



Rose Herald

2015 PNW District
and TCRS
Best in Show
'Sparrieshoop'



President's Message

Welcome back, everyone. This past month has been a very busy one for our local rose society. Hosting the Pacific Northwest District Rose Show was no small endeavor, but with the help of many of you, we did it. I am so proud of all who participated and pitched in to help, even some family and friends of members. Thank you! Thanks especially to JoAnn Brehm and Helen Newman, as Co-Chairs of the Show; great job, ladies. There are so many others who volunteered in a variety of ways. Thanks to all. Though most of our roses in the Tri-Cities were bloomed out or past their prime, we managed a few trophies and awards.

One of the interesting things that came from this show is that I had the privilege of talking to a local resident who is looking for a 'Graceland' rose, either a cutting to start a new plant or a bush. Unfortunately, we had no 'Graceland' entries. Neither could I find this rose on any of my usual rose shopping sites. So, here's the challenge to you: If you have this rose in your home garden, and are willing to let me take some cuttings of it to try to propagate for this individual, let me know. The best time for me to take cuttings is early to mid-September. Or, if you have a bush of this rose, and want to replace it with another variety, I can arrange to remove your plant so you'll have space for your new one! My contact information is at the end of this newsletter.

This month starts our summer outdoor meetings. On June 22nd at 7:00 PM, we are going to meet in the rose garden of The Timbers Apartments, 1900 Stevens Drive, in Richland, WA. (**Directions on page 2**) They have 168 rose bushes, probably approaching 80 different varieties. We will assemble at the picnic tables on the lawn at the east side of the pool enclosure. The roses are finishing their first bloom flush, and should have a nice second bloom for us to enjoy. As you enter the parking lot of The Timbers, you'll see the roses almost directly in front of you. Walk to the picnic area through the middle of the rose garden! Helen Newman has arranged for boxed lunches (sandwiches & goodies) and beverages which cost approximately \$10 per person. Attendees may, if they wish, make a donation to the rose society to cover the cost, but this is not required. Please bring a folding chair.

Looking forward, the July 27 meeting will be at my home (details next month). The August 22 meeting will be a Saturday road trip to "Rose Hill," the rose garden in Manito Park, Spokane, WA. We'll keep you posted on details of both of these in subsequent *Rose Herald* newsletters.

Harlow Young

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Tri-City Rose Society
owt.com/rosesociety

PNW District Rose Society
pnwdistrict.org/

American Rose Society
www.rose.org

Complete Results: ** 2015 TCRS Rose Show Photos!
<http://tinyurl.com/2015RoseShowTCRS>

Next Meeting

June 22, 2015—7:00 PM
Timbers Apartments
1900 Stevens Drive

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TCRS Minutes, May 18, 2015

By Kathy Weber, Secretary



On the eve of May 18, the Rose Society held their meeting in the Sandberg Event Center in West Richland. President Harlow Young welcomed 23 members and guests. Minutes of April 27 were approved as printed in the *May Rose Herald*. It was announced that Ann Roberts has vases in her truck for members to borrow for the rose show.

Helen Newman, TCRS Show Chair, shared news of the upcoming Saturday, May 30 show and asked for volunteers to place show signs about town. Copies of the show schedule were available for attendees. The theme is "Rivers of Roses, Celebrating the Memory of Linda Kerkof 1951-2014." Items you wish to donate for the silent auction can be brought to the show. Sign up sheets for Clerking, Luncheon, Registration and Wine Tour were passed around.

Harlow presented the program "How to Take Great Pictures of Your Roses – and other Flowers." (right photo) He gave us pointers, suggestions and encouragements on taking the best pictures of our best roses. Photos last longer than cut flowers and can be shared and remembered. Learn from the "Masters" of rose photography but don't necessarily imitate them. Harlow demonstrated framing a rose by using four different sizes of

poster boards he had made and painted black. For door prizes he gave away these boards and other items to encourage beginning rose photographers to submit photos to the PNWD and national ARS photo contests. He told us not to get discouraged and, most of all, to be creative and have fun.

Our next meeting will be at The Timbers Apartments in Richland on June 22 at 7:00 PM. Come early before the meeting to view the rose gardens.



(The photo above shows Jim and Kathy Weber drawing and distributing the door prizes—A big thanks to both of you!)

