



ROSE HERALD

Xeriscaping in Landscaping

Ellen Rector is our speaker on Monday, Mar. 28, 2011, at 7:30 p.m.



Xeriscaping is a term coined in Denver, CO, in the 1970s to mean water wise or water efficient landscaping. Guest speaker Ellen Rector is an accomplished horticulturist whose own garden in West Richland illustrates the principles she will be showing us. Ellen will be discussing "Xeriscaping in the Tri-Cities,"

suitable plant selection for our arid climate in mixed gardens, and landscaping in general.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Bring a guest and any dues owed for 2011. Your effort in helping our membership grow is greatly appreciated.

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Ellen Rector will show us a number of water wise plants that can work in the mixed garden.

Here is one from High Country Gardens, Santa Fe, NM.



CO-PRESIDENT JOANN SAYLER

Hello Everyone!

We're enjoying our last month here in AZ before the mass exodus takes place. Most people leave the park the first part of April, including us. It's a shame we will miss the spring bloom of the rose garden here, as the season is running a month late due to two untimely frosts.

Speaking of frost, which I said was unusual



SHARING NEWS AND VIEWS

in AZ, I must clarify that I'm speaking of the southern half of the state (the valley) where we live. If one wishes to ski or experience ice and snow, you just travel 90 miles north. Arizona is divided in half by two distinct climates because of around a 5000-foot difference in altitudes. The valley is nice in the wintertime but much too hot in the summer. Many valley residents

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MEETING TIME

Monday, March 28, 2011. Our meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

HOW TO GET THERE

Head for the intersection of Richland Bypass Highway with Van Giesen. Go west on Van Giesen to West Richland. Continue on Van Giesen past Road 38, Public Library and City Hall. On your left you will spot the sign for Sandberg Event Center & Gardens. The Center is set back slightly from Van Giesen, but the sign is easily observed as you drive 30 mph through town. Turn left and park at 331 S. 41st Ave., West Richland.

CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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have a cabin in the high country that they escape to.

I'm still busy making flower pottery which hopefully will sell at the Rose Show in June. All proceeds will benefit our treasury. It's nice to have an "outlet," because we potters turn out a lot more stuff than we can use.

Don is wrapping up his season on the tennis court. Our park has six courts and plans for two more. It's very popular and the courts are filled from morning to 10 o'clock at night. Retirees play "doubles" mostly. It's only the young who play one on one.

We hope to see Yosemite National Park on our way home, and to visit our daughter and family in Sacramento. Then we should be back in Kennewick by April 10. Looking forward to seeing you all

again, and to the job of waking up our yard and the fish.

MINUTES, FEB. 28, 2011

By Cyndy Sharer for Secretary Rebecca Schmidt

Harlow Young opened the Feb. 28 meeting of the Tri-City Rose Society at the Sandberg Event Center in West Richland at 7:35 p.m. A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the January meeting as written in the *Rose Herald*.

Richard Kerkof thanked Harlow Young, Tom Miles, JoAnn Brehm, Jim Campbell and Norma Boswell for giving rose care talks at the TRAC Home & Garden Show the previous weekend. Seventy-five people attended these talks, not a few of whom were drawn in by Tom Miles standing outside the doorway inviting them in.

It was noted that many people stopped by the TCRS booth for information on growing roses. Jim Campbell commented that Harlow did a nice revision on the trifold handout. Rich and Linda offered three other handouts as well.

Dorothy and Jim Campbell reported on recommendations of the Board from the previous meeting at Richard and Linda Kerkof's home. A major recommendation was to add five names to the Lawrence Scott Park honor roll plaque: Jane Melville, Roscoe Teats, Bill Bequette, and Don and Lorraine Doyle. It was moved and seconded to approve the general idea of the brass honor plaques and look at the size when we're at the park doing our annual spring pruning demonstration.

