



Rose Herald



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President's Message

What a fun time we had with the annual Fall In-House Rose Show challenge. This was purposely informal, with the intent that all who attended would learn something about how Horticulture Judges determine the specimen that best fits the defined class characteristics.

Thanks to JoAnn Brehm, Norma Boswell and Richard Kerkof for judging all these entries. And, thanks to Katie Dickenson for preparing the nice certificates for the lucky winners of each Class.

As you can read in the Secretary's report, we voted on the Tri-City Rose Society officers for 2015. Congratulations to all, and a BIG thank you for accepting these responsibilities. You'll notice that there are no changes in officers from the current year. So, I guess consistency is good.

Norma Boswell emailed me an item for the business meeting, which we discussed: the opportunity to get some free rose bushes from Dona and Larry Belt's yard. I went there on Tuesday after our meeting and brought home a 'Purple Tiger' and 'Black Knight' for myself, and a 'Paradise' for Don and Joann Saylor. They have quite a few more left, mostly the well-established names in roses.

I trust that everyone is planning to attend our October end-of-season banquet at the Sandberg Event Center. As was mentioned at this past meeting, Mr. John Moe will be the featured speaker. Our editors will include his 'bio' in this issue as an incentive for you to make reservations to attend. Please contact Joann Saylor (585-8646) if you haven't indicated that you'll attend. She needs to give the caterer a head count by Monday October 20.

This has been a great year for the Tri-City Rose Society, in large part because of your inputs and participation. Thanks to all who have attended the monthly meetings and volunteered in so many different ways. The October banquet will close this year's activities, but we'll start up again in January.

Thanks for your membership.

Harlow Young

Next Meeting
 October 27, 2014
End of the Year Banquet
 Sandberg Event Center & Gardens
 331 South 40th Avenue
 (Off Van Giesen)
 West Richland, WA
 Be sure to make reservations—
 Call Joann Saylor 585-8646
 By Monday October 20th
6:30 PM—Dinner and
Featured Guest John Moe
(Check out page 4!)

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TCRS Minutes – September 22, 2014 by Kathy Weber

On this the first day of fall, Harlow Young called the meeting of our society to order at 7:35 p.m. as we met in the Sandberg Event Center in West Richland. There were 20 members in attendance. The minutes of the August 25 meeting were approved as printed in the *Rose Herald*. Bob Louie gave a treasurer's report stating that our treasury balance stands at a healthy \$5,091.00.

Harlow introduced those nominated for office positions for 2015. President: Harlow Young, Vice President: Jim Campbell, Secretary: Kathy Weber, Treasurer: Bob Louie. A motion was made and passed to accept the slate of nominees as the newly elected officers.

Harlow encouraged all in attendance to submit their responses by September 26 for "Roses in Review" for use in the *ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses*. (This publication is FREE to ARS members [click here](#) for information.) This is an opportunity for members and nonmembers of the ARS to enter responses.

Mr. John Moe, the PNW District Co-Chair of Consulting Rosarians, will be our featured guest speaker at the annual end of season banquet on October 27. Joann Sayler passed a signup sheet for those attending the banquet. The prime rib dinner cost will be \$25 per person, including gratuities.

Harlow told of a family near Benton City who want to clear out their rose garden and ask anyone who wants a rose bush to come and dig and take. Donna and Larry Belt's phone number is 967-2612. Harlow also shared about his own rose garden and wanted to alert others to rose leaf damage he identified as black spot, which is not usually seen in this area. It is important to remove and destroy all diseased foliage and spray with a fungicide to eradicate this scourge, as these disease spores are transferable. He also advised that we cut back on watering the roses to every three (3) days and prune our bushes to open up the center for better air circulation.

Anna Brehm passed a colorful lighted hat to collect monetary donations for TCRS to convert into raffle baskets for the October Pacific NW District Conference in Vancouver.

Our judges did a fine job selecting the winners at our "Endless Summer" In-House Rose Show. Certificates made by Katie Dickenson were given out to winners in 15 different classes. It is a great feeling when one of your own entries receives recognition. But then, anyone who grows roses is a winner.



'Proud Land' by Richard Kerkof



Harlow conducts the September meeting



1st Place Spray of Roses 'Ebb Tide' by Kathy Weber

In-House Rose Show Results
All Photos by Katie Dickenson



- 1A** Single Rose—Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora
1st 'Marilyn Monroe' by Harlow Young
2nd 'Peace' by Bob Louie
3rd 'Alec's Red' by Jim Woodward
- 1B** Single Rose—Floribunda
1st 'Fabulous' by Joann Sayler
2nd 'Vavoom' by Harlow Young
3rd 'Redgold' by Richard Kerkof
- 1C** Single Rose—Shrub/David Austin
1st 'Christine' by Jim Woodward
- 1D** Single Rose—Mini/Miniflora
1st 'Black Jade' by Jo Angelos
2nd 'Irresistible' by Richard Kerkof
3rd 'Rainbow's End' by Judy Schultz
- 2A** Spray of Roses—Hybrid Tea/Grandiflora
1st 'Gemini' by Joann Sayler
2nd 'Proud Land' by Richard Kerkof
- 2B** Spray of Roses—Floribunda
1st 'Ebb Tide' by Kathy Weber
2nd 'Matilda' by Harlow Young
- 2C** Spray of David Austin/Shrub
1st 'Raspberry Ruffles' by Harlow Young
- 2D** Spray of Roses—Mini/Miniflora
1st 'Black Jade' by Jo Angelos
2nd 'Hilde' by Richard Kerkof

