

UPPER NORTH SHORE & HILLS

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Newsletter

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

UNSH Signature Roses



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Sambreuil

What's New

Show me the highlight reel!

hello

- Monthly meetings held on the 3rd Saturday/ Sunday of each month
- Next Meeting **Sunday 18th February, 4pm, Sandy's House + Garden ; 27 Jean Street with Guest Speaker Mark Massey of Mother Earth Nurseries.**
- **NEUTROG orders for March 2024 delivery have closed**
- UNSH took a holiday over the Summer break - will see YOU February 2024 you for our next meeting

Upcoming Dates

Here's some important dates to keep in the Calendar for 2024

January 2024

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

February

18th February -
UNSH meeting @
Sandy's, SEVEN
HILLS. Guest Speaker
+ Judge, Mark
Massey

March

2nd March ECTRG Open
Day

16th March UNSH
Meeting- details
pending

October

12 October -
UNSH Rose
Show (in
conjunction with
Blue
Mtns/Nepean/
Hawksebury

OPEN DAY



OPEN DAY at the EAST COAST ROSE TRIAL GARDEN

UNSH is warmly invited to attend the ECRTG (East Coast Rose Trial Garden) Open Day

WHEN : March 2nd

TIME : 10am

WHERE : 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa

Winbourne (Edmund Rice Retreat Centre). Follow the road down to the roundabout within the Centre and down the hill to the trial gardens.

BRING: Bring your own lunch. There'll be tea/coffee available

BONUS: Potted roses for sale

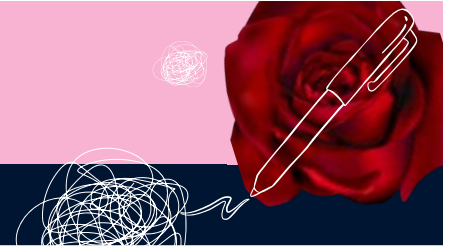


Pam Dunn - Jan 31st ; Judith Williamson Feb 2nd

Sending all our warmest wishes for a sparkly day,
blooming in roses - and hoping that your year ahead
is filled with laughter + friendship

A note from our Rose Advisors

Klaus & Brigitte Eckhardt - of Green E Roses



“Lessons from a Rose - If you don't feel the pointed things in life, you'll soon take the soft ones for granted”

Since winter, roses have gone through a lot! They have used a lot of energy growing and flowering, most of the time using resources already stored in the plant. Now they want to do more growing and flowering, and **we can help them.**

- **Deadhead and prune** to help make new growth
- **Fertilise** to energise them. And help them fight pesky insects and fungi.
- Be aware that young growth will need extra attention – it's soft. You may have to water more so that young shoots don't dehydrate.
- **Don't forget the roots** – they live and work in the soil. Check moisture levels and dry spots in garden and particularly pot situations. Don't just rely on automatic systems – stuff happens.
- When watering, make sure the water penetrates to the root zone. **Best to water when leaves dry off quickly** (mornings is good) to minimise conditions that benefit fungi.
- Mulching is good.
- Drenching the roots with a seaweed solution is good. Using a wetting agent to help water penetrate can be a benefit.

REMEMBER Watch the heat – particularly sudden temperature changes. If you are affected by the heat so is your rose – we all live in the same universe.

Summer roses grow and flower quickly and can provide much joy with relatively little effort on our part.

Yours in Roses,

Klaus & Brigitte Eckhardt

A note from the Chair

David Smith presiding





We finished off our year with a Christmas special event - What a great day! Our December meeting was a such a delicious feast of Christmas fare alongside lovely conversation with our UNSH membership. What an incredible way to finish off 2023 on such a high note. Sending HUGE thanks to Judy Satchell for the meticulous co-ordination of(possibly) our largest raffle bench in UNSH history, alongside a fun trivia activity to "know your Aubrey Knowles"; alongside organising, setting up and packing down with Sandy. The day couldn't have happened without all your hard work ladies Thankyou to the UNSHkins that whipped up a working bee to setup and packup on the day as needed - it was greatly appreciated.

Our most exuberant thanks to Aubrey for hosting us in his home, with Avrils support and assistance - it was such a delight to spend time wandering in your extensive and vigorously blooming rose collection. I think we all learnt a few interesting bits of information from the Aubrey quiz - no doubt. We have included this in the Newsletter - for those who missed it - for your enjoyment.

As we enter the New Year we would like to thankyou our UNSH State Committee Members Judith and Scott for their ongoing commitment to representing the interests of UNSH at NSW State Rose meetings - we thoroughly appreciate the time, and energy you share in attending to this role.

