

Rose Herald

Presidents' Message

Goodbye Summer! Hello Fall! And we ask where did the time go?

We had a wonderful August meeting in the outstanding yard of Bob and Bridget Louie. After touring their gardens with the interesting types of trees and enviable rose bushes, we held the meeting next to the Koi pond. The fish have grown to amazing sizes since the last time we met in their yard and come in different colors, including brilliant yellow. They love people, so weren't shy. We were mesmerized! As dusk approached we enjoyed a visitor who flew in and overlooked from the treetop. It was a large owl who stayed several minutes.

Don and I visited the Demonstration Gardens at Highland Park and the AARS test garden, as Harlow suggested at the meeting. We really enjoyed the roses and the different themed gardens. The last time we visited, the Serenity Garden was new and the oblong reflective pool was lined with David Austin roses. Much to our surprise the pool is now filled with fine river rock (with spray features) and the roses have been replaced with petunias! I'm sure there was a good reason for these changes. The Master Gardener's group volunteer to keep these demo gardens in shape. The best way to get to Highland Park is to come north on Arthur, past 18th to the parking lot at the dead end.

Our September meeting will be held at the Sandberg Event Center. This will be our in-house rose show, so bring your entries in your own vases. Also be prepared to vote for your 2014 TCRS officers (see minutes for the list of nominees). See you then.

Your Rose Buddies,
Don and Joann Saylor



September 23 Meeting

Sandberg Event Center & Gardens
331 South 40th Avenue
West Richland, Washington



'Neptune' and
'Nicole' by
Bob Louie



Bridget Louie (left) stands in front of their blooming Kousa Dogwood last spring. At the meeting we enjoyed seeing the late summer tree seeds (below) which are edible, sweet and sometimes used to make wine.



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August Minutes

By Ann Roberts, Secretary Pro Tem

The August meeting was held in the intriguing and lovely backyard of the Bob and Bridget Louie home. After visitors had a chance to tour – and ooh and ahh – the garden, President Joann Sayler opened the meeting prior to dusk. July 22 Minutes were approved as printed in the *Rose Herald*. Treasurer Bob Louie reported the \$70.00 ARS dues were paid in July.

There was no Membership report.

The September In-House Fall Rose Show will be held at the Sandberg Event Center on Monday, September 23. Bring plenty of flowers and your own vases. Create your entry tags from information given below. If you need more vases, Harlow Young has 14 boxes of vases participants can use to display single stem roses. Just let him know what you want. (His contact information is on page 8.)

Harlow presented the Nominating Committee Report of proposed TCRS officers for 2014:

Membership Chair: Linda and Richard Kerkof

Secretary: Kathy Weber

Treasurer: Bob Louie

Vice President: Jim Campbell

President: Harlow Young

Members will vote on this slate in September. However, after their permission, other candidates' names can be submitted at that time.

The Lawrence Scott Park Honor Garden looks wonderful due to a lot of work by members, reports Tom Miles. Recognized for superior efforts were Harlow, Lynn Niebuhr and John Brehm.

Installation of officers will occur at our annual banquet on October 28. Joann Sayler asked and was given permission to select the banquet menu, as past years have proven difficult for menu selection due to the many choices offered and differing opinions about which choices are best. Harlow encouraged visiting the roses in five test beds near the Kennewick Public Library on Union Street, as the bushes are currently in full bloom and are a feast for the eyes.

Norma Boswell and Richard Kerkof reported Nancy Roy, due to a fall, has multiple injuries and is in Kadlec Hospital. She likes to see visitors although at times may be unable to speak as she is sedated for pain control.

JoAnn Brehm announced details about the September Rose Conference in Vancouver, Washington. Only \$45.00 covers registration, eye-opening presentations and lunch. Harlow is the new photo honcho, Norma and JoAnn are rose arrangement presenters and everyone agreed the entire conference will be very worthwhile.

Meeting adjourned at dusk.

September In-House Rose Show

Please use your own containers to display your roses. Entry tags will be available for you to use. Please remember each rose will need to be correctly identified. For any questions about the show you can contact Linda Kerkof at 547-1860 or 851-2110.