- 3A** A Collection of Roses
1st 'Moondance,' 'Black Magic,' 'Olympiad' by Jo Angelos
2nd 'Sutter's Gold,' 'Keep Smiling,' 'Olympiad,'
'Signature,' 'Peace' by Harlow Young
3rd 'Sheila's Perfume,' 'Voodoo,' 'Sugar Moon,' 'Alec's
Red,' 'Scarlet Ribbons' by Jo Angelos
- 3B** A Collection of Mini/Miniflora Roses (pictured bottom left)
1st 'Heather Sproul,' 'Denver's Dream,' 'Sun Sprinkles,'
'Salute,' 'No Worries,' 'Busy Bees,' 'Rainbow's End,'
'Iced Raspberries' by Jo Angelos
2nd 'My Louise' by Richard Kerkof
3rd 'Denver's Dream,' 'Irresistible' by Bob Louie
- 4B** Say It With Roses—Arrangement with Mini/Miniflora
1st 'Hot Tamale,' 'Black Jade,' 'Rainbow's
End,' 'Iced Raspberry,' 'Sun Sprinkles'
by Jo Angelos
- 1E** Photograph of A Single Rose
1st 'Miyagi' by Harlow Young
2nd 'Happy Go Lucky,' by Harlow
Young
- 2E** Photograph, Spray of Roses
1st 'Matilda' by Harlow Young
2nd 'Lyda Rose' by Harlow Young
3rd 'White Lightnin' ' by Jo Angelos



October 27, 2014 TCRS Meeting and Banquet

Featuring Guest Speaker John Moe



John has been growing roses for almost 30 years and presently has about 350. He is a member of the Tacoma and Puyallup Rose Societies, and writes a monthly column for their newsletters titled, "Ask the Consulting Rosarian." He is past General Director of the Rose Hybridizers Association, current PNW Co-Chair of Consulting Rosarians, a Master Rosarian and a horticultural judge. He has presented classes and seminars for a number of rose societies in Washington, Oregon and British Columbia, and has made presentations to the Oregon Master Gardeners and the Tacoma Home and Garden Show. He has been a faculty presenter at numerous Consulting Rosarian seminars/

schools and horticultural judging schools. John received ARS Bronze Medals for outstanding service to local societies from Valley Rose Society in 1998 and Tacoma Rose Society in 2011. In 2007 he was honored with an ARS Silver Medal for outstanding service to the entire Pacific Northwest District.

Describing his presentation, John said, "I will be speaking and showing photos about my trip to the World Federation of Roses (WFRS) convention in Johannesburg, South Africa. The pre-trip was a four day excursion to a very large (110,000 acre) national game preserve near the Botswana border where we went on early morning and evening game drives. I have always enjoyed seeing the big animals, but seeing them up close in their natural habitat was something special. Then back to Johannesburg for the convention with speakers from all over the world and private home garden visits. There are 39 countries in the WFRS, and 350 rosarians attended the convention from 26 different countries. A trip of a lifetime—I would love to go back!"

Featured in the photo with John is his beloved wife Mitchie Moe, who passed away from breast cancer on June 9, 2012.

Mitchie was a joyful and successful hybridizer who registered and introduced 37 of her roses to the world, starting in 1998 with four minis: pink blend 'Alpha Moe,' orange blend 'Mighty Moe,' light pink 'Marilyn Wellan' and russet 'Anne Hering.' 'Anne Hering' went on to become a parent miniature rose, helping Mitchie create three later introductions.

The year 2000 revealed a flurry of achievements, among them one of Mitchie's first minifloras, red blend 'Cougar.' It was the only year she registered a floribunda, a grandiflora ('Jan & Rick,' white, with strong fragrance) and a shrub, along with several minis, including dark red 'Dot Com,' yellow blend 'Hi,' light yellow 'Mike Peterson,' dark yellow 'Mitchie's Gold,' orange pink 'Sassy Girl' and white 'Snow Bunny.' After that, Mitchie concentrated on minis and minifloras.

Naming roses was fun for Mitchie. She liked to recognize various friends by naming roses after them, such as orange-pink 'Jo' in 2002. In 2009 three friends were honored with yellow blend 'Barbara,' apricot blend 'Judie' and mauve 'Lynn' (all regarded "very disease resistant").

