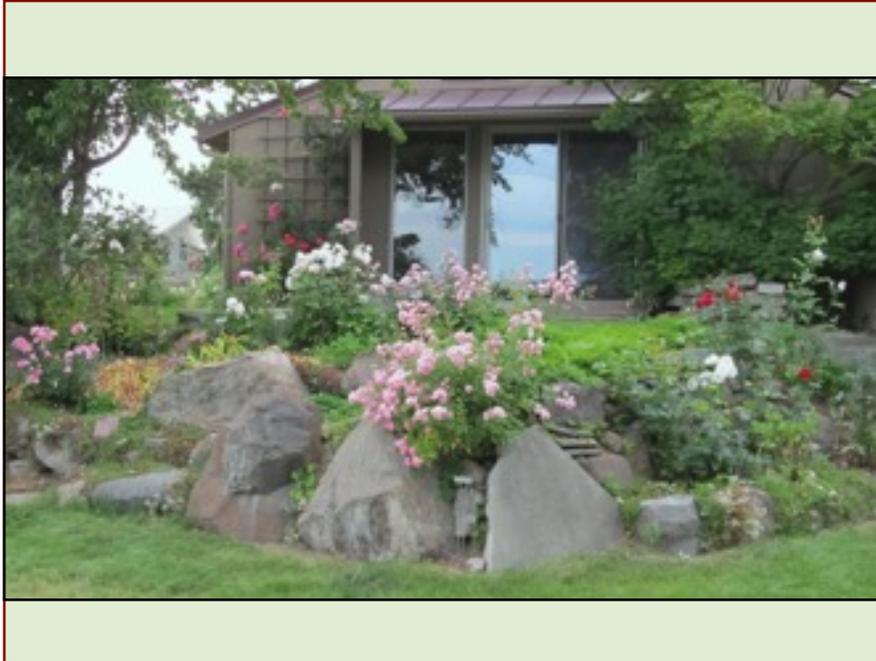




ROSE HERALD

40-year Landscaping Trends

Paul Wood talks at the Sandberg Center February 27, 7:30 p.m.



Paul Wood of Wood's Nursery in Richland will present "40 Years of Landscaping," a discussion of trends and experiences the family owned business has encountered over its history of serving local gardeners. *(The photo in Column 3 shows landscaping in the Valle del Oro*

Rose Garden tended by Joann and Don Saylor in Mesa, AZ. Above is Harlow's photo from Mercers' garden.)

Bring your friends to TCRS's program, which promises to be informative and useful for all who plan modifications in their rose gardens.

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CO-PRESIDENTS JOANN AND DON SAYLER SEND WARM WINTER NEWS FROM ARIZONA

Since the first of the year Arizona has been very good to us weatherwise. We've been enjoying the 60's and 70's with rarely a cloud.

I must say we received the loveliest and kindest billing ever. It was from Linda and Richard Kerkof for our 2012 dues. Don could hardly wait to pay it!



It has been a busy time in the rose garden here. We've planted 16 new bushes, and our coordinator would like up to 15 more. The holes are dug by the park's maintenance people. I guess the managers are afraid of being sued if we croak while doing it. I'm the rose buyer, which I love.

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MEETING TIME & PLACE

Monday, Feb. 27, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. **Sandberg Event Center**, 331 S. 41st St., West Richland.

Driving Directions: At the intersection of Richland Bypass Highway and Van Giesen, go west on Van Giesen to West Richland. Just past Road 38, the Public Library and City Hall, you will see a sign on your left for the Sandberg Event Center, a converted church set back slightly from Van Giesen. There is plenty of parking in two convenient lots before you reach the building itself.

CO-PRES.' MESSAGE

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I know when each nursery gets their shipments and who has what. There's a frustration attached to this, because they don't carry the more modern and disease-free ones I like. However, it really doesn't matter, I guess, because we spray and fertilize enough to take care of anything. And boy, do they bloom!

Nearly half of the 200 roses have been caged now to keep the rabbits out. They are sure showing improvement.

That's the report from here. Hope you're enjoying the meetings. Jim and Harlow do a good job.—*Til April, Don and Joann Sayler*

**TCRS MINUTES,
JANUARY 23, 2011**

Rebecca Schmidt, Secretary

The January meeting of the Tri-City Rose Society was held January 23, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. at the

Sandberg Event Center in West Richland. CO-Vice President Jim Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. with 17 members present, and two guests: Sandy Newton and Cheryl Klym.

