



# ROSE HERALD

## Brookgreen & ARS Roses

*Jim Campbell – at Sandberg Center on February 25, 7:30 p.m.*



Jim and Dorothy Campbell visited two of the most famous American public gardens during their 7200 mile cross country RV journey: The Brookgreen Gardens, near Hilton Head in South Carolina, and The American Rose Society garden in Shreveport, LA. The presentation will include

beautiful photographs, as well as personal commentary.

We encourage each person to bring a friend who is interested in roses. Show them our friendly group in action. Introduce them to other members. Find out what they'd like to learn. Invite them to join!

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*Opposite photo of 'Betty Boop' is by Harlow Young. Photo below is by Rich Baer. both shared with permission.*



### CO-PRESIDENTS DON & JOANN SAYLER ENJOY ARIZONA PARK ACTIVITIES IN FEBRUARY

Greetings to you all. The 2013 schedule of programs for our TCRS has been drawn up by our capable vice presidents, and we welcome another fine year of events and learning. Thanks to all involved.

Yesterday we were wearing shorts and sandals, and today sweatshirts! By tomorrow it will be all clear again. Such is February.



We made our annual run to buy rose bushes for the park garden here. Making the decisions of which ones to buy is a fun highlight for me. We purchased six in three gallon pots: 'Mardi Gras,' 'Pumpkin Patch,' 'Fragrant Cloud,' 'Olympiad,' 'Chicago Peace' and another 'Angel Face,' which I hope we'll have better luck with.

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**MEETING TIME, PLACE, AND DRIVING DIRECTIONS**

February 25, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. **Sandberg Event Center, 331 S. 41st St., West Richland.** 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, there's a sign on your left for the Sandberg Event Center. Park in either of two convenient lots.

**CO-PRES' MESSAGE, Cont.**

At least a couple of our new roses are newer varieties.

Our old nemeses have vanished. No more rabbits eating all the tender shoots! The cages around the roses have been removed, and the garden looks normal again. No one will tell what happened to the critters. Their "lips are sealed." Anyway, what a relief. But of course now we have lots of weeds!

We're learning how to play Pickle Ball. It's much like tennis except the courts are half the size. You play doubles using paddles and a whiffle ball. No simple game. But it's less running for us older dudes. The special paddles run from \$30 to \$80 though!

We're sure you are looking forward to the coming of Spring, and hopefully there will be some warm, sunny days soon. We're

sure getting them here. Your friends in roses, *Don and Joann Sayler*

**TCRS MINUTES, January 28, 2013**

The first meeting of the New Year was called to order by Co-Vice President Harlow Young at 7:30 p.m. in the Sandberg Event Center in West Richland. There were 20 people in attendance, including two visitors, Harold and Marge Hogue.

The minutes from the October 22, 2012 TCRS meeting were approved as printed in the *Rose Herald*. Bob Louie presented copies of the proposed budget for the year. Harlow agreed to look for miniature roses which could be sold as a fund raiser. The current storage shed used to store properties was discussed, and Linda Kerkof will look for a cheaper storage facility. It was moved and seconded to accept the proposed budget with emphasis on storage unit relocation. and yard and mini rose sale possibilities. It was reported by Linda that our membership at present stands at about 40.

**New Business:** Linda reported the Home and Garden Show at TRAC will be held February 22, 23 and 24. We have been asked to give talks on the care of roses each day. The times and schedules need to be worked out. The theme this year for the

garden show is "Myths, Magic and Make Believe." Linda has chosen "Hocus Pocus Focus on Roses" for her Educational Display. Each of our guest speakers this year will be given a complimentary membership to our rose society.

Harlow introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Alan Wicks, who talked about "Feeding Roses for Best Bloom and Foliage." He encouraged gardeners to have their soils tested and if they are using a well for irrigation, to have a water analysis so fertilizers and water can work together. An interesting comment was made about adding phosphate to plants from a diluted Coca Cola Classic drink. If you have questions for Dr. Wicks, his email is [aswick@gmail.com](mailto:aswick@gmail.com). (put Rose Society in the subject line).

Next meeting will be held at the Event Center on February 25, and our speaker will be Jim Campbell. The title of his talk is "A Tale of Two Gardens: Brook-green Gardens & The ARS National Rose Garden."

– *Kathy Weber, Secretary*

**TCRS's Public Garden**

*Tom Miles reminds us that the public garden we planted on Kennewick public land and maintain jointly with the City of Kennewick is now 27+ years old, and an achievement of which we can be proud. (See more, P. 4.)*



### Membership Reminder

In case you lost your renewal letter, or if you're a newcomer wanting to join our rose family, here is a form you can cut out, or copy.

### Membership Form

Please circle correct choice:

Single Membership \$17  
Family Membership \$22

Are you a current American Rose Society member?