"Autumn's Dance" Entries

Class 1A – Single rose, no side buds – Grandiflora or Hybrid Tea

Class 1B – Single rose, no side buds – Floribunda

Class 1C – Single rose, no side buds – David Austin or Shrub rose

Class 1D – Single rose, no side buds – Mini or Miniflora

Class 2A – Spray of roses – Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora

Class 2B – Spray of roses – Floribunda

Class 2C – Spray of David Austin or Shrub roses

Class 2D – Spray of roses – Mini or Miniflora

Class 3A – A Collection of Roses: Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora and/or Floribunda, David Austin, Shrub Roses, Polyanthas displayed in one container. Keeping in mind the theme "Autumn's Dance," use a variety of colors!

Class 3B – A Collection of Mini or Miniflora Roses displayed in one container. Keeping in mind the theme "Autumn's Dance," use a variety of colors!

Class 4A – "Autumn's Dance" Arrangement using standard roses - Designer's Choice. Please specify design style. Examples: line, abstract, modern creative, mass or Oriental style.

Class 4B – "Autumn's Dance" Arrangement using mini or miniflora roses – Designer's Choice. Please specify design style. Example: line, abstract, modern creative, mass or Oriental style

Pacific Northwest District Fall Meeting and Auction by JoAnn Brehm

The annual meeting is scheduled for October 25-27, at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA. The Tri-City Rose Society has been supplying the district with gift baskets and wine for years now to assist them with the funds necessary to provide programs and seminars. Our gifts have always been well received and appreciated by the district.

This year Linda and Don Mercer have committed to provide wine. **We will be taking up a collection during the September meeting to add to the items for the auction baskets.** This donation can be a few dollars or some other item that could fit into our theme- "goodies from the east side of Washington." Gifts from the past years are pictured, courtesy of Linda and Richard Kerkof.



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR **YOUR** PAST AND CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT

2013 PNWD ARRANGEMENT SEMINAR

Calling all arrangement judges, those interested in becoming judges and anyone interested in rose arranging! Our annual arrangement seminar held at the PNWD Fall Conference will be on Friday, October 25, 2013, at the Heathman Lodge in Vancouver, WA.

The evening seminar will be 7-9 pm and will feature a variety of arrangers from the PNW District (**including our very own TCRS members**)! **Linda Kerkof and JoAnn Brehm** will focus on Personal Adornments, including but not limited to Hats, Corsages, Boutonnieres and Hair Wreaths. **Rich Kerkof** will present a look at the special class of Duke of Arrangements. Showing how impressive Dried Arrangements and Exhibits can be will be **Norma Boswell and JoAnn Brehm**.

Rounding out the seminar will be Char Mutschler on the topic of Frames & Hanging Designs. This is an excellent opportunity for newcomers interested in learning about floral designs. We will have handouts on these design topics which will include special elements, design principles, special judging issues and ARS Awards for each design type. You can sign up for the seminar on the Fall Conference registration form. [Click Here.](#)



Join the ARS for just \$10 for a 4-Month 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 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.

Free or reduced garden admissions, a \$25 value after just three uses.

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Join Now! You may complete the [online form](#) or call us at 1-800-637-6534.



Our joy from roses reaches into the depths of our lives far beyond the local membership...we are kinship—not only to the 11 other societies in the state of Washington and over 20 in the Pacific Northwest District (PNWD) but to hundreds of societies across the entire country. (With international connections, too!) The ARS provides the nation-wide infrastructure for all rose lovers, regardless of their expertise. The publications offer valuable, current information and vivid photos to wow our senses (the only thing missing—the scratch and sniff fragrances to accompany them)! The website has similar qualities, but proves even more valuable as a user-friendly map to help you find answers to your questions and give you a tour of our rose world from the comfort of your own home. The cost of a trial membership is less than a few cups of coffee. If you are already a member and enjoy the benefits of the ARS, consider giving a **gift membership** to a friend, neighbor—or family member. The trial membership is a perfect resource for our next generation of rose lovers (grandchildren included)! A way to send flowers which last as long as the magazine!

The One and Only...