The Palmers announced they have low profile fencing useful for borders or mulching. Contact them if you are interested.

Jim Campbell presented Harlow Young with the Bronze Medal Award for outstanding service to the Tri-City Rose Society, Pacific Northwest District and the American Rose Society. Well deserved, Harlow!

Bob Louie presented the Treasurer's report. Current closing balance is \$5,708. In summary, last year TCRS started with \$5,842 and ended the year with \$5,257.

Bob requested clarification on the budget: who is authorized to use our funds, and whose approval is needed to do so. Kathy Weber moved that expenses under \$200 require the President's approval; expenses over \$200 require Board approval; and all expenses are to be reviewed by the Board. Dorothy Campbell seconded the motion. The motion was passed by membership present.

Bob announced he would prepare a statement of income and expenses from the last 2 years. This will be presented to the Board along with an annual budget, based on income and expenses from the last 2 years. Helen Newman presented a motion that a budget be developed for 2012, and expenses exceeding the annual budget must go to the Executive Committee for approval. Dorothy Campbell seconded the motion.

The motion was passed by membership present.

Linda Kerkof had sent out a very nice reminder letter to members about paying dues for the current year. Dues may be sent directly to Bob Louie in the envelope provided with the letter.

Linda reminded the members about TCRS commitment at TRAC Home and Garden Show February 24-26. TCRS will have an educational display called "Stylin' with Roses." There will also be three rose seminars: Friday 2/24 at 6:00 p.m. Harlow Young and Tom Miles; Saturday 2/25 at 2:00 p.m. Richard Kerkof; and Sunday 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. JoAnn Brehm [later changed to Janet Bryant] and Norma Boswell.

JoAnn Brehm circulated a sign-up sheet for the main Chairs of the TCRS Rose Show. If you are interested in helping and could not attend the meeting, please contact JoAnn.

Tom Miles is our organizer for the Spring Pruning Demonstration, which will take place in the Honor Garden on Saturday, March 24, weather permitting. [More details are on Page 3.]

Jim Campbell and Harlow Young are in charge of programs for our monthly meetings this year. They reported most are firmed up. Louise Clements will be the speaker at our annual Fall Dinner meeting in October.

Harlow Young gave a Power Point presentation of rose pictures he has taken in his travels from 2010 through January 2012. What a delight for those present!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.



**PUBLIC PRUNING DEMO
SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2012**

Tom Miles called Kennewick Parks Manager Steve Woebler and set the date of our public pruning demonstration for Saturday, March 24, with the option to delay to Saturday, March 31 in case of very bad weather, making working conditions unsafe. The city will supply two flat bed trucks and plastic bags between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to the rose garden in Lawrence Scott Park.

**2012 PROGRAM
SCHEDULE FOR THE TRI-CITY
ROSE SOCIETY**

January 23.....Harlow Young presented a slide show featuring some of the roses he has photographed during the last several years.

February 27.....Paul Wood of Wood's Nursery in Richland will discuss changes and trends in "40 Years of Landscaping."

March 26.....Dr. Michael Bush, Yakima County Extension Agent and entomologist will present "Insect Management for Roses."

April 23.....Dorothy Campbell and JoAnn Brehm will present "The perfect Flower Design for Your Table," featuring a lesson in drying flowers and designing with fresh flowers.

May 21.....Helen Newman will demonstrate techniques she uses to prepare her roses for our annual spring show.

June 25.....Plan to meet at the garden of Jim and Dorothy Campbell. Jim will

comment upon methods he uses to keep garden maintenance to a minimum.

July 23....."A Visit to Job's Nursery." Alex Job will be our guide, commenting upon the roses and other plants the Pasco business is known for.

August 27.....Meet at the Demonstration Garden and AARS Test Garden in Kennewick. Master Gardeners Arlan Gadeken and Susan Smith will comment upon recent developments and projects at the site.

September 24.....Our In-house Fall Rose Show will be chaired by Linda Kerkof.