Another recommendation was to give a free one year TCRS

membership to guest speakers, and to the advertisers in our Rose Show Schedule. Jo Angelos will fulfill the award to Lynda Tripp from Beaver Bark (our January 2011 speaker) and will also make monthly *Rose Herald* delivery to our new 2011 advertisers.

A discussion followed regarding our show venue. We spend \$1200 to rent the Shilo Inn in Richland. Would the Sandberg Event Center be an alternate possibility? Its smaller size, poor lighting, smaller parking lot, less central location, and lack of billboard advertising were cited as drawbacks. In addition, our judges have always stayed at the Shilo Inn, and our luncheon is there. Their staff sets up, moves and takes down the tables. We would have to do all that work ourselves if we held the show at our monthly meeting place.

Hence, fundraising was discussed; should we advertise pruning people's roses in return for donations to the society? Yes, we decided that Jim Campbell would follow through with that idea and call the TCH and advertise in free spots and maybe the Giant Nickel. He will report back.

Next month's speaker is Ellen Rector, who will talk about xeriscaping.

Norma Boswell was our guest speaker and gave an excellent presentation on the pros and cons of gardening with organic and chemical pesticides. Her colorful handouts were very informative and helpful.

We welcomed a guest and possible new member, Bill Meeuwssen from West Richland, who has a garden of 200 roses.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Linda Kerkof, Membership Chair

Our membership list is not yet complete. If you have not yet renewed your membership, this is your last chance without interruption of your *Rose Herald*. There are active members who still have not taken care of their membership. Please take time to attend to this matter.

Each one of you is important to the Tri-City Rose Society. Send your dues directly to Bob Louie, 20 N. Jefferson, Kennewick, WA 99336. Dues are \$17 for a single membership and \$22 for a family membership.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Kerkof at 547-1860 or 851-2110

SANDBERG CENTER PRUNING

*By Kathy and Jim Weber
(To contact them: see page 8.)*

There was a comment made at our February meeting about our society pruning the roses at the Sandberg Event Center where we hold our monthly meetings. Someone has the agreement that was signed with the Event Center. I believe Ann Roberts proposed, and we agreed, to prune the Center's roses as part of the agreement to hold our meetings there for free. I have been unable to reach Ann Roberts, who helped us last year. Jim and I would be willing to tackle the job again this year with some help. We would not conflict with the Lawrence Scott Park Honor Garden pruning demonstration, but perhaps some time after that.

TRAC HOME & GARDEN SHOW

By Chairs Richard & Linda Kerkof

Another Home and Garden Show has taken place, and the Tri-City Rose Society was well represented once again. We need to thank the

Blue Mountain District Garden Clubs for inviting us to have a table in their Flower Show room. We received praise from the Garden Club on our display and how much they appreciated our participation.

Richard and Linda Kerkof would like to thank all those who took time to sit at our table and talk with people who stopped by to discuss roses. This is a big potential membership recruitment opportunity, and we were there to let the public know who we are and what we are about. Thanks to Mark Palmer, Jo Angelos, Julie Powell, Harlow Young, Tom Miles, Jim & Dorothy Campbell, Norma Boswell, Jim & Kathy Weber, and Cyndy Sharer for their time and their hospitality to the public. This was a job well done indeed.



We also wish to extend a thank you to Jim Campbell, Norma Boswell, Harlow Young, Tom Miles and JoAnn & John Brehm for their seminar presentations to the public which reached about 75 people. It is through these events and participation of our members that people in the Mid-Columbia Basin can know more about the rose and how much gratification this flower can bring.

Mark your calendars now for the last weekend in February 2012, and plan to attend and participate in the Tri-City Rose Society's Educational Table and Rose Care Seminars for the public. It really is a nice way to spread the love of roses.

Tri-City Rose Society

Check page 8 for a summary of our next Tri-City Rose Society events.

Check page 1 for this month's program and **page 2** for directions to our meeting place.