The list of ARS Local Society Relations Committee members below includes our own Janet Bryant! (Enjoy her “life in the TRCS” on page 5.) From coast-to-coast, members have a common interest and love of the rose and are willing to invest their time and talents in various ways. Thank you, committee members! And hats off to you, Janet!

ARS & You is a monthly publication whose purpose is to report news related to the ARS and publish articles of interest to rose growers and exhibitors. Opinions expressed in the articles are those of the authors and not necessarily those of the editor or the ARS. While the advice and information in each newsletter is believed to be true and accurate, neither the authors, editor, publisher nor the ARS can accept any legal responsibility for any errors or omissions should there be any that have been made. The ARS makes no warranty, expressed or implied, with respect to the material contained herein. Articles from this publication may be freely disseminated in local rose society and garden clubs publications. To respond to items in this issue of *ARS & You*, please write to any committee member of the:

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Life and Times of the Bunny Slipper Volunteer

By Janet Bryant

My husband and I married in 1982 and he gave me 3 miniature roses from the TCRS (Dorothy Campbell was then Secretary of his Department at the City of Richland). He was doomed from the get-go.

I joined TCRS officially in 1985. Won my first trophy at the 1986 Rose Show with the Best Floribunda Spray "Simplicity" and the Best Novice Arrangement. And my daughter Heather, still very wee, picked out her first miniature from our garden and stuck it in the vase, washed the leaves and won a Junior Award for Best Single Mini Bloom.

In 1987, I was elected Secretary and I was writing articles for the newsletter. We had our rose show at Columbia Center Mall that year; and I was recruited to the Awards Committee. (The rest is history.)

In 1988, I was elected Vice President and doing radio spots with KONA to publicize our Rose Show.

In 1989, Vina and Dorothy conned me into joining their May program on "How to Show Your Roses" to a record-breaking 60 attendees. I was again elected Secretary. Our son Mike started in the Junior Division as he and I became "rose buds" together - he liked to putter in the rose garden with me and he got to choose what he wanted to show - just 1 bloom that he had to groom. He won Best Single Mini that year with 'Acey Deucy' beating out 9 other entries - a pretty big class of junior exhibits. I still have two "Baby Michael" minis in my current garden just because of him.

By 1994, I had computerized the Awards Committee and the results of the show and by 1995 was appointed as Chair of the Awards Committee. I instituted a \$10 silver trophy polishing policy—"You polish the trophy or we charge you and donate the \$ to the TCRS." After I hired my children to do the polishing, paying the bribes - ahem, I mean wages - to Heather and Michael, we still made enough \$ to cover the cost of a new trophy. (Note: the kids went on strike when they became teenagers - polishing silver is hard work!)



In 1996, I was elected President of TCRS. I continued as Awards Chair for the annual Rose Show and that was the first year I did computer-generated display signs for the winners.

To this day, the Awards Committee Chair stores all trophies and prizes (though my hubby wants them out of our garage so we can reclaim that chunk of the garage after nearly 20years)... "We" gather, polish, organize and display all of them. I also plan for logical replacements and evolution of trophies and prizes. ARS certificates are ordered; coordinating as needed with the Properties Chair for ribbons and tags to be ordered as needed.

"We" also create annual award signs, personalized with the graphic from the annual show program. Electronic clerks' sheets and winners' listing are generated. Results sent to the Tri-City Herald by me or by our Newsletter Editors; and to the ARS HQ for national compilation.

Over the years, due to my rather crazy schedule - including lots of travel for my career as a Research Scientist/Engineer at PNNL, most of my volunteer work is done, as I say, "in bunny slippers". My philosophy is, we can all find a niche to do volunteer work that matters to our community organizations. That means, after hours whenever I can get the work done.

So the above picture is of me, "the bunny slipper bandit". This latest pair of slippers was given to me by colleagues of the American Chemical Society, where I am also notorious for "bunny slipper" volunteerism.

