



ROSE HERALD

Roses and BBQ at Mercers

Feast in the Horse Heaven Hills on Monday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m.



This month we have the privilege of touring Don and Linda Mercer's garden and feasting on BBQ (bring a favorite side dish to share).

Don and Linda specialize in Shrub Roses and Old Garden Roses. They grow hundreds on their farm acreage in the Horse Heaven Hills.

(Agnes' is the Shrub Rose above, shown by Jim Campbell.)

Co-President Harlow Young has arranged for us to car pool from the Sandberg Event Center at 5:00 p.m. (Let Harlow know if you will be meeting us there.) BBQ and roses will be served at 6:30 p.m. Yummy!

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'Diana, Princess of Wales' below, entered by Co-President Joann Sayler, became the Duchess of Show. in 2011. *This show photo and the big one on your left*

were taken by Nancy Foster-Mills.



CO-PRESIDENT JOANN SAYLER

Dear Tri-City Rosarians,

Wow! What a show! What we thought might be a dismal showing this year turned out to be just short of spectacular.

The public turned out en masse and liked what they saw. Two main reasons which I feel helped make our show a last-minute success were 1) the sunshine finally popped out two days



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before the show, and 2) the excellent publicity given us by the *Tri-City Herald* gave Harlow the chance to plead for more entries. "I want COLOR," he said; rose society members and the public responded. Kudos to Helen Newman, who handled the publicity.

We really appreciated the judges who traveled *Continued on Page 2*



MEETING TIME

Monday, June 27, 2011, at **6:30** p.m. to give time for BBQ and enjoying the rose gardens.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

- 1) Take I-82 to Prosser and exit at **Exit 82** (first Prosser exit).
- 2) At stop sign turn left onto **Wine Country Road**. You will immediately see a sign reading **HWY 221/Paterson/Mabton**. Turn left and continue for about half a mile. Turn left again when you come to the **HWY 221/Paterson** sign to take you up the Paterson grade.
- 3) Approximately one mile past the top of the hill, Hwy 221 makes a sweeping curve to the east where you will turn right onto **Bert James Rd**.
- 4) About 4 miles to the stop sign at **Sellards Rd**. where you will make a right turn.
- 5) **Sellards** will take you west for about 7 miles, then curves south and changes its name to **McKinley Springs Rd**.
- 6) Stay on **McKinley Springs** (there are no other paved roads) as it heads south and then turns west after about 7 miles, and you will enter Klickitat County.
- 7) Another two miles or so, turn left on **Smith Rd.**, which immediately merges into **Alderdale Rd**. south. Careful, Alderdale Rd. can be very busy.
- 8) Four miles south of the turn you will see tall grain bins on the left and **Linda Lane** on the right. Turn right onto Linda Lane.
- 9) We are the first house on the lane. Turn right into our driveway (the one unpaved part

of your journey). Around back is the front door of our house—lots of parking there or in the cul-de-sac at the end of Linda Lane.

CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

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quite a distance to officiate for us. Most drove from Montana, and others from the Coast. At the luncheon they mentioned how nice it was to come to our area to enjoy the roses. Seattle's roses have barely begun, and Montana has to wait until after the Fourth of July for their show. The luncheon was lovely and delicious as well, thanks to the planning and work by Dorothy Campbell.

After spending the entire day at the show, I learned what it takes to plan and set up this annual event. Harlow was there by 6:00 a.m., along with Mark and Linda Palmer, who were absolute "whizzes" getting the work done, and they were a huge help to many people with their entries. Kudos to them, and also to Janet Bryant, another hard worker (18th year at this) who handled all the trophies and certificates, and kept track of who won what. She was also there all day—even with a very sore knee.

Thank you, Harlow, for chairing our 63rd Rose Show, and thanks to your outstanding committee.

(Hope you all enjoyed your championship roses that bloomed the day after the show! One more day of sun and I would have beaten everyone!)