We welcome suggestions for speakers and programs. Contact Jim Campbell, 967-2606, scotch1943@frontier.com or Harlow Young at 735-3481. Email threegkids@frontier.com

TCRS meets 10 times a year on the 4th Monday of the month. We hold most of our meetings at the Sandberg Event Center & Gardens, 331 S. 41st Ave., West Richland. In summer we visit public and individual gardens.

We are a nonprofit, educational society affiliated with the American Rose Society. Visitors are always welcome!

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enlivens her world with a healthy touch of humor.

DR. NANCY FOSTER-MILLS



Nancy combines Jo's and Norma's pages, and keeps a valuable website

for TCRS at www.owt.com/rosesociety. She also excels in martial arts... "breaking things."



Bugs To Treasure

by Norma Boswell, Master Rosarian, with photos by permission of Baldo Villegas, world class entomologist and Master Rosarian from Sacramento, CA

Some garden bugs are heroes. Their lifestyle works for you. If you'll be their protector, they'll be your clean-up crew.

We all applaud our ladybugs; now cheer the lady's child.



Her larva "scarfs up" aphids—vacuum cleaner, Nature styled.

A lacewing mom looks innocent.



Behold her "teen" offspring:



an aphid-gobbling predator who helps the roses sing.

Years back, I spied these larval forms and thought that they were bad. I squashed and sprayed with

pesticides. "Bug killing" made me glad.

I got an education. At first I couldn't "see" the good bugs' juveniles at work, rose gardening for me.

For instance, here's a flower fly you'll often see around.



Don't fear her wormy looking child; don't squash it on the ground.



Preserve these aphid-eating kids. Watch how your garden grows. Be grateful "good bug" appetites protect the treasured rose.

March Rose Garden

by Norma Boswell, Master Rosarian,

It's time to prune—and trash the debris. Water and spray to

prevent fungi. Water, fertilize and water again. Refresh the mulch.

Prevent powdery mildew damage to rose leaves and branches by spraying a fungicide as soon as you notice warm 60 degree days and cool nights with morning humidity. *Banner Maxx* contains 14.3% propiconazole; re-apply every 14 days. An online source is <http://rosemania.com> if you can't find the product locally. Local nurseries do have *Bayer Advanced All-in-One Rose and Flower Care*; it contains 0.89% tebuconazole and 0.15% imidacloprid, along with 99.05% other ingredients. This systemic (mix and pour on the ground but not in pots), lasts up to six weeks and controls fungi and insect pests (including black vine weevil larvae); it also fertilizes. The 32 oz. size protects about 16 roses.

The organic gardener can use *neem oil*, *Remedy* or *Green Cure* (potassium bicarbonate). In addition, success has been found with products that stimulate the rose's own natural defenses, such as *Messenger*, containing harpin, or *Jaz Rose Spray* with jasmonates, www.jazsprays.com.

If powdery mildew lays its white mold on your roses in spite of your best efforts, apply *E-Rase*, containing jojoba oil. It kills the fungi, although rose leaves will remain distorted. Prevention is the key to beautiful rose bushes.

District Doings March 2011

By Jack Kiley, PNW District Director, ARS



Putting on a rose workshop may not sound like much of an effort by some of our members here in the Northwest, but there are times when it constitutes one of those unique “outside-the-box” experiences. Such was the case on a recent Saturday, when a team of our rosarians travelled to The Dalles, Oregon, to put on a daylong workshop covering all elements of successful rose growing.

The impetus for this outreach program came initially from a cherry orchardist in the area, that happened to be an ARS member, and wanted someone to come to The Dalles and Hood River areas of central Oregon (on the Columbia River), for the purpose of educating the local Master Gardeners, and anyone else, regarding how to grow roses successfully. After recruiting the local agricultural agent from Oregon State University, and securing donations and support from local merchants – and putting together an excellent promotion flyer - the result was that over 80 attendees came to the Senior Center in The Dalles to attend our six-hour program.