Next Meeting June 22, 2015

Timbers Apartments, 1900 Stevens Drive, Richland, WA

**Driving Directions:**

Here are two routes to get there. **From Pasco and Kennewick**, enter Richland at George Washington Way, and travel north through town to McMurray Avenue. Turn left (West) onto McMurray down to Stevens Drive; then turn right onto Stevens Drive and enter the parking lot of The Timbers Apartments, immediately on your right. There are only three visitor parking areas. You may park in

any empty spot not reserved for tenants. **From the By Pass Highway** on Van Giesen Street, drive East on Van Giesen to Stevens Drive. Turn left onto Stevens; then take an immediate right into the parking lot of The Timbers Apartments.

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2015 PNW District Rose Show Hosted by the Tri-City Rose Society by JoAnn Brehm



I'm not sure if we could say we had *Rivers of Roses*; but thanks to our guests in addition to our local members, we did have an elegant District Rose Show. Fifty-one people registered, and the learning started Friday night with a Horticulture Judging Audit and a Consulting Rosarian Chemical Safety review by Bruce Lind, Jim Linman, and John Moe, with a total of 31 attendees. We had a working dinner, and I believe some started exercising their taste buds early in preparation for the next day's wine tour.

Rose entries started early Saturday. Judging began around 10:00 AM. With almost more judges (including apprentices and clerks) than entries, ribbons and top awards were identified rather fast. I do believe our arrangement judging was actually completed before the horticulture sections. That's got to be a first! The second attraction was the wine tour, which consisted of a very comfortable drive around Red Mountain and South Richland in a "Party Limo" to three wineries: Kiona, Hedges and Goose Ridge (**photo below**). Thank you so much for coming to our sunshine and bringing your roses.

Winners of the PNW District Challenge Classes

PNW 1 The J. Horace McFarland District Trophy *Donated by Bruce & Barbara Lind*

Winners: Gretchen & Michael Humphrey

Rose(s): 'Grande Amore,' 'Gemini, Firefighter,' 'Olympiad,' 'Savoy Hotel'

PNW 2 The Al Schamel Memorial Trophy *Donated by Portland Rose Society*

Winner: Jim Campbell

Rose(s): 'Marilyn Monroe'

PNW 3 Judges' Trophy *Donated by Lynn Schafer*

Winners: Gretchen & Michael Humphrey

Rose(s): 'Grande Amore,' 'Veterans' Honor,' 'Solitaire'

PNW 4 The Dr. Paul and Carrie Miller Memorial Trophy *Donated by Miller Trust*

Winner: Jim Linman

Rose(s): 'Opening Night'



Jim Campbell, Gretchen Humphrey & Jim Linman

PNW 7 The Seattle Rose Society Floribunda Trophy *Donated by Seattle Rose Society*

Winner: Jim Campbell

Rose(s): 'Sexy Remy,' 'Europeana,' 'Singin' In the Rain'



PNW 10 The Helene Schoen Memorial Trophy *Donated by Fort Vancouver Rose Society*

Winner: Jim Linman

Rose(s): 'Fame!'



PNW 11 Ralph Moore District Trophy *Donated by Missoula Rose Society*

Winners: Gretchen & Michael Humphrey

Rose(s): 'Glowing Amber,' 'Hot Tamale,' 'Giggles,' 'Magic Show' (**insert**) 'Baby Boomer,' 'Irresistible,' 'Ruby Baby' (**all above**)

PNW 13 The Vic Snitzler Memorial Trophy *Donated by Margaret Snitzler*

Winners: Gretchen & Michael Humphrey

Rose(s): 'Magic Show,' 'Giggles,' 'Butter Cream'



LATER REGISTRATION DATE JULY 31ST 2015

**ARS ARRANGEMENT JUDGING SCHOOL & WORKSHOP
August 15th & 16th, 2015, Vancouver, WA
(Clark County Genealogical Center, 717 Grand Blvd, off E Mill Plain Blvd)**



Agenda

Saturday Morning, August 15th

8:30 – 8:45 AM Sign-in and Welcome JoAnn Brehm
 8:45 – 9:00 Judging Roses (Brief Horticulture Review) JoAnn Brehm
 9:00 – 9:30 Arranging with Roses/Design Components Jo Martin
 9:30 – 10:30 Elements and Principles of Design Char Mutschler
 10:30 – 10:45 BREAK (included in price)
 10:45 – 11:00 Historical Influence JoAnn Brehm
 11:00 – 11:30 Traditional Arrangements (Standard) Jo Martin
 11:30 – 12:00 Modern Arrangements (Standard) Char Mutschler
 12:00 – 12:30 PM Arrangements in the Oriental Manner (Standard) JoAnn Brehm
 12:30 – 1:15 LUNCH (preordered & paid by attendees)