Yes No

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Email Address

*This is very important. We use this information to send you your monthly newsletter, and we do not share it with others.*

Program Idea(s)/Request(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Send this Membership Form along with your dues to Rich and Linda Kerkof, Membership Co-Chairs, at 5306 Cleveland Lane, Pasco, WA 99301-8434. Make your check out to the Tri-City Rose Society. For questions about membership, you can call 851-2110 (Linda's cell) or 547-1860 (the Kerkofs' home phone).

### ARS Trial Membership

The American Rose Society is offering a four-month trial membership for only \$10 to anyone who is interested in becoming a member of

our national 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:** (1) Free advice from Consulting Rosarians. The ARS Consulting Rosarian program connects members with expert rosarians who provide free assistance with your rose questions.



(2) Free or reduced garden admissions, a \$25 value after just three uses. With the ARS Reciprocal Garden Admission program, members enjoy free or reduced admission to, and discounts at, hundreds of gardens, conservatories and arboreta nationwide. (3) Free online access to four quarterly bulletins, a \$45 value. Previously available by subscription only, the *Mini/Miniflora Bulletin*, *Old Garden Rose & Shrub Gazette*, *Rose Arrangers' Bulletin*, and *Rose Exhibitors' Forum* are all now available online free to all ARS members. (4) Two issues of *American Rose* magazine, a \$16 value. The only magazine devoted exclusively to roses and rose culture, these bi-monthly, 84-page issues feature informative articles and beautiful color photography for beginners and experienced rose growers alike. View a free issue online at [www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org). (5) Discounts of up to 30% at merchant partners. The ARS Member Benefit Partner program offers discounts at various merchants, with new

partners being added continuously. (6) A four-month trial membership is valued at \$86 for only \$10! To join, telephone the ARS at 1-800-637-6534, or use the form on [www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org).

### TCRS Programs for 2013

**January 28** – Dr. Alan Wicks, “Feeding Roses for Best Bloom and Foliage”

**February 25** – Jim Campbell, “A Tale of Two Gardens: Brook-green Gardens & The ARS National Rose Garden”

**March 25** – Jeff Wyckoff, “Visiting Rose Gardens in China”

**April 22** – Delores Beyersdorf and Kevin Hastie, “Organic Roses”

**May 27** – Helen Newman, “How To Prepare for the Rose Show”

**June 24** – Norm and Claudia Ferguson will host the meeting in their garden.

**July 22** – Don and Joann Saylor will host this garden meeting.

**August 26** – Bob and Bridget Louie will host this garden meeting.

**September 23** – Our in-house Fall Rose Show will be chaired by Linda Kerkof.

**October 28** – Dr. Gary Ritchie, “Inside Rose Canes,” End-of-year Banquet, Installation of Officers.

### Wishing Nancy Roy Well

Nancy Roy, TCRS's long-time chair of rose show clerks and winner of many trophies from her garden of about 300 roses, is recovering from cancer surgery. We wish her our best during recovery.

Nancy has no email, but you can call her at 509-946-1029, or mail a card to 2136 Hoxie Ave., Richland, WA 99354-2071.



### New Facilitator Needed

Vina Hudson trained Tom Miles to assist, and then replace, her in operating our public garden in Lawrence Scott Park. Vina called herself a “facilitator.” At her advancing age she couldn’t single-handedly plant, prune and maintain 300 roses for public viewing, but she was an expert on recruiting good workers from our society to get the job done.

Tom, in his turn, has facilitated the operation of our public garden for 10 years. Like Vina, he is an expert at recruiting good people to prune, deadhead roses, and keep each special bed in great condition. Our updated and enhanced garden provides soul-satisfying beauty, and it inspires the public to grow roses at home. **Below: Tom in garden.**



Two seasons ago Tom asked us to find a replacement for him as facilitator. Last week Tom reminded us that he is now no longer our facilitator.

“Who will recruit workers for each rose bed this season?” I asked with alarm.

“The new facilitator!” Tom replied.

“What does the facilitator have to do besides sign up volunteers?” I questioned.

FYI: Tom works in the garden at least once a week. Being there always gives him a mental lift and keeps him in good physical condition. Even now, as he slows down and steps down as facilitator, he will not walk away from the garden. He plans to continue volunteering for the care of Bed 3, which contains 7-8 climbers and 7-8 floribundas.

Tom will enjoy assisting the new facilitator. He plans to help and give advice whenever it is needed. Phone 627-7003.