While Beage and I were of some help in organizing this outreach effort, it was the combined talents of Bruce and Barbara Lind, Mitchie and John Moe and Rich and Charold Baer who presented sessions on selection and pruning, soil preparation, planting and fertilization, integrated pest management, propagation and photographing roses.

Frankly, we were blown away with the number and interest of the attendees, all of whom paid a significant fee to attend the workshop, and who had a keen interest in learning how to grow roses in that area and climate. Admittedly, there was trepidation on the part of some of us as to how Master Gardeners would react to parts of our Integrated Pest Management presentation. However, the fact was that spraying, as one example, seemed to be part of what at least some of them considered to be essential in successfully growing other flowers and fruits in that area.

While the District was adequately compensated for putting this program together, there is a much more important consideration that came out of this effort. It is routine for us to put on workshops for other rosarians and local societies; we do this every year. Additionally, some of us have made presentations to Master Gardener organizations in brief sessions on very specific topics. But to put together a team of presenters at the request of members of a local garden community that are not typically rose devotees, for a day-long presentation at a site far from any of our local societies, is, I believe, truly unique. And what makes it particularly intriguing is the hope that what was done can be a template for similar efforts in the future.

In that regard, therefore, if you have contacts with Master Gardeners, or any other organization that might have an interest in hosting a similar workshop, I would like to know about it (email: jack.kiley@comcast.net). The undeniable fact is that we would very much like to take this show on the road.



ARS News

CHILDREN'S ESSAY CONTEST

Contact: Lisa Butler, Associate Editor, lisa@ars-hq.org. Rules: All children ages 12 and younger may take part in the contest. They may use their own rose-related theme or choose one of the following:

- Why the Rose is America's National Flower
- Why Roses Are the Symbol of Love, Friendship, Beauty and Peace
- Why I Love Roses
- Why My Parents or Grandparents Love Roses
- A fictional story about roses

Entries may be accompanied by a drawing or painting. Essays should be no more than 400 words. **Deadline for submitting entries is June 30, 2011.** Entries must be accompanied by a separate page containing the following information: child's name, age, school grade, parent's name, address and parent's phone number or email address for notification of winners. **Entries should be mailed to:** American Rose Society, Children's Essay Contest, PO Box 30000, Shreveport, LA 71130.

Call for Nominations for “Miniature and Miniflora Rose Hall of Fame”

Dr. Jim Hering, Chairman, ARS Miniature and Miniflora Rose Committee

The ARS Miniature and Miniflora Rose Hall of Fame honors those miniatures and mini-floras that have stood the test of time in commerce for at least 20 years. Now, it is your opportunity to participate in this process by sending in your nomination(s), (five or less). A short list of the most popular miniature and miniflora roses that are 20 years or older can be found in the February issue of “ARS & You.” The ballot is on the ARS site.

Criteria for the Hall of Fame can be summarized as follows:

The variety must have been introduced at least 20 years prior to the year the award is given. Introduction date will be verified by the latest edition of *Modern Roses*.

There can be multiple winners in any year.

Varieties for consideration are solicited from the general membership through an announcement in the *American Rose* magazine, on the ARS website, in the *Miniature Rose Bulletin* and in district and local bulletins.

Nominations are to be sent by April 1, 2011, to:

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The Rose Whisperer

Dear Rose Whisperer:

I am reasonably confident about pruning Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, Floribunda, Miniature and other modern bush roses. Here is my dilemma: I have a HUGE climbing rose that has not been trimmed or pruned in several years. The only thing I have done is tie the long canes horizontally to a trellis over the years so they are not all over the ground. How do I prune it for the best bloom display this year?

Puzzled Pruner

Dear Puzzled Pruner:

You are right in assuming that one should prune Climbing roses differently than most other modern roses. They have different growing and flowering characteristics, so in order to get the best display of blooms this year, you need to consider the following:

First, a climbing rose should not be pruned for the first two or three years after planting. The fact that you haven't pruned it for several seasons is not a bad thing. In fact, it may have benefitted the bush more than you realize. Climbers need time to develop the long, sturdy main canes and establish a healthy root system to support all the above-ground growth. So, by not pruning it for a few seasons, it actually loves life.