Joann (*won the Duchess*) Saylor

MINUTES, MAY 23, 2011

by Secretary Rebecca Schmidt

The May meeting of the Tri-City Rose Society was held May 23, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sandberg Event Center in West Richland, WA. Approximately 28 members, and guests Marge Hogue and Robert Muggli, attended.

Co President Joann Saylor called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Corrections to the April minutes were:

- 1) Ann Roberts will create a display at the West Richland Library instead of the Union Street Library in Kennewick in honor of the ARS "Rose Month" in June.
- 2) The Honor Roll plaques in Lawrence Scott Park rose garden were installed by the City of Kennewick.

The Treasurer's Report followed, with Bob Louie indicating the current balance as \$6,534.86 and \$1,691.43 in expenses, mostly for the upcoming rose show.

Linda Kerkof reported there are 67 paid members this year; a few have not yet paid. Last year there were 72 paid members.

Harlow Young reminded everyone to help at this year's Rose Show on June 5 at the Shilo Inn in Richland. Dorothy Campbell reminded all to sign up for the judges luncheon. Harlow still needs greeters for the show. Also, please promote Beaver Bark coffee coupons to Rose Show patrons. Ask them to thank Beaver Bark for their full-page ad in the Rose Show schedule.

Dorothy Campbell will place an ad for the Rose Show in the *Tri-City Herald*.

In other business, President Joann reported there was not much success with the ARS Rose Month promotion at the Kennewick library. Pre-scheduling far in advance is needed for displays. We should try again next year.



MAY 23 MINUTES, continued

The Executive Committee voted to donate \$175.00 to the American Rose Society 100 Grand Campaign.

Helen Newman presented "How to Prepare for the Rose Show." She provided valuable information and tips, including how to avoid disqualification, properly naming your rose, using the show schedule and Guide to Selecting Roses to select the correct class, completing the label, and more. Helen also talked about what judges look for in a show rose, and the points assigned to each judging criterion.

Linda and Mark Palmer distributed vases for use during the Rose Show. Janet Bryant may have entry tags for those who wish to complete them before arriving at the show.

The June TCRS meeting is on the 27th at the home of Don and Linda Mercer in the Horse Heaven Hills. Please bring your favorite side dish and come at 6:30 p.m. for a BBQ dinner. [Directions are on Page 2.]

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

63RD ANNUAL TRI-CITY ROSE SHOW, JoAnn Brehm, Co-Chair

WOW, we had more color and entries, with 404 total, than one could have hoped for. A call went out to the Tri-Cities to bring roses, and they heard, including several first timers and one who brought a wagon full of roses, unnamed and at the last minute. But our gracious Show Chair, Harlow, slipped the entry time just this once. Here's the breakdown: 12 Arrangements (we need to work on this; I'm thinking workshops), 41 Challenges, 6 Juniors, 4 OGRs, 20 Floating Roses, 17 Rose Photographs, 58 Mini/Mini-floras, 10 David Austins, 16 Shrubs, 19 Climbers, 1 Polyantha, 44 Floribundas, 22 Open HT/GR, and 134 HT/GR (all others).

The last 4-5 years have not been kind, weather-wise, to the whole Pacific Northwest for spring rose growing. Even with a one-week delay of our show the last couple of years, it's been a stretch. During our trips to rose shows in June and July we shall see how other shows are faring this year. Since we've had a few years of unexpected early winter weather that hits our roses before they have hardened off, followed by cool, rainy springs that delay blooming, it feels like we have a new "normal" weather pattern. Do we keep waiting for the old "normal" to return or do we schedule our show even later? Not so long ago we were getting blooms by the end of April. Of course, that was when we had many 70 and 80 degree days before the beginning of June. Which is it going to be, early or late? Who has a crystal ball?

