

# UNSH Newsletter

**Edition March 2021**

**Next meeting: Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April  
2021 12 noon BBQ then meeting to  
follow at Anne & Peter's garden.**



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Upper North Shore & Hills Regional  
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UNSH meets on **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday**  
of each month in 2021.

Patron: Sandra Ross  
Chair & Editor: Kate Stanley  
Treasurer: Judy Satchell

UNSH Rose Advisors: Brigitte & Klaus Eckardt (Green E Roses)  
Assistant Chair: David Smith  
Secretary: Paul Stanley

UNSH Signature Roses:  
Sombreuil & Kardinal

UNSH Instagram: [unsh\\_rose\\_regional](https://www.instagram.com/unsh_rose_regional)

Please email Victoria with your garden photos  
on [victoria.vartuli@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.vartuli@gmail.com)

She will upload them on to the UNSH Instagram  
site.



## 'Birchgrove' rose

'WALpenjul'

Bred by **WALSH** roses

'Penelope' (1924) X 'Fourth of July'

Released 2021

Hybrid Musk

Shrub

Can be grown as Pillar Rose or Small  
Climber

Moderate Musk Fragrance

Pink blend, medium pink

Darker outer petals and yellow centres

2 M X 2 M

Repeat flowers

Semi double flower

UNSHkins were  
gifted a  
bookmark (see  
left) 'Birchgrove'  
rose details.

To be benched in Shrub class. Commercially available bare rooted from Wagner's Nursery South Australia and potted from Green E Roses. Sold as a charity WALSH Rose. A proportion of rose sales will be sent to Young Diggers Ltd-The Dog Squad-providing companion dogs for veterans suffering from PTSD.

Formal Launch of 'Birchgrove' rose at UNSH March Meeting marking the birthplace of UNSH in May 2017 by UNSH Patron, Sandra Ross. Rose first pollinated in 2009. Rose suited for large properties. Opportunity to produce a charity rose for WALSH ROSES.



It was an historic day for UNSH and also a memorable one as the weather conditions of 100 year floods and heavy rain. We transferred our meeting from Graham & Trish's, as their garden was very sloshy and did not provide the shelter we would need as the forecasted heavy rain. So it was a bit of a scramble! Here is Jill's display arrangement she made from flowers that were fallen from the rain.

Right: **Trish & Graham** were presented with a "Birchgrove" rose from UNSH, for preparing their garden 'L'Hirondelle' for the March UNSH Meeting, that needed to be changed at the last minute. 'L'Hirondelle' means 'bird' and has been open many times for the Galson Open Garden Scheme which raises money for charity. It is an English Style garden sporting mature European Trees, rose beds and buxus lined drive. It has been filmed by Better Homes and Gardens. Graham concentrates his efforts on a vegetable garden and mowing the five acre property. Trish focuses on her roses and the care that goes with them. They received their 25 year membership badge at the UNSH Rose Show 2019. Trish is a keen rose exhibitor and is always willing to help UNSH in any way.



TRISH: Left to right: REGULAR Class 3 Vase of roses; Class 4 Exhibition Rose; 'Folklore'; Ex Rose- 'City of Goulbourn'

NB: Only one exhibit per class please. In a Rose Show one would be NAS. Also an Exhibition Rose cannot have side buds (clip off neatly -better still when growing) and needs to be fully open without showing stamens. (Like cream rose above)

Sandra was going to interview Ruth & Richard Walsh on the newly released 'Birchgrove' rose but will be held over to the UNSH May meeting as the Walshes were trapped by floods and unable to come.



UNSH  
Patron  
**Sandra  
Ross**

Sandra was presented with a 'Birchgrove' rose.

Thank you Sandra for bringing a box of garden goodies to go on the raffle table. Congratulations to Trish Piper; Shannon Shepherdson; Aubrey Knowles; Pam Dunn; Julie Barlow.