There are several different species of roses that have climbing representatives in their "family." For the purpose of this response, let's assume that you have a "large flowered" climbing rose; a Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, Floribunda or similar modern rose type.

A Climbing rose doesn't have any mechanism of its own to attach itself to something in order to climb. So the fact that you've spent time during past seasons to tie the main canes horizontally to a trellis is the first important step to maximizing its bloom.

The best blooms originate from growth out of these horizontal main canes. Since you have done that with your rose, the pruning this spring will involve the following:

- It is OK, but not necessary, to remove up to a third of the length of these main canes. It may not be necessary to do so with all of these canes if the body of the rose is within reasonable boundaries of the trellis. Trimming off the ends of the main canes is primarily to control those canes that are WAY out of the boundary or size you desire.
- Climbing roses do not bloom on the main canes. Rather they bloom from "laterals" that radiate out from the main canes. These laterals grow from buds on the main cane; in your example, over the span of the past few seasons. It is from these laterals that the rose will produce new blooms. If they have not been trimmed or pruned for a while, it is important that these laterals be pruned this spring.
- These untrimmed laterals can be short (a few inches long) up to a few feet in length. Ideally, each lateral should be trimmed back to about two-thirds of its length, leaving at least 3 eyes or nodes for new growth. For climbers, the direction of the bud eyes you leave after cutting is not really important. It is the new growth on these laterals that will produce this year's blooms.
- The main body of the climbing rose should be comprised of only large, healthy main canes. If any main canes (those coming up from the base of the bush) are dead, weak, damaged, spindly, or old they should be cut off as low as possible to the base (or crown) of the plant (above the graft). Older canes that no longer are producing blooms should be removed. Experienced rosarians often prune their established climbers back so that there are only six to ten sturdy, healthy canes remaining.
- You can complete the pruning by trimming the outer edges of the bush to give it a balanced look. This is the artistic part of pruning ... make it pleasing to your eye.

Once having completed the pruning, don't forget to water, spray to prevent fungal diseases and feed the bush well. Remember, it is a much larger bush than your Hybrid Teas or other bush roses, so it needs LOTS more food and moisture to produce to its potential.

After all this grooming and feeding, you will have a fairly large bush, with a balanced look that is ready for the spring and summer bloom. The end result of all this should be an abundance of beautiful new blooms this year.

Once the bush has given you its first flush of blooms, you'll need to trim back (deadhead) **the laterals with the spent blooms to about one half to two thirds of their length.** This will stimulate new blooms to follow soon thereafter. With each flush of blooms, you'll need to deadhead the flowers unless you want hips to develop on the bush.

If you want more really good visual information about pruning climbers, log onto the following web site where Paul Zimmerman of Ashdown Roses demonstrates all the above techniques: <<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rf7F5qhChFM&feature=related>>

Once you've finished this spring pruning, get out your lawn chair, sit back with your favorite beverage and wait for the blooming to begin.

The Rose Whisperer AKA Harlow Young

Whistle While You Work ~ Ponder While You Prune

by Jo Angelos

Maybe your annual pruning process doesn't include a lot of "whistling," but with this article I challenge you do some heartfelt inner examination as you venture out to do this springtime task. Harlow's article on page 6 provides the step-by-step process of this physical action we call pruning. It is my hope to provide an opportunity to address this action on a more personal, subjective level that will provide an equal amount of lasting satisfaction and sense of accomplishment.



While researching the word pruning, one of the definitions I found included these actions: "trim, clip, snip, thin or lop." While thinking about the yearly pruning day at the Lawrence Scott Honor Garden, these words do not do justice to the manpower and equipment utilized at that event. The task of a "trim, clip or snip" does not adequately include such things as canes being manually (and wo-manually) loaded onto a truck with pitchforks! It is a big job and with it all behind, the health and beauty of that garden is a great summer pleasure to all who behold it.

