

UPPER NORTH SHORE & HILLS

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Newsletter

THE ROSE SOCIETY OF NSW UPPER NORTH SHORE & HILLS (UNSH) REGIONAL

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What's New

Spring is aBUZZ- we hope you're enjoying a garden buzzing with growth + blooms!

hello

- Monthly meetings held on the 3rd Saturday/ Sunday of each month
- **Next Meeting Sunday 19th November, 4.30pm** Green E Roses, 400-402 Galston Road, Galston
- **NEUTROG orders** for March 2024 delivery **CLOSE NOVEMBER 9th order now** * dont miss out!
- We are getting read to UNSH **Christmas PARTY**- don't forget to **RSVP!**

Upcoming Dates

Here's some important dates to pop in the Calender for the 2023/2024

November

4-5 Sydney Edible Garden Trail
(go visit Chris & Lyns garden in
Kenthurst)

9th November - Neutrog Orders
Closing - order BEFORE this date

19 November - UNSH
meeting; 430PM @ Green
E Roses, Galston

December

9 December - UNSH
meeting & Christmas
Party @ Aubrey's in St
Ives
(dont forget to RSVP)

January

- general basking in the sun
- watering + watering
- UNSH meeting on summer holiday (meeting next in February 2024)



Sydney Edible Garden trail - 4th-5th November

Want to know more about how to grow your own food? Interested in keeping chooks? Come along to the Sydney Edible Garden Trail and learn how to get growing! Approximately 50 gardens across Sydney will be open over the weekend. Some are small and some are large. All will be different and interesting. The focus is on edibles. Visit a multitude of gardens by car, bus or foot on this self-guided tour. The trail will run from **9am to 4pm on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th November 2023**, with tickets valid for both days.

UNSHkin members Chris & Lyn Jones' Garden "Kentridge" at Kenthurst are featured in the event (YAY + big congratulations!)- it will be open on both days and all UNSHkins are enthusiastically invited to attend.

www.sydneyediblegardentrail.com to buy tickets and view participating gardens

A note from the Chair

Welcome back David for your second term in office! (Ed)

*A very big and sparkly congratulations to our UNSH members that shone on the show Bench at our October show - the exhibits were not only abundant and beautifully prepared - but also very impressive. For the members that missed the show - we have included a **show showcase for your enjoyment** ! Special thanks to the UNSH members that assisted in the*

preparation, setup, and functioning of the show - it was a resounding success in partnership with Blue Mountains/Nepean/Hawkesbury Regional.

Our meetings remain engaging and exciting thanks to the participation of our members in providing new gardens to visit, and so beautifully catered new treats to feed us when we meet. We are finalising our UNSH 2024 Rosters for hosting and for Afternoon Teas. Please SIGN UP if you'd like to support UNSH through hosting a meeting at your garden, or helping with the Afternoon tea. If its your first time volunteering for one of these roles, have a chat with Judy or myself about any questions you might have. Also, we have been discussing 2024 excursion locations - please let me know if you have any suggestions of venues or occasions we could visit as a group.

Please remember to get those Neutrog orders in by November 9th - for our early 2024 delivery - its always exciting to start planning your next round of fertilising! Also, please RSVP ASAP to my Christmas Party email (I included the details **below**) so we can get the caterers all sorted - and get a really special celebration prepared for our UNSH group.

David



*Our December meeting is being held at Aubrey Knowles's home on **Saturday 9th December and to commence at 12pm.***

*We have booked a Catering Company who will provide a buffet Christmas lunch. The cost of the lunch is \$60 per person, however UNSH will subsidise **\$20 per UNSH member for the first 30 members** to RSVP. For your convenience I have provided a copy of the buffet inclusions .*

*We need to obtain numbers and any dieatary requirements so we can ensure that we have alternatives if needed. Could I ask you to reply to this email (davidsmith@westpac.com.au) **RSVP by Friday 3rd November** if you would like to attend and also of any dietary requirements you may have.*

We don't require payment as yet, just getting the numbers together so that we can advise the catering company. Hoping you can join us on the day.



We are VERY excited to be attending our UNSH Advisors Klaus & Brigitte Eckhardt @ Green E Roses. They believe that "roses are the party animal of the garden". Winter, spring, summer and autumn, - anytime is a good time to plant a rose. They have an abundance of all kinds of roses: modern, traditional and old world, and the various forms: bush, climbing or standardised.

A few requests from our gracious hosts:

- you will need to **BYO chair** - please bring your own chair for this meeting - it will assist in the quick setup and packdown of the meeting after a big day of business for the Eckhardts
- Meeting **START 4.30pm** is a touch later than usual to allow for the business to finish up for the day. Please can members arrive **NO EARLIER** than **430pm**. It gets a bit hectic at COB time with last minute enquiries/shoppers.
- PARKING for members - **please utilise the verge for parking** - as the Nurseries carpark will still be in operation - and be congested with the last of the days customers. You are more than welcome to drop off for ease of mobility for all members - however please return your vehicle for parking to the verge.
- Please keep in mind - BENCHING table will be ON - HOWEVER if it is a windy day benching will be cancelled due to the bench being outside with no protection.