It would be a tragedy if no one steps up and accepts the role of facilitator in our garden at Lawrence Scott Park. Last year the roses never looked healthier or more beautiful. Can you...will you...help recruit – or even be that precious volunteer who saves our public garden? – **N.B.**

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### February Rose Gardening

Finish pre-season prep work; there are so many possibilities. Sharpen and oil tools. Buy new ones if needed, ergonomic tools that relieve stress on arthritic backs and joints. Make lists of desirable roses from rose catalogs and online sites; check favorite local nurseries to see if they have ordered any of these. Get a tetanus booster shot if the last protection is more than five

years old. Get a soil test and find out what is needed to bring your rose beds into the most desirable pH. Weed for a few minutes during clement days when soil is not frozen. Keep soil damp around rose roots.

Surf the internet for ideas, or have a “eureka” of your own.. Here’s an idea adapted from one I found while reading Editor’s Exchange newsletters: “adopt” 10 budded, not-yet-blooming minis after they’re delivered from a supplier who ships desirable new varieties for club fundraisers. Keep soil moist, move minis into sunlight for brief periods to harden them off, and return them ready to sell – if you can bear to say goodbye after watching them show their colors and blooms.

Feast upon the newest exhibition type roses in an online publication called *Horizon Roses*. The digital edition (there is no print edition) costs \$7.99. Go to [http://www.roseshow.com/publications/horizon\\_roses.html](http://www.roseshow.com/publications/horizon_roses.html). There is an Amazon and a Smashwords link at that site.

Cultivate a friend who could be interested in joining our rose society. We need eager, young, energetic people who love roses and have the drive and initiative to learn from our Consulting Rosarians and other leaders in our society. Friends can refresh and replace us. Our society can grow and live on. – **N. B.**

**Rose Whisperer, February 2013**

Roots ... I'm convinced they're important. All plants need to have good ones. Though in a different sense, even we Rosarians have family "roots", and it's important that we be thankful for them. Personally, I am so grateful for my parents and grandparents, for the legacy that they have given me. In this same regard, all of America was reminded of our personal and cultural roots when, in 1976 Alex Haley published his epic work *"Roots: the saga of an American family"*.

I was recently challenged, in a spiritual sense, with the importance of good roots. My Pastor, during a recent mid-week Bible study, was reading from Luke chapter 6, verses 43 to 45. After reading this passage he stated: "Good fruit is the result of good roots." I recognize that he was applying his statement to our lives in a spiritual sense, but it did cause me to think that it is also true in the horticultural world.

Translating that thought to gardening, it is important we understand that roses need a strong, healthy supporting structure under them. Dr. Alan Wicks reinforced this during his *"Feeding Roses for Best Bloom and Foliage"* presentation at our January meeting. He emphasized the importance of balancing the nutrients and pH in the soil, and supplying the necessary micronutrients so that all the requirements of the plant to produce good flowers are available to uptake through the feeding roots. Roots may be less familiar than the more visible stems, leaves, and

flowers but they are no less important to the plant.

The importance of good roots was clearly illustrated during the severe winds that blew through our region in the early morning hours of December 17, 2012. Hundreds of trees were uprooted in the Tri Cities from that storm; trees that apparently did not have sufficient root structures to hold against the 70 mile per hour winds.

Typically, roots of trees (and I assume roses, too) spread outward 2 or 3 times the width of the above-ground canopy. This explains why I find roots from the Norway maple tree in my front yard feeding in the distant rose beds more than two times the width of its canopy away. Frustrating!

Robert Frost wrote a poem titled: *"Leaves Compared with Flowers"*.

The first stanza emphasizes the importance of roots. You can find the other four stanzas by searching the title on the internet. I added the parenthetical "k".

*A tree's leaves may be ever so good,  
So may its bar(k), so may its wood;  
But unless you put the right thing to  
its root  
It never will show much flower or  
fruit...*

An interesting fact about roots is that the ratio of the weight of the roots to the weight of the top of a plant is about 1:6. That is, the top of the plant is amazingly six times as heavy as the weight of all the roots. Of the roots, most of them are in the top one to three feet of soil where they can get the maximum benefit of oxygen,

moisture and nutrients. Roots not only function as the plant's anchor, but also as a site for energy storage during dormancy.

Finally, here's another poem that is not only applicable but very creative and fun. Two young kids, Nyah and Joel Boden wrote it and titled it "Roots":

*"Roots are smooth  
Long  
Curly  
Strong  
Roots are life  
Straight  
They are under trees  
Sometimes you can walk on them  
Sometimes they are wobbly  
Sometimes they are small  
Sometimes they are tall  
Sometimes you can see them around  
flowers  
Sometimes they are hidden  
Roots are beautiful because they are  
all alive  
Sometimes they are funny shapes  
Sometimes they can climb  
Roots are everywhere  
Roots are important."*

Good job kids! For our Rose Society members don't ignore the importance of rose roots. Feed them, aerate them, water them, walk among them and talk to them. Keep them healthy for a full spring and summer of good blooms.