SANDRA'S PICK (\$10 Prize money)

Left: Judy Satchell with Sandra

Exhibit: WALSH rose 'Blushing Barbara'



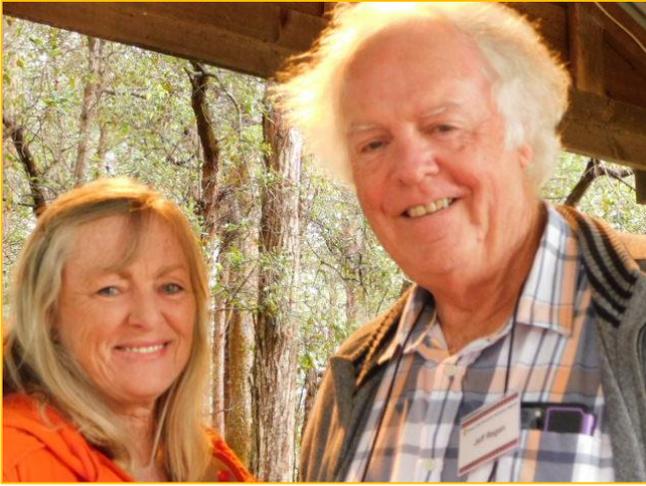
Class 9  
1st

Back row left to right

Margaret Smith , Judith Williamson, Judy Horton, Aubrey Knowles (just turned 97 yrs old!), Jeff Regan, David Smith, Sandra Ross, Julie Barlow, Peter Buttigieg, Graham Piper, Jill Fraumeni.

Front left to right: Pam, Judy Satchell, Georgina McCarthy, Paul Stanley.





**Guest speaker & Judge: Brother Jeff Regan  
( Chair Nepean, Blue Mts, Hawkesbury)**

Jeff donned the floaties to come from the flooded Nepean River to speak to an eager audience of coated and rugged up UNSHkins. He spoke of his unique COVID experience in ICU at the beginning of 2020. It was an interesting account of how he caught it, treatment, time in hospital and rehabilitation. He was interviewed on television and continues to be sought after from the medical fraternity as feedback for those dealing with COVID patients.

He then went on to talk about how he fell in love with roses and his subsequent exhibiting. He included the challenge he has being a single exhibitor staging his roses. He has 260 roses, 95 % of them in pots and hand watered. UNSH presented him with "Birchgrove" rose and while he is not keen on pink roses he often wins with 'Duet'. He has successfully shown at the Royal but enters the single classes as opposed to the Championships with multiple vases. Jeff has recently been appointed a Probationary Judge by the State Council, so UNSH put him to use and judged our Show Bench. The members also enjoyed his notes on their exhibits.

Jeff chose Judy Satchell's 'One of Each' Floral Design as his 'Judges' Pick with \$10 prize money. (See above photo)



Judges' Pick

Class 10 : Floral Design 'One of Each'

Judy Satchell



Judy Horton  
OAM

We are fortunate to have Judy Horton living in our local area with a lifetime of horticultural knowledge. Judy has spoken at one of UNSH's Christmas in July Luncheons. It was wonderful that she could come and share with UNSH as 'Birchgrove' rose was launched. One was gifted to her.

Judy is the current editor of the "Our Gardens" magazine and there will be an upcoming article about the "Birchgrove" rose in it. Judy spent 22 with Yates and rewriting their month by month gardening book. She then took gardens tours for Botanica. She is a keen bush regenerator and is an authoritative speaker to garden clubs. She has been a Gardening Radio host on the ABC and 2UE and is the Patron of Galston Garden Club. While officially retired, Judy exudes anything gardening and is actively involved with other gardeners. Judy has written two books, one a revised "Yates Month by Month" and also "Planting for Privacy". She is enjoying restoring her bush block in Dural with her husband, now that her hectic work pace has slowed.



Antionietta Destro

exhibiting as a Novice

Class 1: Vase of Garden flowers including roses.

Note the varying forms of foliage and flower size and colour to add interest. Antionietta has used her eye catching rose the front of the arrangement.



UNSHkins and UNSH Rose Advisors, Klaus & Brigitte Eckardt of Green E Roses Nursery, Galston came today for the launch of "Birchgrove" rose. They received budwood from WALSH Roses and have been growing them on for release this year. The 'Birchgrove' rose now on sale. Limited stock for 2021. Don't miss out!



3<sup>rd</sup>  
Class 1

This exhibit above of garden flowers was beautiful but was marked down because it did not include roses which were specified on the schedule. It is a hard lesson to learn when a word or words from the schedule are not adhered to. That is, it can be a subtle as singular or plural.  
  