4:30 – 5:30 Practice Point Scoring: Traditional, Modern/Creative, and Oriental Faculty
 5:30 – 6:30 DINNER (on own) and Study

Saturday Evening, August 15th

6:30 – 8:30 PM Workshop Study – Modern/Creative, Abstract Design Char Mutschler
 Hands-On Practicum for Registrants All Faculty Assisting
 Line material and roses will be furnished to each participant. Participant to bring creative container, mechanics, clippers, foliage and/or other materials to include in the design, and/or any other tools needed.

School continues on Sunday, August 16th for students taking exam for application as Apprentice Rose Arrangement Judge.

Sunday Morning, August 16th

10:30 – 11:30 AM Refresher on Point Scoring for Students Taking the Exam Review Traditional, Modern/Creative, Oriental, and Miniature Designs Faculty
 11:30 – 12:00 Final Questions/Answers Faculty
 12:00 – 1:00 PM LUNCH/STUDY BREAK
 1:00 – 4:30 Examinations
 Written Examination
 Practical Examination—all arrangements are to be point scored on score cards and comments made to justify scoring.

Saturday Afternoon

1:15 – 1:45 PM Table Classes (Functional and Exhibition) Jo Martin, Char Mutschler
 1:45 – 2:15 Dried Arrangements and Exhibits Kathy Wyckoff
 2:15 – 2:45 Special Classes Jo Martin
 2:45 – 3:00 BREAK (included in price)
 3:00 – 3:30 Personal Adornment Classes. JoAnn Brehm, Kathy Wyckoff
 3:30 – 3:45 Miniature Arrangements Norma Boswell
 3:45 – 4:15 Show Schedules, Use of the Scorecard, ARS Awards JoAnn Brehm
 4:15 – 4:30 Ethics and Judging Conduct Jo Martin

Resource: *Guidelines for Judging Rose Arrangements*, the Official American Rose Society Arrangement Judges Handbook. Available from ARS for \$10.00 online at ARS.org or by calling 1-800-637-6534. For members it is free online by going to [Members, ARS Resources, Arrangement Judges](#), and download the guidelines. Also available for purchase is the excellent *A Guide to Creating Rose Arrangements* for \$1.50.

Questions? Email JoAnn Brehm at jobrehm@outlook.com or call (509) 627-0577

Registration Form for Rose Arrangements Judging School

August 15th & 16th, 2015

Complete the following form and send with check (payable to "TCRS"):

JoAnn Brehm, 1113 Saddle Way, Richland, WA 99352.

I am registering for the following (please read carefully and check):

- August 15th, Saturday School for judging credit (4 hours)
- August 15th, Saturday School for my own interest
- August 15th, Saturday School to obtain apprentice judging credentials
- August 16th, Sunday Judging Exam (for apprentice judging credentials)*

*\$10.00 (per person taking the exam on August 16th, bring check to class payable to "ARS")

Number _____ Costs \$45 (per person to include breaks, cost of facility, paper production for August 15th)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

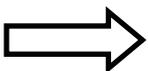
A final agenda and study packet will be emailed upon registration.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____



PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND CHECK (to be received) NO LATER THAN JULY 31, 2015.



L to R Court Table, 'Grand Amore', 'Sugar Moon', 'Bee's Knees' 'Ruby Baby'

"Rivers of Roses" held at Richland Community Center, Richland, WA on May 30, 2015