I am also involved with ARS national. Sue Tiffany recruited me to assist her with outreach for the ARS & You publication and help when she needed me with monthly outreach to newsletter Editors. This evolved into becoming a part of the Local Society Relations Committee (LSRC). Sue is now the Chair of that national committee. My assignment within the committee is to be the "cruise ship director" for the ARS Editors' Outreach quarterly electronic publication and the monthly ARS Editors' Exchange. This is done along with my partner-in-crime Wanda Weirich who so dutifully and painstakingly maintains the ever-changing email roster of editors who wish to exchange newsletters.

Sue and Wanda are amazing Rosarians and dear friends, who have enriched my life. It is a blessing to work with them, though I have never met them in person - only in bunny slippers and by email and phone.



2007 Queen and King of Minis



The 2011 Mini Court Sweep was very fun: Queen/King/Princess of Minis; Best Open Bloom Mini; Best Floating Mini

September Gardens

By Norma Boswell and Jo Angelos

The lazy days of summer are quickly coming to an end. Soon we will face nighttime temps in the 40's (ushering in our unwanted guest—powdery mildew), and finally, the dreaded killing frost which will bring our gardens to a sudden halt—goodbye, Indian Summer.

September means no more fertilizing the garden, since we don't want a lot of new tender growth suddenly shocked with the frosty nights. Our watering habits will include careful consideration on the time of day (we don't want leaves put to bed wet.) The shortened days mean less water as a whole (when our lawns don't require frequent watering and our nearby roses take up less water, too).

Even though spring is our time to heavily prune roses, fall provides an opportunity to cut back the long, wispy canes which will certainly give way in our north winds. (Your clean clipper cut is far better for the rose than the ragged, torn edges which are left from blustery weather.) Trimming some of the excess foliage will keep the ensuing powdery mildew at bay. If it isn't too harsh on the plant, trim away the mildew laden branches—open the middle part of the bush to allow for greater air circulation. We don't want to trim too low; valuable photosynthesis is still taking place.

And finally, stop deadheading. This process allows the rose bush to start its own winterizing process. With the rose concentrating on the seed (hip) production, the plant naturally quits producing new growth and blooms. Bonus—the hips provide fall and early winter color to your garden! Gardeners who can't stand the look of drying rose petals before the hips develop can get by with taking the drying petals off the bloom without snipping off the entire end (the hips will continue to develop).

River Edge Roses

By Lydia Bates



I went to Columbia Park for a morning walk...the negative ions from the river bring such peace. As I started, I walked about 100 feet and found myself staring at a lovely shrub rose.

My thoughts were stuck on how sweet and beautiful the roses displayed themselves. I reached to pick several (even though we are not to do so). As I reached, I saw hardened galls and ran to get a sack to discard the galls that had dropped in my hand. Was I mad? I had the sense the roses were inviting me to attend to them!

I went home and contacted a man by phone named Mr. Gant with the City of Kennewick in charge of the Parks and Recreation maintenance. I informed him of the diseases on the roses and he met me within the hour. We started at the Veterans Memorial, then continued on to the shrubs a mile from the memorial. I explained I was a Master Gardener and interested in the preservation of local or native habitat. I offered to volunteer and help maintain the roses and he accepted. We need special permission from the City of Kennewick to eradicate any other form of disease.

It has been four months, a few hours a week. that I have excluded the galls and attempted to rid disease from the roses. On September 3, 2013, I found new galls and realized I needed additional people to bring their tools and eradicate (manually) these new galls. I am at Columbia Park on Tuesdays from 11:30-12:30 or call me at 590-591-8925 to set a time to view the roses and the encroaching galls. I welcome your help.



Co-Editor's Note

I was thrilled to have Lydia contact me. Her compassion for the roses along the river is not only commendable but exemplary. She saw a need and took the steps necessary to fill her obligation. How many times do we lack the confidence or commitment to follow through on something we feel we "should" do. She gave our society a chance to utilize one of our mission statements to "educate the public" AND took the time to submit her article and photos—giving all of us the opportunity to see and learn about galls. As one of our Consulting Rosarians, Harlow Young shares his research of galls on page 7. In a subsequent email from Lydia, she stated, "Harlow is right; the rose and wasps are said to be symbiotic; yet if you leave the galls the following year, other insects could move into the hardened shells and those intruders may cause disease." It seems there are always insects looking for an easy habitat and who knows for sure if the new occupants will be as "symbiotic," and ultimately they may compromise the health and vitality of the rose.