Like many rosarians, the Brehms decided to cut canes down to almost ground level this year, which has also led to later and fewer blooms. Cutting down to good pith, we've noticed a refreshing absence of disease and most bugs. Other people who didn't prune to healthy pith may have received many early blooms, but we expect hot weather will put out of service the unhealthy canes they saved. Those canes will then have to be pruned off. (If we had all pruned high, more blooms would have been available for the show. They would probably have been smaller with shorter stems.) At Northland Rosarium in Spokane, instead of reducing long, flexible canes after harvesting the blooms, they just bent them over and pegged them into the soil. This practice allowed for continuation of the photosynthesis process in those canes and leaves. These are just my observations, not tips on how to grow roses the "right" way. One can always experiment in one's own garden. If I had it my way, we would always have show tables full of magnificent color.

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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Rose Herald Co-Editor and Publisher for 24

years, Norma is an ARS Master Rosarian, horticulture judge and arrangements judge.

JO ANGELOS, CO-EDITOR



Jo works hard to help her husband build a second home. She writes, volunteers freely, raises bees, and

enlivens her world with wit, wisdom and empathy.

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.

Tri City Rose Society – 63rd Annual Rose Show
“Les Roses” held at Shilo Inn, Richland, WA on June 5, 2011



Horticulture Award Title	ARS Certificate	Rose Show Award/Prize	Winner	Roses
Queen of Show (1st Place)	ARS Gold	The B.D. Puckett Trophy	Jim Campbell	‘Signature’
King of Show (2nd Place)	ARS Silver	The Marian Anderson Trophy	Mark Palmer	‘Veterans’ Honor’
Princess of Show (3rd Place)	ARS Bronze	The Rainier Bank Trophy	Jim Campbell	‘Sheer Elegance’
Prince of Show (4th Place)		The Elsie K. Gaebel Memorial Trophy	Janelle Hales	‘Paris de Yves St. Laurent’ Top right
Duchess of Show (5th Place)		The Vina Hudson Memorial Trophy	Joann Saylor	‘Diana, Princess of Wales’
Duke of Show (6th Place)		The Leona Ayres Mattison Memorial Trophy	Rebecca Schmidt	‘Kardinal’ pictured top left
Queen of Miniatures (1st Place)	ARS Gold	The Doyles' Trophy	Janet Bryant	‘X-Rated’
King of Miniatures (2nd Place)	ARS Silver	The Doyle Brothers' Trophy	Janet Bryant	‘Summer Sunset’
Princess of Miniatures (3rd Place)	ARS Bronze	The Rhoda & Milton Lewis Trophy	Janet Bryant	‘Baby Katie’
Dowager Queen	ARS Dowager Queen	The Inez Austin Trophy	Helen Newman	‘Konigin von Danemark’
Victorian Rose	ARS Victorian Rose	The Idaho Rose Society Trophy	Nancy Roy	‘Rose de Rescht’
Best (Species) Rugosa		The Warr Trophy	Harlow Young	R. spinosissima
Best Old Fashioned Rose		Dr. and Mrs. S.M. Bunin Trophy, best of the above 3	Nancy Roy	‘Rose de Rescht’
Best Hybrid Tea Spray	ARS Best Hybrid Tea Spray	The Roys Trophy	Myrl Briggs	‘Touch of Class’
Best Three Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora Blooms		Dr. and Mrs. W.D. Norwood Trophy	Norman & Claudia Ferguson	‘Mikado’
Best Fully Open Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora Bloom	ARS Best Hybrid Tea Open Bloom	The Earl C. Watts' Memorial Trophy	Myrl Briggs	‘Graceland’
Best Floribunda One Bloom	ARS Best Floribunda One Bloom	Mac's Garden Center Trophy	Lynn Niebuhr	‘Cherish’ <u>Pictured page 6 on left</u>
Best Floribunda Spray	ARS Best Floribunda Spray	The Thomas A. Keasling Trophy	Jim Campbell	‘Betty Boop’
Best Polyantha Spray		The Catherine Leist Trophy	Mark Palmer	‘Dick Koster’
Best Climbing Rose (One Bloom)		Prize donated by Nancy Roy	Jim Young	‘Fourth of July’