I hope everyone has been able to keep cool and relaxed in the garden over January - and we are looking forward to meeting again at Sandy's place for our next meeting in February. Wishing you all a beautiful start to our shiny new year - 2024!

Yours in Roses,

David



 *UN & H Christmas*
JINGLE ROSES - what a wonderful celebration together!









Market stall OPEN for UNSH February Meeting

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.



East Coast Rose Trial Garden

- The UNSH executive proposed an UNSH donation/contribution to support the ECTG with a proposed **\$500 UNSH financial support.**
- **It is proposed that members who agree to have their details shared with the ECTG be offered a complimentary membership (\$10 per annum) with the cost being paid by UNSH. Membership are encouraged to please advise permission of detail sharing to UNSH Chair via email response to finalise complimentary membership. by Sunday 16 March 2024**

Membership provides access to: an informative quarterly publication edited by Richard Walsh and supports the ongoing work of the ECTG.

The Forum is a member's only area where the Friends of the Garden have access to the most recent Forum Newsletter by Richard Walsh.

Members can join the Friends of the Garden for \$10.00 per year and you will receive 4 Newsletters about all things Australian Bred Roses.

You will have access by using a password to read all previous Forum Newsletters.

You will learn how to develop and breed new roses with Richard and Ruth.

New releases etc.

Miss Jane is the rose featured here. The rose is a beautiful floribunda released by Wagners and bred by Richard and Ruth Walsh. Not unusual for the rose to have up to ten blooms in a cluster.



- *BONUS: It is proposed that if 50 members of UNSH consent to detail sharing – the amount donated will be \$500. It is proposed that if membership consent for detail sharing **exceeds 50** – then the amount for donation will be adjusted proportionally.*

Please review the December minutes for the formal proceedings of the meeting.





1. How old will Aubrey be next birthday?

- a) 95 b) 99 c) 100

2. What is his birthday month ?

- a) March b) June c) September

3. Aubrey started his horticultural career growing produce at the age of 12, and he would sell his produce to his mum for sixpence a pound. What crop did he sell her ?

- a) Tomatoes b) broad beans c) beans

4. Aubrey played in the Lindfield Light Symphony Orchestra – what instrument did he play ?

- a) Oboe b) violin c) saxophone

5. His main sport in high school was...

- a) High jumping b) hurdling c) rifle shooting

6. During his life Aubrey's main hobby was...

- a) Philately b) gardening c) photography

7. He became captain of the Lindfield Pennant Team in what sport?

- a) Badminton b) bowls c) golf

8. Aubrey still enjoys what type of dancing on a Wednesday night ?

- a) New Vogue b) Ballroom c) Hip Hop

9. Aubrey is incredibly skilled in which art form?

- a) Painting b) woodwork c) metalwork

10. What was Aubrey's occupation just before he retired

a) Private investigator b) CEO of a manufacturing plant c) Bank Manager

11. Aubrey was awarded the OAM in which year for his service in his role in No.10

a) 1983 b) 1980 c) 1985

12. Aubrey's motto is: "Bite off more than you can chew, and"

a) chew like hell b) chew like the devil c) chew so hard that its hurts"

13. Aubrey has won the Ku-ring-Gai Society's President's Award for what? For the last three years.

a) Annual Exhibitor b) Contribution to Horticulture c) most amount of exhibits benched each year.

ANSWERS: 1.C, 2.A, 3.C, 4.B, 5.C, 6.C, 7.B, 8. B, 9.B, 10.C, 11.C, 12.A, 13.A



The December Raffle was the BIGGEST yet - thank you to Judy for your extraordinary efforts in organising it all , for the members that assisted in selling Raffle tickets this year, and for the UNSH memberships ongoing participation.



Congratulations to the December winners:

- Penny Whipp - Vase with Basil Seeds
- Rod Groves - Gift Basket
- Lisa Brandsen - Christmas Gardening Apron
- Sandy Crompton - Scented Candle
- Jill Fraumeni - Sudden Impact bundle
- Graham Piper - Paul Haynes Book
- Trish Piper - Miniature Rose
- Rosie Ceruti - Scented Candle
- Graham Piper - artisinal Turkish Delight
- Maree Ross - Bottle of Wine
- Kym Swaby - Darrell Lea Hamper
- David Smith - Raspberry Kisses Fucshia
- Trish Piper - Darrell Lea Hamper
- Rebekah Jackson - Our Amanda Rose
- David Smith - Homemade Jam + Ceramic Bowl
- Les Dunn - Ceramic Mug
- Rosie Ceruti - Soil Fertiliser Pack
- Carolyn Hughes - Black Marvel Fertiliser Pack
- Kym Swaby - Fertiliser Pack



Our raffles raise money for the UNSH kitty to assist in catering, and hosting monthly meetings and annual shows. Tickets are on sale at monthly meetings, with proceeds managed by the Treasurer.