Horticulture Award Title	ARS Award	Rose Show Award/ Prize	Winner	City	Roses
Best in Show		Prize by Dorothy & Jim Campbell	Gretchen & Mike Humphrey	Tigard, OR	'Sparrieshoop' photo on page 1
Queen of Show (1st Place)	ARS Gold Medal Certificate Awarded to Queen	*The B.D. Puckett Trophy	Gretchen & Mike Humphrey	Tigard, OR	'Grand Amore' Photo above
King of Show (2nd Place)	ARS Silver Medal Certificate Awarded to King	The Marian Anderson Trophy	Jim Linman	Portland, OR	'Crowd Pleaser'
Princess of Show (3rd Place)	ARS Bronze Medal Certificate Awarded to Princess	The Rainier Bank Trophy	Mary Ann & Tom Kelley	Richland, WA	'Sugar Moon' Photo above
Prince of Show (4th Place)		The Elsie K. Gaebel Memorial Trophy	Gretchen & Mike Humphrey	Tigard, OR	'Asso di Cuori'
Duchess of Show (5th Place)		The Vina Hudson Memorial Trophy	Jim Campbell	West Richland, WA	'Marilyn Monroe'
Duke of Show (6th Place)		The Leona Ayres Mattison Memorial Trophy	Gretchen & Mike Humphrey	Tigard, OR	'Marilyn Monroe'
Queen of Miniatures (1st Place)	ARS Gold Medal Certificate Awarded to Miniature Queen	The Doyles' Trophy	Gretchen & Mike Humphrey	Tigard, OR	'Bee's Knees' Photo above
King of Miniatures (2nd Place)	ARS Silver Medal Certificate Awarded to Miniature King	The Doyle Brothers' Trophy	Gretchen & Mike Humphrey	Tigard, OR	'Luis Desamero'
Princess of Miniatures (3rd Place)	ARS Bronze Medal Certificate Awarded to Miniature Princess	The Rhoda & Milton Lewis Trophy	Warren Shelton	Caldwell, ID	'Ruby Baby' Photo above
Dowager Queen - OGR's Pre-1867	ARS Dowager Queen Certificate	The Inez Austin Trophy (Class 11)	Mike Peterson	Renton, WA	'Queen of Bourbons'
Victorian Rose - OGR's Post-1867	ARS Victorian Rose Certificate	The Idaho Rose Society Trophy (Class 12)	Gretchen & Mike Humphrey	Tigard, OR	'Rose de Rescht'
Best Old Fashioned Rose (Classes 10 - 12)		Dr. and Mrs. S.M. Bunin Trophy, best of the above 3	Gretchen & Mike Humphrey	Tigard, OR	'Rose de Rescht'

Rose Sepals

By The Rose Whisperer, AKA Harlow Young

*"On a summer's day, in sultry weather,
Five brethren were born together.
Two had beards and two had none,
And the other had but half a one."*

There are several known forms of this riddle. It may have first appeared even before the invention of the printing press, one reference giving its origin to a Dominican friar, Albertus Magnus (ca. 1200-1280), and later translated as given above.

What or who are the five brethren of this riddle?

The answer is *rose sepals*.

As you may know, the sepals are the green coverings of the rose's flower bud which, when they "relax" and fold back, reveal the petals as the flower blooms. Generally, there are five sepals folded around each bud, and within these there are three morphological descriptions of the sepals, as described in the above riddle. These three types, though similar, are often uniquely shaped to each species or hybrid of rose.

When you look carefully at the different hybrids of roses in your garden, you will notice that each hybrid has a different shape, size and color of sepals. Not only are these unique sepals genetically coded, but they can also be influenced by ecological or agricultural conditions.

For example, during these recent very hot days, I noticed that the blooms are smaller and the sepals are correspondingly smaller and less distinct compared to the same roses just one month ago.

While researching on the Web for more information about these "five brothers," I learned some interesting information. The word **sepal** comes from the Latin word for "separate," which hints at the fact that each flower's sepals are separate units that sit below the petals. Each sepal is somewhat triangular in shape, usually being very long and slender, and pointed at the outer end. If you look carefully at the edges of each sepal, you'll notice that two of them break up into tiny, flattened "whiskers." These are the bearded brothers of the riddle. Two will have smooth edges being the beardless brothers, and the one with only half a beard has one smooth and one whiskery edge.

Regardless of the rose variety, the sepals are the most leaf-like parts of the flower. They contain the same number and arrangement of veins found in the plant's foliage and are often as green as the true leaves because they, too, store chlorophyll in their cells.

Sepals may help keep the flower parts moist while they develop inside the bud. Together, the five sepals form a ring called the **calyx**. The word calyx is derived from a Greek word referring to a husk or envelope. The calyx does not divide into sepals until all the inner organs of the flower are ready to emerge and unfold. The outer surfaces of some sepals wear an outer coat of sharp prickles or gluey glands. These ornaments may offer even greater protection to the young flower by discouraging insect attacks. In a few flowers (not roses) sepals are discarded as the flower opens. For example, the sepals of poppies and bleeding hearts are little more than thin wrappers that fall to the ground once the inner organs are mature and the sepals' job is done.