Best Climbing Rose (Spray)		The Tri-City Rose Society Trophy	Virginia McKenna	<i>'Jacob's Robe'</i> center picture pg 6
Best Portland		The Jack Newman Trophy	Nancy Roy	<i>'Rose de Rescht'</i>
Best Shrub Rose	ARS Best Shrub	The Barga Trophy	Jim Campbell	<i>'Agnes'</i>
Best David Austin Rose		Heirloom Old Garden Roses Trophy	Judith Smith	<i>'Gertrude Jeckyl'</i>
Best Miniflora		Prize donated by Nancy Roy	Nancy Roy	<i>'Dilly Dilly'</i>
Best Single Miniature	ARS Best Single Miniature	Prize donated by Nancy Roy in Memory of Norman Roy	Nancy Roy	<i>'Playgold'</i>
Best Miniature Spray	ARS Best Miniature Spray	The Sylvia McCracken Trophy; Prize donated by Janet Bryant	Jim Campbell	<i>'Minnie Pearl'</i>
Best Open Miniature Bloom	ARS Best Open Bloom Miniature	Prize donated by Anne Muggli	Janet Bryant	<i>'X-Rated'</i>
One Bloom Photography		Prize donated by Kathy Weber Best of Photography	Harlow Young	<i>'Matilda'</i>
Floating Rose		Prize donated by JoAnn and John Brehm	Cindy Morris	<i>'Gold Medal'</i>
Mini Floating Rose		Prize donated by The Pindak Family	Janet Bryant	<i>'Mary Marshall'</i>

Junior Classes – For Ages 17 & Under

Junior Horticulture Award	ARS Award	Rose Show Award/Prize	Winner	Roses
JR 29 Best Junior Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora		Prize donated by Cyndy Sharer	Tyler Morris	<i>'Fame'</i>
JR 31 Best Junior Floribunda		Prize donated by Tom & Marlyn Miles	Tyler Morris	<i>'Sunsprite'</i>
JR32 Best Junior Miniature/ Miniflora Bloom		Prize donated in Memory of Jane Melville	Tyler Morris	<i>'Iced Raspberry'</i>
JR34 Best Junior Floating Rose		Prize donated by Linda & Mark Palmer	Tyler Morris	<i>'Olympiad'</i>

Challenge Classes

Challenge Classes Award	ARS Award	Rose Show Award/Prize	Winner	Roses
Class 41 Tri-City Rose Society Collection		Tri-City Rose Society Trophy	Jim Campbell	<i>'Love and Peace,'</i> <i>'Brigadoon,'</i> <i>'Gemini'</i>
Class 42 Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora Bloom Sequence		Wood's Nursery Trophy	Harlow Young	<i>'Belle Epoque'</i>
Class 44 Three Blend Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora Blooms		Bequette Trophy	Janet Bryant	<i>'Touch of Class,'</i> <i>'Double Delight,'</i> <i>'Love and Peace'</i>
Class 46 Mini Artist's Palette		Prize donated by Linda & Mark Palmer	Jolene Angelos	<i>'Pierrine,'</i> <i>'Sun Sprinkles,'</i> <i>'Coffee Bean,'</i> <i>'Innocence,'</i> <i>'Hot Tamale'</i>
Class 48 Miniature Bloom Sequence		Old National Bank Trophy	Janet Bryant	<i>'Behold'</i>

Class 49 Miniature Bloom Challenge		Osa Matheson Memorial Trophy	Nancy Roy	'Orange Parfait,' 'Apricot Twist,' 'Incognito,' 'Kayla,' 'Good Day Sunshine'
Class 50 Three Times the Charm Challenge		Prize donated by The Bryant Family (in Memory of the Christys)	Nancy Roy	'Sweet Revenge'
Class 52 Country Rose Bouquet Challenge		Luella Anderson Memorial Trophy	Jolene Angelos	'Golden Celebration'
Class 54 Most Fragrant Rose Challenge		The Puckett Trophy	Jim Campbell	'Fragrant Cloud'
Class 55 Rose Portrait		Leona Ayres Mattison Trophy	Janet Bryant	'Touch of Class' below on right
Class 56 Miniature Rose Portrait		Prize donated by Dorothy & Jim Campbell	Norma Boswell	'Hot Tamale'

