall 'Best on the Bench' for the meeting will be awarded an extra point, and can be awarded to any entry from the first 4 sections.

No points will be awarded for the Most Perfumed Rose. The winner will be decided by popular vote and the member's name will be recorded. The most prolific winner of this section will be acknowledged at the awards meeting.

No points will be awarded for the 'Show & Share' Section and is for our enjoyment only.

The Show Bench winner for the season will be awarded to the person gaining the most points **irrespective** of whether they exhibited in the Exhibitor Section or in the General Section.

The winner will receive the perpetual trophy at the award's meeting held in August each year. The winner will keep the trophy until the following June where it will be handed back in for the next competition winner.

The runner up and third place getter will be acknowledged and presented with a small certificate and gift.



The Show Bench Winner for Feb 2023 to Jun 2023 is:

Albert Knorr

Second Place - Jeanette Peters

Third Place - Denise Butcher

Fourth Place - Carol Kohler



Our Show Bench Co-Ordinator is Sue Wellington

She will be on hand to assist and streamline the show bench process. The show bench tables are divided into categories, and if you are unsure which category your rose belongs please ask for her assistance.

There will be a separate preparation table to ready your roses. Please use the available labels to write the name of your rose on the front, and if the rose name is not known, please write unknown. Write your name on the back

Place your rose on the display table with the rose name uppermost. No roses will be permitted on the display table without a label.

Exciting news

We congratulate our outgoing secretary Sue Marshall's dedication and her time consuming work in submitting an application to the Sutherland Shire Council for a grant of \$3,200. The application was successful. When the money is received we will have the funds to purchase a laptop computer with a WiFi modem for the Southern Sydney Rose Society. This means that the secretary is no longer required to bring their own private laptop in for use by the Rose Society.

We want your suggestions and ideas

Now that Covid is behind us we are looking for suggestions to make our meetings more interesting and more rewarding. Would you like to visit gardens or go on a bus trip? Would a day trip suit you better, or would you be open to trips further away that would require an overnight stay? Would you like any particular topic covered? You are encouraged to raise your ideas at our meetings, or if you would prefer send your idea via an email to rosesocietynswsouthern@outlook.com

Our first trip suggestion

Have you ever visited the Tulip Top Gardens, Old Federal Hwy, Sutton. The gardens are open from Wed 13 Sept to Sun 15 Oct from 9am to 5pm daily. Tickets are purchased at the gate - Adult entry \$22, Seniors entry \$20. Tea and coffee is included, and there is wine tasting available plus other food outlets. It's been reported to compare very favourably to the Floriade. Let's discuss this at our meeting on 19 Aug and shortlist some dates.



Important dates coming up

A reminder that our meetings are held on 3rd Saturday of the month. Our meeting dates for the remainder of the year are 16th September, 21st October and 18th November

Memberships fees were due on 1 July and are now overdue.

Membership fees for the year to June 2024 are Single: \$40, Dual: \$45 (2 members per household). Payment can be made by bank transfer direct to the NSW Rose Society bank account BSB: 012 429 A/C: 2784 41863.

Please reference your payment with your Initial, Surname, Southern Sydney, Membership Number. If you are unsure of your membership number please contact Denise on 0407588630. If you would find it easier to pay in cash, please do so at the August meeting.

Thursday 10th August - the last day for Neutrog orders. Neutrog is offering a complimentary bag of Human beans for every member who places an order for the spring collection. For each bag of Human Beans given away during this offer, Neutrog will make a donation to Foodbank, meaning your order will provide two meals for those in need.

It was previously stated delivery would be before Sept 1st however this was changed by Neutrog to coincide with our monthly meeting Sat 16th Sept. Delivery will be on Fri 15th Sept at a 'to be advised time' given just 24 hours prior. I will advise everyone who has ordered of a time range where your orders can be picked up on the Friday, otherwise pickup will be on Sat 16th either before or after the meeting.

As per the email sent to current members, if you would like the secretary to place an order on your behalf please contact Denise on 0407588630. I will reference your name in the order, so you will still receive the complimentary bag of Human Beans.