There will be **no Market stall** - as all those loose pennies we encourage to be directed to a bounty from the Nursery (as you desire/as many as your can tessellate in the boot lol) - **Klaus & Brigitte Eckhardt will have the Nursery stock available for UNSH exclusive shopping hours within our meeting time. We CANNOT wait for some VIP shopping laps amongst the roses!**



PLEASE NOTE : Our Market Stall will NOT be held for our November Meeting - as we will all be too excited bundling our cars with goodies on sale from Green E !! Market Stall will be back in December.

Our Market stall is where we *share or grab a nice bargain!* Each month at our meetings the market stall is set up and bountifully laden by our UNSH members. It's the best place to grab a new little plant/seedling/cutting or some yummy local produce.

You can donate: We'd love YOU to contribute if you had some plants or produce to share. Bring along plants that you have propagated, or some special cuttings, surplus bulbs, gardening books, vases, or some homemade produce like jams, honeys, eggs, fruit & veggies. *Please price* mark your goodies before bringing them. Prices are to be \$1, \$2 and \$3 – Great value and all funds raised go to UNSH.

Last meeting

Highlights from September meeting + visit from Brother Jeff Regan

Welcome to the newly appointed **2023/2024 UNSH Executive** members!

UNSH Chair	David Smith
Vice Chair	Judy Satchell
Secretary	Rebekah Jackson
Treasurer	Sandy Crompton
NSW State UNSH Representatives	Judith Williamson & Scott Crichton
<i>UNSH Patron</i>	Sandra Ross
<i>UNSH Advisors</i>	Klaus & Brigitte Eckhardt

Please have a read through of the September Minutes to check out the details.

Thankyou to Paul Stanley + Rebekah for hosting at Birchgrove - we were able to Champagne cheers together the opening of the Kate Stanley Memorial Garden, take a ramble amongst the fuchsias, and collect our Neutrog bounties with glee.



Wishing many thanks to Brother Jeff Regan who provided a wonderful mini seminar on preparing roses for benching + was also able to attend Guest Judging our UNSH show bench on the day.

Useful tips for Benching with Brother Jeff:

- Toolkit for Benching – towel, spray, bucket for water, oasis – cut and presoaked. , watering can
- ALSO: small snips, paperclips, thorn strippers, oasis knife, rose pellets (from Lincraft) assists in 'propping' petals, name tags for every rose/exhibit.
- An exhibition rose is – a single hybrid tea that has nice form – perfect form – middle closed
- A fully opened rose will have stamens visible.
- Flower + stalk visible roughly proportionately same length as vase
- If showing 3 blooms – try and get matching sizes OR Try and put the smaller bloom in front if unavoidable- makes the size mismatch less noticeable

How many leaf joins to include ? Doesn't matter – if something doesn't improve my exhibit – get rid of it. (enter the tiny scissors)

Why am I getting Short stems? ; conservative pruners – be bold/brutal to get long strong new growth!- Make sure blooms/ 'face' of the rose is looking at the judge.

What's your fertilizer regimen in preparation for shows?

- o Usually would do a light prune + fertilise in warm months – to roughly 6 weeks beforehand
- o Depends on what you're prepping for : for example Experiment with spacing the prune so half bush is pruned + fertilised and then other half bush prune and fertilized a week later – allows 2 flushes to correspond with showing with successive weekends.
- o Seamungus in winter, then in spring summer Autumn, rotates between Sudden Impact + (either seamungus/ populate/ GOGO) in 6 weekly intervals

What on earth is 'Fridging'?

- o Blooms can be stored up to 5 days before competition
- o Used as a way to HALT bloom progression to desired opening
- o Can be very useful to prevent damage from extreme temps and weather
- o Can be useful to preserve the bloom from 'bees dancing on the stamens'
- o Can actually enhance some fragrances - experiment with different Roses
- o Can impact colour in different ways – i.e intensifies some pinks. Can make some reds more blued

- o No need to cover with cloth – covering increases the chance of creasing / bruising marks
- o store in a shelf or a door of the fridge – miniatures are good for door storage.
- o Or if all else fails Have a rose fridge! lol

Benching beauties

What a bloom laden bench at our September meeting!



It's a Showcase

Check out some highlights from the Blue Mountains/Nepean/Hawkesbury/UNSH Regional Show!



Our Spectacular UNSH Bench laden with showstoppers!



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SANDY CROMPTON - FIRST



NBMH Regional Open Miniature and Miniflora Championship - Richard and Ruth Walsh

Champion Decorative Roses - Richard and Ruth Walsh - Frantic

Champion Miniflora - Richard and Ruth Walsh - Blushing Barbara







Well Done
Aubrey!

Best UNSH Exhibitor Classes 49-51 - Aubrey Knowles - Grand Amore



Aubrey's Champion Vase Full Bloom Roses - Jazz Festival.