October 22..... Louise Clements of Heirloom Roses in St. Paul, Oregon will be our guest speaker.—*Jim Campbell and Harlow Young*

SEARCH FOR THE BLUE ROSE



By The Rose Whisperer, AKA Harlow Young

*Roses red and roses white
Plucked I for my love's delight.
She would none of all my posies—
Bade me gather her blue roses.*

*Half the world I wandered through,
Seeking where such flowers grew.
Half the world unto my quest
Answered me with laugh and jest.*

*Home I came at wintertide,
But my silly love had died,
Seeking with her latest breath
Roses from the arms of Death.*

*It may be beyond the grave
She shall find what she would have.
Mine was but an idle quest...
Roses white and red are best!
—Rudyard Kipling*

The blue rose has long been a symbol of the unattainable, a dream that cannot be fulfilled, an elusive treasure of the world that doesn't exist. If Rudyard Kipling had lived in a century later, he would perhaps have found his love's blue rose.

A workmate recently handed me his copy of the February 2012 *Cigar Aficionado* magazine, and pointed out a short article on page 168 bearing a picture of a blue rose created in 2004 by Suntory Flowers Ltd, a Japanese company. It is reported to be the world's first rose with 100 percent blue pigment in the petals. So, after reading this article, like Kipling I began a quest to find out more about the blue rose.

After two decades of research, two Suntory Ltd. divisions were ready to laud their blue rose.

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BLUE ROSE, CONTINUED

Suntory Holdings Limited and Florigene, an Australian-based Suntory Group subsidiary, successfully joined in biotechnology research to insert the blue pigment of pansies or irises into 'Cardinal de Richelieu' roses. The result of their efforts was introduced to the world in 2009 (see it on Page 3). They named this rose 'Applause.' Its color has been described as a delicate bluish tint reminiscent of the sky just after dawn. It has an elegant, alluring, fresh fragrance.

'Applause' was originally only available in Tokyo, Japan as a cut flower; but beginning in November 2011, it is available in the United States at select florists. In Tokyo, if you were one of the privileged few to purchase this rose, it would have cost between 2,000 to 3,000 yen per cut rose, or about \$25 to \$35 in US dollars. Perhaps, in completing this journey, you and I can fulfill a long-thought-impossible dream by finding this rose in a local florist shop and presenting it to our "Love's delight" in time for Valentine's Day.

NOTE: The Rose Whisperer needs new rose questions and, as he mentioned last month, will reward his questioners.

MEMBERSHIP GROWING!

By Linda Kerkof, CO-Chair

Just before mailing time, our TCRS membership had grown to 45 out of 72.

If you haven't yet done so, we encourage you to rejoin for 2012 by filling out the membership renewal form you received by

postal mail. We do hope the remainder of registrations come in as soon as possible so we can continue to get our newsletter and society information out to all of our members. Be sure to let us know if there are any changes in your email, phone and address, as we need to keep all our records up to date. Below is a form you can use if you have lost your renewal letter.

If you have misplaced the Membership Form that Linda sent by postal mail, just cut out the following or make a facsimile and mail \$17 single or \$22 family directly to Treasurer Bob Louie, 20 N. Jefferson, Kennewick, WA 99336.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____
Are you a current member of the American Rose Society?
Yes _____ No _____

I BEG YOUR PARDON

The excellent "Good Bug Bad Bug" book review by Maria Trevino excerpted in the January *Rose Herald* came from the *Houston Rose-Ette*, edited by Patsy Williams, not from the *Voice of the Rose* as incorrectly attributed. Maria Trevino is a Houston Rose Society member, and she wrote "Good Bug Bad Bug" for the *Houston Rose-Ette*.—N. B.

GREAT GARDEN TOOLS

Norma Boswell, Master Rosarian

My best rose gloves for pruning (they protect tender skin all the way to the elbows) are Bionic Garden Gloves made of goatskin, they are gauntlet gloves with remarkably comfortable knuckle flex. For planting and weeding, I switch to Bionic's wrist-length gloves with moisture-resistant fingertips. All are hand or machine washable, which makes them even more valuable. They are designed by an orthopedic surgeon and endorsed by the American Arthritis Foundation.

I've used and recommended Felco pruners for 25 years, and they're still the standard to which I compare others. Rich Baer, writing in the *Portland Rose Chatter*, says he owns a pair of Barnel shears he likes nearly as well as Felco's, but "used it up" last year and has reverted to Felco only. Barnel's B7 and B8s feature replaceable blades, a cushioned non-slip grip and a patented center oiler feature that self oils as you prune. That sounds smooth.

You might feel tool sticker shock (good tools are not cheap—but they are worth the price) if you visit the website to see the largest remaining source of Bionic gloves (and also Barnel shears) at www.therosegardener.com. Those without internet access can call 404-771-9300. or write The Rose Gardener, 6794 Woodstock Rd., Acworth, GA 30102.