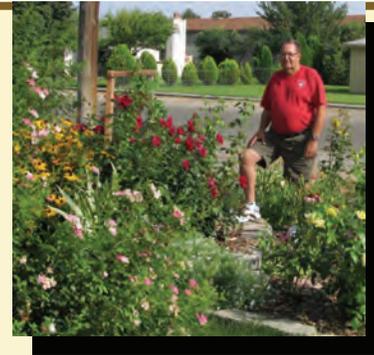
Thank you, Lydia!



Rose Whisperer

By Harlow Young

I read with interest Lydia Bates' article, "River Edge Rose." She was asking for help and guidance in ridding the species roses in Columbia Park of an unusually abundant crop of rose galls. I assume from her description that these galls are not **root** galls, but those created by a tiny insect called Rose (Rosa) Gall Wasp. The wasps stimulate the growth of these galls and are only about ¼" long (2 to 3 mm), so it is unlikely for us to see them in their natural habitat earlier in the spring or summer.



Here's what I have learned from some research into these galls. There are two species of rose wasp that create these galls: the Mossy Gall Wasp (*Diplolepis rosae*) and the Spiny Gall Wasp (*Diplolepis bicolor*). These tiny wasps actually overwinter inside the galls, emerging in April through June to start the cycle over each year.



The gall in which the larvae of the *D. rosae* overwinter is commonly called "Robin's Pincushion Gall." The gall has a hard center that contains the wasp larvae, and is surrounded by a dense mass of sticky branched filaments. This structure gives the appearance of a ball of moss, and its filaments are often brightly colored. Starting off green, then turning pink, to crimson and finally to reddish-brown, they are most colorful around this time of year. A large gall can be up to 10 cm (almost 4 inches) diameter. Most that I've seen, however, are about 2 inches in diameter.

The newly emerged adult wasps start to look for tender expanding plant tissue on which to lay eggs. The female will lay up to 60 eggs at each location. When the eggs hatch in about a week, the larvae will begin to chew on soft new growth, and at the point of "injury," the rose bush will begin to form a

layer of nutritive cells in that spot. As the larvae continue to feed, the plant continues to form concentric layers of tissue called bedeguar that eventually becomes the gall with its characteristic hard center and fibrous outgrowths. The larvae will inhabit the hard center of the gall and winter over inside it. There has been some research into the stimulation of the plant to manufacture these galls or growths, but I could not find a lot of specifics as to this phenomenon. There is only one generation of wasps per year.

This cycle appears to be a symbiotic relationship between the wasp and the rose bush. Some researchers believe that once a particular wasp species is accustomed to a particular species of rose, it will not seek other rose types or species to feed on. And, the gall wasps tend to only feed on species (wild) roses; our modern rose hybrids are not attractive to the wasps.

Some years, like this year in the Columbia Basin, the occurrence of these galls is greater than others. There could be a number of ecological and weather-related reasons for this. Though these galls may be unsightly, there is no known or significant lasting damage to the plant. In most years, the "bloom" of these rose galls also gives rise to a corresponding increase in parasites that like to eat the wasp larvae or prey on the adults that are responsible for the gall.

There are some who think that the appearance of the galls is unattractive, while others see beauty in them, as part of the natural life cycles of both the rose and these small wasps. There are reported medicinal uses for the galls, which we might question. Among them is a remedy against toothaches, a cure for baldness if the gall is mixed with honey and applied to the scalp and a tonic to induce sleep, if a gall is placed under a pillow.

In conclusion, I find no citation that indicates that these are harmful to the plant, or that they are the result of a plant disease. So, don't lose sleep over these galls, just rub the gall honey on your bald spot before you don your night cap and put a couple others under your pillow and dream of an abundant bloom of your roses this fall, all the while growing a healthy head of hair.

For more info http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diplolepis_rosae

<http://www.beautifulwildlifegarden.com/gall-wasps-in-the-garden.html>

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