The Rose  
Whisperer,  
Harlow  
Young

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## *A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words...and many fond memories*

By Jo Angelos

I feel fairly safe in saying each one of us has a favorite photo somewhere in our possession which holds a special memory – one that warms the heart and brings a smile to our face. In our gardens, it might be a picture of a bloom from a plant which was given to us by someone special or from one difficult rose which required an extra amount of attention - and finally rewarded us with a photo of spectacular form and color. These photos should not be pressed into a photo album or stashed in a box – it is time to do something with them! What better time than now to create something so personal and spectacular; we are smack dab in the middle of February, recovered from the busy holidays and quite possibly in the midst of a pre-gardening slump. These dreary days provide ample time to perform search and rescue missions for those forgotten masterpieces with hope for the possibility of new and memorable creations!



Previous to our camera phones and digital cameras, we took pictures with our vintage cameras, hoping there would be at least a couple of useable prints on our precious film cartridge once it was developed. For me, I never felt assured I would have success; I would thumb through the results, often very discouraged, and weed out the “too bright,” “too dark,” “eyes closed,” “red eyes,” and the all too familiar “what was I thinking when I took that picture?” At my house, once a film was taken out of the camera, days turned into weeks before I would get it dropped off for processing, which took a week or two. The actual travel back to the store for pick up would carry me into another week, so when it was all said and done, the process of taking a picture, retrieving the printed photos and turning around to go through that same process to make enlargements or copies could turn into a month long ordeal. I guess the term photo processing may have an underlying implication; maybe it wasn’t the actual creation of the photo – instead it was the progression of events it took to acquire the prints.

Our present day scrap bookers were the photo album gurus of my time; they were organized and every picture had a place and was in its place. My shot at photo albums ended somewhere after the birth of my second child; boxes became full and albums remained empty. None of those albums can begin to compare to the scrapbook creations of the last decade. This is where creativity goes over the top and I admit I have not even made the first attempt to climb that ambitious wall.



Today, we are able to snap a picture with our phone or digital camera and have our results within hours, if that is what we choose.

### **Load ‘em up**

Whether you have pictures stored on your hard drive, flash drive, compact disks, camera or phones, all can be quickly downloaded to begin the process of elimination. (Even your neatly stored photos can be scanned and utilized for this!) Once your favorite photos are ready for printing, there are several options.

1. From the comfort of your own computer chair you can send your downloaded photos to your nearest Walgreens, Costco, Staples, etc. where you can pick them up within a day or two.
2. Look at various photo processing websites, for some great options and framing choices. Cropping allows you to get just the part of the picture you choose for your print. (The middle picture is the original; top and bottom are cropped.)
3. Purchase your own quality photo paper and create your masterpieces within minutes.





**Make ‘em yours**

Black and white, color or black and white with color! Your creations can be just as fantastic as the pictures purchased in stores. Prints on canvas are so popular and are easy to order as a printing option. The application for the iPhone called *Color Splash* sharpened the images in the picture above.



**Mix ‘em up**

Every wall space is a canvas for your newly acquired treasures. There are many size options, mix and match photo frames, matting and printing techniques. [www.mpix.com](http://www.mpix.com) is just one site which provides all these fun options and gives you a chance to place a frame on your picture - to realize what it



become. You can easily order photos of the same size to change out your photo gallery for different seasons throughout the year. Once you have the frame placement, all you have to do is change out the photo (which can easily be stored directly behind the visible photo in the frame).

**Change ‘em up**

We are not limited to use our favorite shot just to hang on the wall. The American Rose Society’s 2012 Nov/Dec publication of the *American Rose* gave beautiful pictures and useful products to order from that special downloaded photo. Bagettes for cosmetics or accessories start at \$25 at [www.photogiftsbybagettes.com](http://www.photogiftsbybagettes.com). Pillows with the rose photos from your own backyard, notebooks and customized phone cases can be ordered from [www.zazzle.com](http://www.zazzle.com).



"A picture is worth a thousand words" refers to the notion that a complex idea can be conveyed with just a single still image – use your ideas and create lasting memories.





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## Mark Your Calendar

### February 22-24, 2013

TCRS participates in the Home and Garden Show at TRAC. Our Educational entry in Blue Mountain Garden Clubs' Standard Garden Show is called "Hocus Pocus Focus on Roses." Consulting Rosarians will give talks on rose care.

### February 25, 2013

Jim Campbell will present "A Tale of Two Gardens: Brookgreen Gardens & The ARS National Rose Garden."

### March 23, 2013

Pruning Demonstration at Lawrence Scott Park Honor Garden, 9-12 a.m. Heavy rain (let's hope not!) will cause postponement until March 30.

### March 25, 2013

Jeff Wyckoff, "Rose Gardens in China"

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