Left : Class 2 -One cut rose. Well done Anne, lovely exhibit.



1st

Peter & Anne Buttigieg who will be hosting the April UNSH meeting at their two acre property which has shelter.

## April Meeting

BBQ Lunch start at 12 noon. (ie meat on the BBQ and salads set up) **UNSH will provide meat.** Please bring a small salad/cut fruit We need a few people to serve salads (as per COVID guidelines). We will have tables set up. Please bring a folding chair. Please bring your plate/bowl and cutlery. The meeting will start at 2 pm till 4 pm. Bring your own drink please.

BBQ 'ers also needed. Speaker: Sue Montgomery on "Landscaping with Roses"

Show Bench schedule will be sent out. Raffle and last meeting date to put in Neutrog order. Please place order in a named envelope.



March  
Show  
Bench

Class 3: Vase of Roses



1st

3rd



Middle: Class 4: Exhibition Rose



Class 9: One cut/stem Mini

2nd

Aubrey (legally blind) being assisted by Judith Williamson (NZ Rose Judge)



1st



Aubrey reached his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday!

Aubrey exhibits as a Regular as he has won awards at the UNSH Rose Show.

Class 5: One cut Floribunda- 'Origami'

Class 10 : Floral Design: 'One of Each'



Class 9 & 10 entered were a class ABOVE which is permitted. Well Aubrey on your first bench at an UNSH meeting! Aubrey used the opportunity to speak to Jeff afterwards to learn tips in benching.

## Aubrey

Class 9 'Dwarf Fairy'

Class 4 'St Brigidine' (Is this AB St Brigid's rose?)

Under the rules of benching, a partially sighted member is permitted to have assistance from another person in staging.

Aubrey has a garden full of carefully tended roses. He is still buying more and designing a new rose garden bed.



Jill Fraumeni and Julie Barlow. Jill is a Novice Exhibitor and Julie a Regular. Julie won awards in the 2019 UNSH Rose Show.

## Jill & Julie

Jill: Vase of garden flowers including roses



2nd

Mini Cecile Brunner  
(UNSH Secret Santa)  
Exhibitor : Georgina

3<sup>rd</sup>  
Class 2

'Red Intuition'  
(Jill's)

2<sup>nd</sup>  
Class 1

3<sup>rd</sup> TBC  
Class 3  
Julie's



Please make sure you exhibit in your correct class (or above). Well done Georgina for getting this little rose going.



## Judy



Top left: Class 6: Bud to Full Bloom- ‘

Diana, Princess of Wales’

Above right: Class 8 3-4 Cuts/stems Floribunda-

‘Gold Bunny’

Left: Class 7: Exhibition Rose –‘Mr Lincoln’

**Bud to Full Bloom** is one of the most difficult exhibit to stage. The same cultivar is used in the one vase. There are 4 stages. The first is a bud showing colour. The second is an unfurling, half developed bloom. The third is an exhibition bloom not showing stamens. The fourth is a Fully Opened Bloom showing stamens. The exhibit is set in floral foam. It is helpful to grow 2-3 roses of the same cultivar to assist with this exhibit.

### CULTURAL NOTES-What do now in your rose garden?

After the soaking rain of the past week, now is the perfect time to give your roses a dose of fertilizer, such as Neutrog’s Sudden Impact for Roses. Even though we have had a lot of rain, water fertilizer in well. This will be the last feed until Spring. Whenever you are tending to your roses, it is always wise to trim any diseased, dead or ‘diddley bits’ (Sue Kingsford’s expression). Remove any curled up leaves that little spiders have made into a blanket. Any black spot on leaves remove and put in the bin. Any yellow or black stems remove to healthy stem inside. Disinfect your secateurs after trimming a rose particularly if disease is removed. Don’t do any major rose pruning yet, it is still too early.

## Making a trellis for your climbing rose.



Ideally a rose arbour/trellis should be installed in your garden prior rose planting. However, other factors often come into play. Great gardens are often founded by developing slowly as the owner discovers the lighting, soil and aspect suitable for the planting of a rose. Also coordinating colour of blooms and growth and availability are to be considered. Also economically, rose trellis' can be expensive depending on ready made or bespoke built timber ones. In the above example of photos at 'Birchgrove', there are three climbing rose that have settled in over the past three years. 'Mermaid' (yellow) and 'Sombreuil' (white) on one side of the gate. 'Violina' (soft pink) on the other. While their laterals have been strengthened by gentle pruning, it is now time for them to climb. The blooms appear on horizontal lateral growth. Here we are experimenting with an arbour built as the rose grows.