Arrangements

Arrangements Division	ARS Award	Rose Show Award/Prize	Winner	Roses Used
Best Arrangement in the Oriental Manner	ARS Oriental Award, ARS Gold	Prize donated by Harlow Young	JoAnn Brehm	'Lyda Rose'
Best Traditional Arrangement	ARS Royalty Award, ARS Silver	Dr. Kirkland Fritz Memorial Trophy and a Prize donated by Linda & Richard Kerkof	Dorothy Campbell	'Robusta,' 'Golden Wings,' 'Nevada,' 'Therese Bugnet'
Best Modern Creative Arrangement Using Miniature / Miniflora Roses	ARS Mini-Artist's Ribbon, ARS Gold Mini	Prize donated by Joann Brehm	Norma Boswell	'Tom Thumb'
Best Traditional Arrangement Using Miniature / Miniflora Roses	ARS Mini-Royalty Ribbon, ARS Silver Mini	The WA Mutual Savings Bank Trophy & Prize donated by The Bryant Family	Norma Boswell	'Kristin,' 'Millie Walters,' 'Minnie Pearl,' 'Montana'
Best Arrangement in the Oriental Manner Using Miniature / Miniflora Roses	ARS Mini-Oriental Ribbon, ARS Bronze Mini	Prize donated by Dorothy & Jim Campbell	Linda Kerkof	'Best Friends'
Best Rosecrafts using Dried Roses	ARS Rosecraft Award	Prize by Linda & Richard Kerkof	Dorothy Campbell	'Therese Bugnet'
Best Junior Arrangement	ARS Junior Arrangement Ribbon	Prize donated by Norma Boswell	Anna Brehm	'Jeanne Lajoie'



Dear Rose Whisperer: I am relatively inexperienced at planting and taking care of roses in my landscape. Can you give me some pointers for feeding and fertilizing my roses? - New to Roses

Dear New to Roses:

Fertilizing or feeding roses is a topic that we can all benefit from reviewing. Whether we prefer organic or commercial fertilizers, liquid or granular, the use of manures or compost, there are always best practices for our particular gardens. You must decide if you want to use strictly organic fertilizers, or commercial products, or blend organic products with conventional ones. I've used all the above with good results.

One thing I have learned is that there are as many different examples and ideas for best rose culture as there are "experts." But I'll try to condense most of the ideas to a few basic principles. It is important to note that with the recent spring pruning, we removed almost all of the previous year's growth. What we removed represented all the nutrients that the rose bush took from the soil and assimilated into the stems, leaves and flowers last year. Consequently, we have to replace all those nutrients into the soil, along with providing the proper blend of nutrients for this year's display. Here are a few rose feeding basics that need to be considered:

Soil: Remember the three basic ingredients that roses need: water, food and good soil. How a rose "feeds" or uses the soil nutrients depends on your garden's type of soil and the availability of the nutrients to the root system. As a rule, roses prefer a rich clay loam; one that contains a good mix of organic material, loam and sand. As we learned from Tom Morris in our April meeting, roses prefer a soil pH that is slightly acidic, in the range of about 6.3 to 6.8. Higher pH levels (7.0 or above) means that the soil is neutral or alkaline. Soils with this range of pH may have the necessary nutrients that our roses need to thrive, but they will be "tied up," or unavailable for the roots to use. Rose varieties sensitive to pH levels can show pale, chlorotic foliage if the pH is too high.

It is always good practice to have the garden soil tested so that we know how to properly maintain the pH and balance of nutrients for best plant health and flowering. Testing will indicate the types and amounts of fertilizers that need to be applied for best flower performance. It is probably too late this year to have the soil tested, but keep this in mind for early spring next year.

Spring Feeding: As you read this, our rose season will be well under way, past "spring feeding" time. We'll be into the beginning of summer feeding as described below. However, you may want to use this as reference for future years.