Be good to your hands. Save your wrists. Page 5 urges you to combine the best tools and proven physiological practices to become your own best garden tool.



YOUR BODY: THE MOST IMPORTANT TOOL

According to the Canadian Physiology Association, you can learn to use your body more wisely and carefully while gardening. Following their physiologically correct guidelines, you will learn to use your body as the most important gardening tool of all. Not only will you be able to achieve good results in the garden, you will gain health benefits while doing your gardening tasks.

Begin with a warm up. Start with easy raking or take a 5-minute walk to warm up your muscles. Then stretch all major muscle groups to help prevent injury. Give your back, neck, hands and fingers some extra time when stretching.

Be aware of posture and body mechanics. Move your feet instead of twisting at the waist while raking, mulching or potting. If you can't avoid twisting, tighten your stomach muscles to protect your back. Use your legs rather than your back when lifting or unloading heavy bags or pots. Bend your knees, keep your back straight, and hold the object close to your body to prevent unnecessary strain on your back.

Use ergonomically correct tools. Buy tools with long handles to help with weeding. Build or buy a potting bench that is tall enough to prevent unnecessary bending. Sit on the ground to use a trowel without bending over. When kneeling, use a knee pad to avoid putting too much pressure on your knees. Wear good gardening gloves to protect your hands from dryness, cuts and punctures.

Pace yourself. Do not try to do everything all at once. Take

breaks throughout your work, and do some gentle stretching to keep limber. Vary tasks to make sure different muscles get used and one particular muscle group is not overworked. Repeated actions that use a specific muscle group can cause pain or injury.

Be smart in the sun. Wear a hat and use sunscreen to protect yourself from sunburn or heat-stroke. Drink lots of water, and try to work in the shade as much as possible to prevent dehydration.

Raking or hoeing: Keep your tools close to your body and your back straight to reduce strain. Use your arms and avoid twisting your trunk. Use long handled tools suited to your height. If you find you need to bend over too far while raking, consider using an ergonomic rake (available at garden centers). It will make the job easier and reduce the strain on your back.

Weeding or planting: Do not bend from the waist. Squat or kneel on a kneeling pad. If you have difficulty getting up, use a kneeling pad/bench with a support handle for assistance. Give your back, legs and knees a break from stooping and kneeling by using tools with long handles to help with weeding. Squat or sit on the ground while planting, rather than bending over.

Digging or shoveling: Insert the head of the shovel vertically into the ground, and step on the blade. Lift small amounts at a time and bend at the knees, using your legs—not your back—to lift the load. Avoid twisting. Use a wheelbarrow to move big or heavy loads. (A garden cart or large-wheeled wheelbarrow can make this job

much less stressful.) Choose a shovel with a weight and handle length that is appropriate for your size and the job you are doing. Give your back a break by using a small shovel, reducing the temptation to lift large amounts of soil. Spread heavy lifting and digging tasks over a week rather than a weekend, and spread major projects throughout the seasons. Take time to recover between them.

Lifting and carrying: Know your limits and lift accordingly. Bend your knees, not your back. Keep the load close to your body. Do not lift items that are too heavy for you to handle—get help! Use a four-wheeled cart or wheelbarrow to move supplies or move heavy items. Lift with your knees slightly bent and your back straight.

Pruning or trimming: Get as close to your work as possible. Do not stretch beyond your reach or past your stable footing. Rehearse the movement as a stretch first to test your ability and positioning. Match the size of gardening tool to the size of your hand. Choose tools that you can hold so that your wrist stays in line with your forearm (not twisting). Hold your tools in a loose, comfortable grip. Holding too tightly can cause injury.

Be creative! Modify your tools for ease and comfort. For example, pad the handles of your gardening tools just as you do your knees. Wrap a slippery handle with tape to improve your grip.

Adopt physiologically correct garden moves—and learn to be the best “tool” in your garden.—

Condensed from Portland Rose Chatter Feb. 2012, The Baers, CO-Editors

Companions

by Jo Angelos



Two are better than one... one will lift up his companion... if two lie down together they keep warm. Ecc 4:9-11

During our winter snowfall this year my cats were cozy companions. They are from the same litter and can fight like true siblings, but when it is cold outside, they are bosom buddies. While doing the work on page 7 for companion planting in our rose gardens, I began thinking about the relationship our society has with the Pacific Northwest District (PNWD) and the American Rose Society (ARS). There may be times when we might not see eye-to-eye; but often times if we take a step back and look at the whole picture we can agree to disagree and stand united in our cause, which is to promote the cherished rose.