The trellis' bought for \$50 each from Bunnings with long 4 timber stakes are being used for the sides of the arbour for the canes to be trained on. It is important to remember that several inches of the stake will be underground and the bottom of the trellis needs to be a couple of inches above ground level for garden maintenance. The stakes were attached to the trellis BEFORE they were installed. Although the trellis is not hugely sturdy, it is in a low wind area, so hopefully it will be adequate. It may mean that these trellis' will be replaced by a sturdier arbour but it does the job in the meantime. Please send in your photos into UNSH of your rose arbours. It is always good to make the arbour as tall as possible to allow trucks to go through if need be. Also having extra width is helpful as the rose grows and thorns can catch on to your clothes as the stems can encroach on the path. String, blocks and short stakes were used to assist. Take care using treated pine trellis as the rose plant can react to infused wood. Rather than bending and weaving the rose canes, it is advisable to tie stems to trellis with jute twine to avoid bruising canes.



## Upcoming Rose Shows

These are always outlined in the quarterly 'The Rose' magazine. There are fewer than normal this year due to the National Rose Show in NSW. Normally Macarthur and Sydney would hold a rose show but it conflicts with the date of the National. There is a Miniature show in Autumn in the Southern Highlands as well as the Royal Easter Show. But one show closest to UNSH's location is the Nepean, Blue Mts Regional Rose Show at Penrith. Chair, Jeff Regan spoke to UNSH at the March UNSH meeting. Their show will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2021. UNSH will do a car pooling drive down to bench or visit, meeting at 'Birchgrove'. This way it will help new exhibitors to gain confidence visiting another show. Remember, uniquely, Nepean has a large horticultural and floral section in the show, should you feel your roses may not be ready.



### **NEW RELEASE WALSH ROSE**

'Birchgrove'

Available now at Green E Roses &  
Wagner's Roses

Limited stocks.

## Get your 2021 diaries out & jot down our UNSH meeting dates...

- 18<sup>th</sup> April Anne & Peter's garden Susan Montgomery "How to landscape with roses"
- SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> May UNSH 5<sup>th</sup> Party Geranium Cottage. Rose Devonshire Tea . GC now closed on Sundays. UNSH will be subsidising Limit of 30 members RSVP essential. Bookings taken now. (Waiting list available) \$5 head. Richard & Ruth Walsh speaking. "Editing your Garden" 2 pm.
- 20<sup>th</sup> June UNSH WINTER HOLIDAY
- 18<sup>th</sup> July Neutrog Collection 'Birchgrove'
- 15<sup>th</sup> August \*
- 19<sup>th</sup> September "Dogs & Roses" TBC
- 17<sup>th</sup> October Esther's garden - Talk : Esther's Antarctic expedition & roses.
- 21<sup>st</sup> November \*
- 19<sup>th</sup> December -'Birchgrove' TBC Christmas Party UNSH providing ham and BBQ chicken. Members to bring a salad plate.

If you would like to nominate your garden to host an UNSH meeting indicated by \* in 2021 that would be grand. UNSH would supply afternoon tea/food, tables. Members to bring fold up chair.

Please contact UNSH. Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month. 4- pm in hot months. 2-4 pm in cool months.

### ORDER YOUR ORGANIC NEUTROG PRODUCTS TODAY

Orders may be placed at UNSH **April** Meeting. Please place your order form and money in a clearly marked envelope. Make sure your name is on the form please. A receipt will be issued and attached to your form.

You may like to do it direct deposit to UNSH A/C and scan /send form to UNSH.

Collection on UNSH 18<sup>th</sup> July meeting at 'Birchgrove' Galston. (NEW members will have address supplied closer to date) If you cannot ensure collection on that day, please organize someone to do so BUT inform UNSH ahead of time.

Next NEUTROG order will be in 2022 online ONLY. UNSH will assist the transition.

Cut off date for orders STRICTLY at April meeting. No late orders. Keep a copy of your order.

Details of collection are pending on COVID guidelines at the time.