Why not grab a ticket at next months meeting - the Christmas Raffle is a VERY exciting one!

1. Clair Matin
2. Monsieur Tillier
3. Safrano
4. Paul Bocuse
5. Sombreuil

my favourite Rose

we asked UNSH patron
Sandra Ross to pick her TOP 5
(it was a tricky call to make)



Congratulations and Thankyou to all the members that participated in the Benching table - what a HOT day for our Roses to perform on the Bench!

Special Thanks to our Patron and Guest Judge Sandra Ross for reviewing and celebrating our Benching Beauties.





JUDGES PICK of the
Day:
Paul Bocuse - an
extraordinary rose
named after French
Chef of same name



Congratulations Kym!



| Class | | First 10 Points | Second 7 Points | Third 3 Points | Judges Pick 20 Points |
|--------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Novice | Class 1 - 1 Cut of a floribunda rose | Kym | Rebekah | - | Kym |
| Novice | Class 2 - Floating bowl - 1 rose with foliage | Rebekah | Maree | - | |
| Intermediate | Class 3 - 1 Cut Australian Bred rose (HT or Flor) | Antonietta | Antonietta | - | |
| Intermediate | Class 4 - Vase of own grown roses viewed all around (rose foliage only) | Rebekah | Antonietta | Rebekah | |
| Advanced | Class 5 - 1 Exhibition Rose | Aubrey | - | - | |
| Advanced | Class 6 - 6 miniatures roses in float bowl - each one different | Aubrey | Judy | Aubrey | |





| Dec-23 | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------|--------|---------|----------|--------|---------|-------|
| Member | Benching | Novice | Regular | Advanced | Judges | Members | TOTAL |
| Anne Buttigieg | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| Antonietta Destro | 4 | 0 | 27 | 0 | | | 31 |
| Aubrey Knowles | 3 | 0 | 0 | 23 | | | 26 |
| Chris Jones | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| Dianne Waring | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| Georgina McCarthy | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| Jill Fraumeni | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| Judy Satchell | 4 | 0 | 0 | 7 | | | 11 |
| Julie Barlow | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| Maree Ross | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | | | 9 |
| Paul Stanley | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| Rebekah Jackson | 4 | 17 | 13 | 0 | | | 34 |
| Cheryle Hobart | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| Scott Crichton | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| Sandra Crompton | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |
| Kym Swaby | 4 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 20 | | 34 |
| Trish Piper | | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | 0 |



2023/2024 YEAR TO DATE TOTALS

| Member | Benching | Novice | Regular | Advanced | Judges | Members | YTD Total |
|----------------------|----------|--------|---------|----------|--------|---------|-----------|
| Anne Buttigieg | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| Antonietta Destro | 7 | 0 | 94 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 101 |
| Aubrey Knowles | 8 | 0 | 0 | 330 | 0 | 15 | 353 |
| Chris and Lynn Jones | 2 | 0 | 7 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 19 |
| Dianne Waring | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Georgina McCarthy | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jill Fraumeni | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Judy Satchell | 8 | 0 | 0 | 260 | 20 | 15 | 303 |
| Julie Barlow | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Maree Ross | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| Paul Stanley | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rebekah Jackson | 6 | 27 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 |
| Cheryle Hobart | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Scott Crichton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sandra Crompton | 1 | 77 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 |
| Kym Swaby | 11 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 91 |
| Trish Piper | 4 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 41 |



- **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 have CLOSED.](#)

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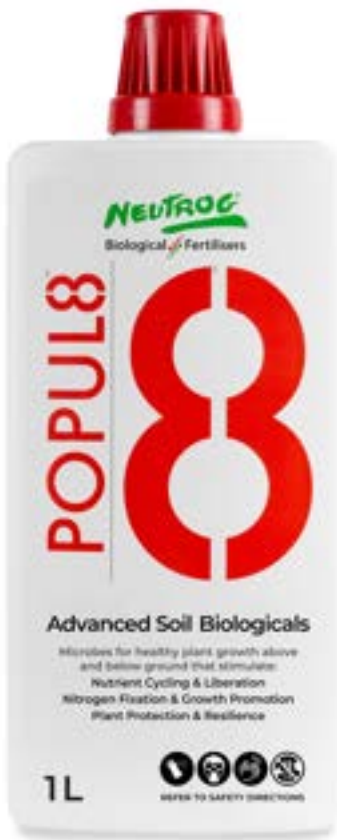


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FEBRUARY IN THE GARDEN

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

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| 2024 UNSH Executive | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 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 |

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