If you miss out this time, the next order is mid February 2024 for a delivery in early March 2024

Sunday 24th September - our major fund raiser - we are having a sausage sizzle at Kirrawee Bunnings, Bath Rd, Kirrawee from 7am to 4pm and we need your help!! Please nominate yourself to cook, serve, be the cashier or just assist in the background. We will have a roster at the next meeting for you to put your name down in a time slot, but essentially any time that you can help would be very much appreciated.



Saturday 25 November - our Christmas Party - will be held at the Trade Union Club, 57 Manchester Rd, Gymea at 12pm. Tables will be booked but we have decided it is easier to allow each member to order & pay for their own meals. This way each person's own diet requirements and their budget is accommodated.

Please bring along a wrapped Kris Kringle present to value of \$15

Afternoon tea is often the most interesting part of the meeting where we get to know each other in a more relaxed setting, get to exchange ideas and learn more about roses. We need to continue this important part of the meeting and to do so we need your help. Can members either bring something for the table or make a small donation. Tea & coffee is provided and complementary

Are you on Facebook?

Did you know that the Rose Society of NSW Southern Sydney Regional has it's own Facebook page? Do you know you can follow our Facebook page so that you can see all the new posts as they appear on your own Facebook page. If you want to know more please ask.

Have you just planted a new rose:

Adequate watering is essential at all stages of the rose's life. While *some* roses have a reputation of being drought tolerant, this is only true once established. When planting new roses it is important they are kept moist with regular watering. New roses that do not receive adequate water will be slow to break dormancy, suffer dieback or simply wilt and die.

When the soil is very dry it becomes hydrophobic. This means it will not absorb or retain moisture. Giving a dose of Eco Hydrate, or similar, will help. Potted roses are especially at risk of becoming hydrophobic so it's important to monitor and water regularly.

Wait until your rose has started to produce new leaves before fertilising, and adding a mulch will enrich the soil, as well as keeping the soil at an even temperature and helping it to retain moisture. Keep mulch to a maximum of 5cm deep, and don't forget to mulch your potted roses.

Pests to watch out for:

Aphids appear in early spring, and they can be found on young flower buds and new foliage. They can form large colonies which will then naturally decline going into summer, before coming back again in the autumn.

Aphids suck the juice from the plant and produce honeydew which then attracts ants.

You can hose the aphids off with water or squish them with your fingers if the infestation is small. Or you can attract ladybirds into your garden, by growing herbs like coriander, fennel & dill, as the ladybirds and their larvae, love to eat aphids. However you will need to avoid using any insecticides as even the most environmentally friendly insecticide will harm the ladybirds.

However if you choose to use an insecticide the most environmentally friendly insecticide is natural pyrethrum.

Curl grubs are the larvae of different species of beetles including the Black African Beetle, Christmas beetles and Scarab beetles.

The life cycle of curl grubs vary in length from one year to every two or three years depending on the species, therefore you can find curl grubs in the garden at any time of the year.

Female beetles lay eggs in the soil which hatch and feed on plant roots. Curl grubs can cause serious damage to turf grasses, damage a range of garden and edible plants and also infest the roots of potted plants. Root damage causes turf to die off leaving brown patches and the patches can be rolled back like carpet because the larvae have nibbled off all the roots. Check potted plants where the plant looks dried out. Infestation levels are usually worse after prolonged periods of very dry hot weather.

Help prevent by not mowing your lawn too closely. Keep your lawn healthy by appropriately watering & feeding your lawns. Throw any grubs to the birds to feed on, as this breaks the life cycle by preventing the next generation of egg laying beetles from emerging. Always check for grubs when re-potting plants

For an organic control, apply eco-neem to lawns, garden beds & potted plants as a soil drench using a watering can, optimally between mid spring to mid summer.

It is also believed that applying the grey water from washing machines containing a low sodium detergent can assist with keeping curl grubs under control.

The adult beetles are attracted to light, so garden lights and sensor lights could be attracting them into your garden

Coming across one or two curl grubs in a garden bed is usually no cause for alarm. It is only when you discover larger numbers that significant damage occurs and treatment is required. With potted plants however they should always be controlled regardless of the number you find.

Our annual Rose Pruning Workshop

held at Woronora Memorial Park last month was a very enjoyable afternoon



“I don’t know whether nice people tend to grow roses or growing roses makes people nice”

Roland A. Browne