In Spring, wait until the ground warms before you feed. Not many of us will actually measure soil temps, but typically the temperature should be consistently above 40 degrees F. This is usually around early to mid-April in our growing region. Sunshine and the plant's internal desire to grow push the spurt of spring growth, requiring an early nutrient boost for best performance. For this first fertilizer application, use a quality fertilizer, applied at the labeled rate. Often, that rate is about one handful (if you're using a granular material) per established rose bush. Consider using a bit more for larger rose plants like climbers or shrubs and less for smaller bushes. These granular fertilizers are usually designed to release their elements slowly to the soil, and should be sprinkled around the "drip zone" of the bush and gently raked in. As we have often been instructed by our Consulting Rosarians, pre-soak the ground before fertilizing and then water well after application to make certain that the nutrients are quickly available to the feeding roots.

The Rose Whisperer uses a high nitrogen granular fertilizer as the first application ... something like a 21-0-0 blend. This is typically added at a little lighter rate than the fertilizers that are applied in a couple weeks after this first feeding. The subsequent feedings are 16-16-16 (or similar) blend. An important point to remember with these first feedings is that a well-balanced fertilizer is best, and there are many types, brands and percentage blends.

It is important to realize that these first feedings are like BREAKFAST to a rose bush, meaning that they are very important to help get the plants going to a successful season. Roses are noted to be heavy feeders, so a regular feeding routine following this first spring fertilization will be important to success with your roses.

Summer Rose Feeding: Early summer, just after the first flush of blooms in late May or early June, is the time to give the roses a second feeding. To keep things simple, we can use the same all-purpose rose food that was used in Spring (like the "triple 16" or any other balanced fertilizer). It is important to know that Nitrogen (the first number in the fertilizer labeling scheme) helps to promote stem and leaf growth, Phosphorus (the second number) encourages healthy root and flower development, and Potassium (the third number) helps to strengthen canes, maintains vigor and improves winter hardiness. Several minor nutrients (boron, chlorine, manganese, iron, etc.) are also important for the health of the plant. Most fertilizers have most of these minor elements in small amounts. For summer and fall feedings, it is not recommended to use a fertilizer in which the first number in the blend (nitrogen) is higher than the other two numbers.

Roses will perform best and flower more if you water them regularly. If the soil is allowed to get too dry, the plants will not benefit from the feeding regimen; so keep them uniformly and routinely watered. A wise rosarian once said that the three most important nutrients for roses are "water, water, water."

Liquid Foliar Feeding: The Rose Whisperer has typically used granular feedings about every 6 to 8 weeks, and has supplemented this with liquid foliar feedings (Miracle-Gro® or similar products) about every 2 weeks. Using a liquid-type fertilizer between granular feedings is a good way to maintain the foliar health and flowering ability of the rose bush. There are many types available, too many to mention here. Some may be more beneficial than others or may suit your gardening style better than others.

Mulches: There are loads of great mulches you can add to the rose bed. Mulches are beneficial for keeping the soil cool and moist, but with time they also help buffer the soil pH, provide nutrients and improve soil structure. Compost is great particularly in the forms of aged manure, aged bark mulch, and a vast assortment of prepared bagged mulches. The Rose Whisperer preferably uses fine bark mulch in all the rose beds. However, in those beds that are directly exposed to the brisk spring and fall winds I have used larger piece-sized mulch so it won't blow away.

Late Summer and Fall Feeding: Continue the feeding regimen up to about six weeks before the average date of the first frost, or about mid September in our zone. At that time, stop all fertilization and back off on the watering schedule to let the plants harden off for the winter.

For this month, bask in the fact that "Les Roses éclosent." The Rose Whisperer aka Harlow Young



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Mark Your Calendar

June 25

Spokane Rose Show and PNW District Rose Show.

June 27

Visit the garden of Don & Linda Mercer in the Horse Heaven Hills. Driving directions are on page 2.

July 8-9

Missoula Rose Show, Missoula, MT.

July 25

See the garden of Michael and Rebecca Schmidt. Topic is Composting at Home.

August 22

Visit the garden of Harlow and Linda Young.

September 26

Fall In-House Rose Show

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