A very thrilled Robyn East being congratulated by UNSH Patron, Sandra Ross having won the Grand Champion Unit with Bordeaux - Floribunda 4-6 cuts/stems



- **Rose Society of NSW INC website** nsw.rose.org.au To **LOGIN** simply enter Username : **rmember** with Password: **Seduction**.
- Wagner's Rose Nursery discount @ www.wagnersrosenursery.com.au. USE discount code: **100%ROSES!** (Remember to include '!')
- As members of NSW Rose Society we enjoy an **ongoing partnership with Neutrog**. Members have access to **Neutrog** discounts online at shop.neutrog.com.au. You can order ANYtime - your orders accumulate and are bundled together for dispatch. The last dispatch for 2023 has been collected in September - so hopefully everyone is flinging or has 'flung' their goodies about the garden . The [NEXT date for DELIVERY to Birchgrove, Galston will be March 2024. ORDERS FOR next delivery CLOSE 9th November](#)



Biological Fertilisers

NOVEMBER



Year round fertilising for year round health

Like humans and animals, plants require regular feeding throughout the year – at least once in each season.

Happy, healthy, well nourished plants are more resistant to pests, diseases, heat stress and frost.

PLANTING IN NOVEMBER


Now is the time to be planning the summer application for your Year Round Feeding Programme. Like humans and animals, plants require regular feeding throughout the year – at least once each season. Happy, healthy, well-nourished plants are more resistant to pests, diseases, heat stress and frost.

All gardens will benefit from applications of **Seamungus**, **GOGO Juice** and **Whoflungdung** to ensure a biologically active base for plants to thrive in. With plenty of great fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers to plant now, a boost of microbiology will reward gardeners with plants that are protected a resilient against stress, pests and diseases.



GENERAL GARDEN

The whole garden will benefit from an application of a soil and plant conditioner, rich in naturally derived nutrients. **Seamungus 2L Hose On**, is an easy way to add all the benefits of beneficial microbes, seaweed, fish, humates, lucerne and coal, in a formula readily absorbed by hungry plants.





POTTED COLOUR

Christmas will be here before we know it, so consider planting up some pots and baskets for colour to brighten your home for the festive season. Once established, begin feeding every 8 weeks with **Strike Back for Orchids** for healthy soil, healthy plants and plenty of flowers.



LAWN

Feed your lawns now with Sudden Impact for Lawns. Non-flowering plants such as hedges, ferns, palms and conifers will also thrive using our lawn fertilisers. Try the new **Sudden Impact for Lawns Ready-to-Use Hose On** or granules. Both versions are equipped with **POPULB** for healthy green plants.



VEGGIE PATCH

Plan and prepare to plant your summer veggie garden. Tomatoes, Sweet Corn and a wide range of herbs to complement your cooking can be planted now. Incorporate **Human Beans** throughout the soil and water in well with **GOGO Juice**.





FLOWERS

For spring and early summer colour choose from the wide range of annuals available at your local garden centre. Prepare the soil by incorporating **Rapid Raiser** throughout and water in well with **GOGO Juice**. Feed with **Sudden Impact for Roses** for strong and floriferous plants.



NEUTROG POT GUIDE

All potted plants will need a feed to keep them thriving throughout the year.

Application rates differ depending on the size of the pot you are using, so to make it easier for you, we have put together this simple guide.



Pot Size	40"/100cm	30"/76cm	20"/50cm	12"/30cm	6"/15cm
Strike Back for Orchids:	100g	75g	50g	30g	15g
Sudden Impact for Roses:	185g	135g	85g	45g	15g
Kahoona:	185g	135g	85g	45g	15g
Seamungus:	250g	190g	125g	75g	40g
Bush Tucker:	150g	115g	75g	45g	25g
Gyganic:	185g	135g	85g	45g	15g
Human Beans:	250g	190g	125g	75g	40g

UNSHroses.

LET'S SHINE IN THE ROSE ANNUAL FOR 2024



the editor for the Rose Annual 2024 has asked for #pics of our UNSHkins enjoying the roses - or any story contributions. We KNOW you will have some great items to share - please email us - so we can share what a fabulous bunch of rosarians we are!

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get in touch 

please don't hesitate in reaching out, for questions or a chat!

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how do I renew my membership?

There are several ways to pay your membership. You can:

- Pay directly at a meeting. Bring along your money and make the payment to our Subscription Secretary Maureen Thackeray.
- Make a bank transfer from your bank account directly to the NSW Rose Society bank account. The bank details are: BSB: 012 429; Account: 2784 41863. References: Your Initial, Last Name, Region (UNSH)Membership Number.
- Make a direct deposit at an ANZ branch using the above BSB and Account number. NOTE: If you choose to bank your renewal in person at a branch you will need to use your membership number as a reference, (do not use your name). The NSW Rose Society has over 700 members and your membership number is essential to distinguish your payment.
- Membership Fees are: Single: \$40 | Dual: \$45 (Two per household) | Junior: \$5 (under 18) | Associate: \$40 (e.g., a local business).

we look forward to you continuing your Rose Society membership