My friend Rich Baer of the Portland, OR Rose Society sent me three other versions of this same riddle:

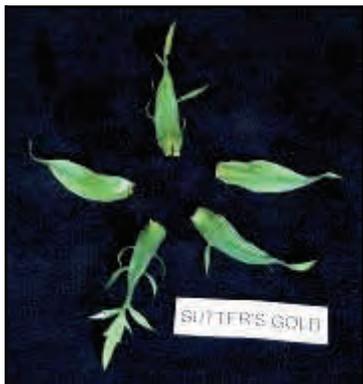
An 1871 Version "Five brothers all equal in age,
Two bearded and equally wise.
Two beardless and equally sage
One bearded though one half in size."

A 1901 version "Of us five brothers at the same time
born
Two, from our birthday, ever beards have worn.
On other two, none have ever appeared
While the fifth brother wears but half a beard."

A 2001 version "Brothers five on one day born
Two were bearded, two were shorn.
One to hide his brother's shame
Wore one side bearded, one side none."

Rose Whisperer, Cont

As important as sepals are, no one loves a rose for its calyx. Poets and artists would rather praise the petals. We enjoy the beauty of the flower which is anchored above, and often hides, the calyx. The ring of petals makes a **corolla**, a Latin word meaning "little crown." These colorful structures serve a different purpose from that of the sepals. They are more likely to attract, recruit and reward visiting pollinators, particularly insects.



The corolla of a wild (species) rose usually contains just five petals. However, our modern garden roses may contain dozens of petals crammed into a dense, full package. Outside the garden – that is, in the natural environment where species roses find their desired habitats – these double or full blooms are usually eliminated by natural forces, since these types of flowers are not always hardy, are wasteful of available resources, and are often too difficult for insects to pollinate. However, in recent centuries shrubs with these full blooms have been carefully protected and propagated by hybridizers, giving us gardens filled with "double" flowers and hundred-petaled roses.

So, when you walk through your rose garden, take a look at the wide variety of sepals on the bushes. They, along with the blooms, are an interesting and amazing display.



June Rose Garden

pH is Vital

By Norma Boswell, Master Rosarian

pH means **potential hydrogen**. pH plays a vital part in growing plants, including our beloved roses.

Soil is considered neutral when its pH is 7.0. Soils below neutral are acidic (sour), and those above 7.0 are alkaline (sweet or base).

Roses perform best in a slightly sour soil with a pH of 6.0 to 6.8.

High rainfall areas are acidic because rain leaches out minerals that promote alkalinity. Alkaline minerals like magnesium, potassium and calcium are washed away and replaced by acidic elements of hydrogen and aluminum. Rain by nature is already acidic and therefore decreases pH.

Soil type and chemical fertilizers also affect sweetness or acidity. Rocky clay soils that contain alkaline-causing minerals such as calcium, sodium carbonates and magnesium are alkaline. **(In our area we don't use Epsom salt every year; that is magnesium sulfate. Magnesium makes soil more alkaline.)** Fertilizers high in nitrogen, applied at a high rate, increase acidity.

In very alkaline soils (pH over 8.0), zinc, phosphorus, copper, boron and manganese are unavailable to plants. Phosphorus is not available in very acid or very alkaline soil. **A pH of 6.5 makes nutrients available to most plants.**

Every soil type benefits from **compost**, which stabilizes soil structure, making amendments last longer in the ground.

Dolomitic limestone raises pH. It contains 10-20% magnesium and calcium, important elements in plant growth. Don't add it every year; apply (if needed) according to soil type. Let's say your goal is raising pH one point.

In **sandy** soil, add 3.5-5 lbs. per 100 sq. ft. In **sandy loam**, add 5-7 lbs. per 100 sq. ft. In **loam**, add 7-10 lbs. per 100 sq. ft. In **heavy clay**, add 7-8 lbs. per 100 sq. ft.

To ensure plants accept fertilizers, apply limestone one week before supplying plant food.

To lower pH in all types of soil, add 1-2 lbs. of ground sulfur per 100 sq. ft. for each 1/2 pt. reduction. Add humus, compost, peat and other organic matter to acidify soil, increase its ability to hold water, and beef it up. Every year, add 1/4-1/2 inch organic matter.

High sodium is common in alkaline soil. **Apply gypsum to reduce sodium and help break down clay soil.**

Treat your garden to a soil test. Knowing exactly what's needed is reassuring.

[ED. NOTE: Special thanks to Susan Schneider for her "Cutting Edge Culture" in Peter Schneider's *American Rose Rambler*, Spring 2015. Susan reprinted information from Amanda Jarrett and Don Julien.]

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Home of Harlow &

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