Even though we work as independent groups of rose lovers, we must realize our interdependent relationship with each other. The picture on the left was sent to me from Carol Newcomb of Northland Rosarium as an example of companion planting. We see the trees in the background that give protection from our fierce and destructive wind. The ARS stands strong to promote the rose with valuable publications and endorsement of the finest roses. We can be confident in purchasing roses with the high rating from the *ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses*. They will never step aside and leave us alone in the blustery weather. The PNWD provides the color and variety of the medium companion plants, since the size of the group is larger than our

local society. And while we may be the smallest of the groups, we show a lot of color and keep the soil moist for the larger plants to keep them from drying (and possibly dying) out. We support the PNWD financially, and they provide the necessary classes and speakers to keep our district "looking good." All in all we create a complete picture, the ARS, the PNWD and the Tri-City Rose Society. It just makes sense, if two are better than one – three must be better than two!

The **PNWD** (and the US's other districts) carry out ARS standards by appointing chairmen who set up schools around the district to train rose judges and Consulting Rosarians. These PNWD chairs also offer seminars to keep judges and CR's updated. TCRS will offer a horticulture seminar update by PNWD, upholding ARS standards, on Saturday evening before our June 3 rose show. Although a member must have 3 years as an ARS member to participate in the classes for CR credit, there is an option to audit the class and gain the same knowledge. We can never know too much! If we can walk away from a class that taught us how to care for our roses, how to watch for diseases and other vital information, we can save ourselves a lot of unnecessary work in the summer heat and keep us from losing plants and having to buy more.

The **American Rose Society** is now offering a four-month trial membership for only \$10 to anyone who is interested in becoming members of our parent organization. Most ARS members are home gardeners who enjoy growing roses and want to expand their knowledge of rose culture. **Four-Month Trial Members receive: Free advice from Consulting Rosarians.** The ARS Consulting Rosarians program connects members with expert rosarians who provide free assistance with your rose questions.

Free online access to four quarterly bulletins, a \$45 value. The Mini/Miniflora Bulletin, Old Garden Rose & Shrub Gazette, Rose Arrangers' Bulletin and Rose Exhibitors' Forum are all now available to ARS members.

2 issues of American Rose magazine, \$16 value. This is the only magazine devoted exclusively to roses and rose culture.

View a free issue online at www.ars.org

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A four-month trial membership is valued at \$86 for only \$10! You may [complete our online form](#) or call us at 1-800-637-6534.

Just as you make a list for the grocery store, you can begin the list for planning of your summer garden. This small, yet vital task may save you time, money and more money! Knowing what you need and where you will put it eliminates the "gotta have it" purchase that may result in frantic crowding and the ever famous question you might ask yourself as the summer progresses - "Why did I plant it there?"



To Do:

Create a map of your garden.

Determine the spaces you need to fill.

Determine the height of the existing plants.

Determine the color and foliage of the existing plants.

Determine the light and soil conditions in each area of your garden.

Determine the time of year you want the plants to provide their color to your garden (Spring daffodils or Fall mums).

Determine if you need a backdrop for an existing area or a low lying blanket for the front.

Determine to avoid competition from "pushy" plants such as iris, trees and husky bushes, such as forsythia.

To Get:

Plants that will mature to the desired size and shape (Yes, a mini rose can reach 30" in height and width!)

Plants to create the color contrast you desire (a vivid contrast or a softening edge)

Plants to enhance the beauty of what you have and when possible improve its well being (Creating a barrier for soil dryout and choosing plants which discourage certain insects)

Plants that are healthy and disease resistant when you purchase them

Roses and other sun-loving plants for those full sun areas and hostas, etc. for those shaded areas

To Go:

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And when your work is done...
Rosy's Diner & Ice Cream Shoppe

..."the art of companion planting is nothing more than selecting and arranging plants in such a way that they enhance the growth and quality of their neighbors and, ideally, improve the soil," a quote by Nanette Londeree taken from the pages of the Sept/Oct, 2010 issue of the *American Rose* magazine.



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March 26, 2012

Michael Bush presents "Insect
Management for Roses."

April 23, 2012

JoAnn Brehm & Dorothy Campbell show
us how to dry and use our flowers.

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