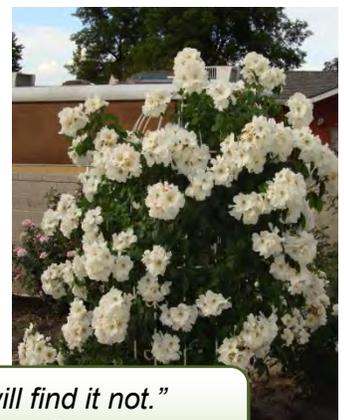
Harlow's bullet points help us realize there are steps involved in pruning. He gives us an understanding of the "how and why" of the procedure and encourages us to enjoy the satisfaction of a job well-done on a climbing rose. This immediate sense of accomplishment gained by this activity stretches into the summer with majestic blooms. The picture above shows the climbing „Sally Holmes’ today and the picture at the bottom of the page was the same rose last summer. We realize each rose type has a unique pruning technique and even though the climbing rose is featured, all roses benefit from this process. As we begin our personal "pruning," we have to realize the importance of our undertaking and acknowledge each of us as a unique individual. We must proceed with a new mental awareness of where we are and where we want to be in the end. We will utilize our trim, clip, snip and eventual lop techniques. Our goal is personal fulfillment and a long-lasting, overwhelming contentment. We will be ready to meet what the future holds for us with strength, vitality and ability to abundantly "bloom where we are planted."

As we read through the first three bullet points, we are to begin the trimming process, tackling the overgrown and tangled lateral growth. While trimming, we start to realize the importance of knowing the limits - too much and we lose the maximum bloom potential. So our ultimate challenge in this trim job is to take enough, but not too much! That seems easy enough.☺ We face the test of determining our individual requirements. The definition of ponder tells us it comes from the Latin word *pondus*, to weigh in the mind. Are these laterals too far from the trellis support? Are they tangled or ill-shaped? Do we have sufficient support for increased summer growth? We start with the small trims on the laterals and already our load feels a little lighter.☺

Harlow's fourth point deals with the canes. We know many times with our pruning activity – less is more (or in our case, less will have the ability to create more.) Only the healthy canes should be left on the plant; "weak, damaged, spindly" need to be cut off. Clearing these canes allows those remaining to become stronger, it allows air circulation to keep the plant free from many diseases and it adds to the attractive shape of the rose. The canes that interfere with other canes are easily removed without a second thought; they are typically intrusive and unattractive, so we can easily let go of them.

Now we must realize the more intense management technique on the canes and what personal cuts will be made. Are we ready to make the cuts? This is not a casual trim-job. A cane that does not produce blooms is not doing its job. We have things in our lives that keep us from being productive and doing our job. We **can** make those cuts, be rid of the unhealthy canes and begin to enjoy increased production and personal contentment. I do believe women struggle with this job more than men do, because we replay it over and over. "Should I make the cut? But what if...?" And here is where the woman reading this article thinks "Exactly!" However, the man reading it responds with a "yup" and a little nod. Weigh it out...have parts of my life become overgrown and unruly? Are my "blooms" sparse and shabby? Only the healthy canes, heading in the right direction, need to survive this pondered pruning method.

climbing „Sally Holmes’



"Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we will find it not."
~Following those words from Ralph Waldo Emerson, I encourage you to "carry on!"



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Mark Your Calendar

March 19 (or 26), 2011
Pruning Lawrence Scott Park Honor Garden. We hope this job is already done, but the 26th is our "backup" date in case the 19th was stormy and unsafe.

March 28, 2011
Horticulturist Ellen Rector will speak on "Xeriscaping in the Tri-Cities."

April 25, 2011
Harlow Young will present "A Vacation in Great Britain." Tom Morris will review the soil testing promotion that was completed last spring.

May 23, 2011
Helen Newman will demonstrate "How to Prepare for the Rose Show."

June 5, 2011
Rose Show at Shilo Inn, Richland, WA.

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