For more details on Mitchie's roses, including photos and where to order for your own garden, go to helpmefind.com (click to open link).

Come to the meeting and enjoy the company of John Moe, see the highlights of his travels and talk about roses and rose travels. (The next World Federation Conference will be held in Lyon, France, May 19-June 7, 2015. Newton International Tours of Tucson is making arrangements for ARS members. Ask for an itinerary and price: lhnewton@aol.com or 520.204.4854.)



'Mighty Moe'



Winter in the Rose Garden by Norma Boswell, Master Rosarian

Follow God's example in the garden, urges Paul Gautschi in the documentary *Back to Eden*. The Creator "never disturbs the ground and He never mixes. All He does is layer...What's so amazing is that the easiest is the best. All that work we do is counterproductive."

Just look at the many benefits of layered mulch:

(1) A four inch layer of wood chips and leaves will insulate rose roots and protect them from temperature extremes in both winter and summer.

(2) Mulch slowly breaks down as it is digested and re-digested. The chips' carbon turns into humus and the leaves' phosphorus and nitrogen totally enrich the soil...feeding bacteria, micorrhizal fungi, protozoa, beneficial nematodes and earthworms. Earthworms create vermicompost, one of the best composts on the planet, and they keep the soil porous rather than compacted. Roses can't help becoming healthier and less prone to insect attacks.

(3) Precious moisture is conserved. Wood chips absorb moisture from the air at night and release it during the day when the roses need it.

(4) Weeds are smothered, reducing time and effort needed for weeding by as much as 90%.

(5) Fertilizing and spraying may not be needed. Beneficial insects thrive in such a hospitable environment.

(6) Over time, soil pH should be improved as the quality and quantity of microbes increase. For the scientifically curious and those who say "Prove it," soil tests can be taken "before" and "after" – right now, and a few years after mulching.

Here are some caveats:

Wood chips tend to work better than beauty bark, which blows away unless corralled inside plastic or paper collars. Moistened wood chips interlock and stay in place.

Ideally, the best leaves to layer are from hardwoods like oak. Fresh leaves are loaded with phosphorus and nitrogen which balance carbon in the wood. Also ideally, it's best to spread them shortly after the wood is cut. If you wait more than 48 hours, they will start to decompose. Loads of dusty, decomposing leaves and chips require wearing a mask to keep from inhaling dust. This is not an issue with fresh chips and leaves.

The problem with standard compost piles? Underneath the piles is where the soil is becoming rich – and roses are not growing there!

No rototilling is needed – or desired. Rototilling destroys soil microbes, especially the complex and delicate micorrhizal fungi.

Nothing should be added to the soil that will leach into the water table and cause a problem in the river or in wells. Mulching can help us eliminate the need for fertilizers with chemical salts that wipe out soil microbes. Mulching could also allow us to eliminate insecticide sprays that harm bees and other beneficial insects. When it comes right down to it, fungicides are probably the only additives needed even for the fussiest gardeners.

Fungicide is the only spray application our roses may need for mildew and black spot this fall. GreenCure Fungicide is sold at www.greencure.net and is labeled for organic gardening. The GreenCure label gives no precautions in regard to hurting bees or soil organisms.

When mixing the powder with water, it makes sense to wear nitrile gloves, keep your gloves away from your face, and never let pets drink the solution.

With fall winds coming, it's good to lower the height of tall rose bushes to prevent canes from gouging each other with their thorns. Healthy rose hips can be kept on bushes to feed hungry birds. Parts of canes and leaves with any hint of disease should be trashed. Rose beds can look neat and tidy all winter.



Green Grasshopper

by The Rose Whisperer, AKA Harlow Young

Dear Rose Whisperer: Why were you taking so many pictures of me in your garden today? After all, I wasn't hurting anything, just sunning myself while resting on one of your roses.

Green Grasshopper

Answer: Well, long-antennaed Green Grasshopper, it was such an oddity to see one like you letting yourself be displayed without camouflage on a bright yellow rose, that I couldn't resist taking your picture. It was so nice of you to stay still while I collected several photos. Why didn't you disappear, as my camera got closer and closer?



Grasshopper: Well, I figured that if I sensed any danger, I could fly off before you could harm me. Besides, why wouldn't I want my beauty displayed in the *Rose Herald*? It's not often that any of my relatives have had that opportunity. And, to answer another part of your question, my kind is not as skittish as other grasshopper species. By the way, if you put my photos in the *Rose Herald*, be sure to show how long my antennae are; they are as long as or longer than my body. And show the people my gorgeous orange eyes!



Whisperer: I guess I never thought of being featured in the *Rose Herald* in that way. The other day, I had several Skippers (pictured on the right) visit the garden, but they weren't so patient with me and the camera.

Grasshopper: I noticed. I laughed at you while you were chasing them and finally getting a picture. By the way, I'm not an ordinary run-of-the-mill grasshopper. I'm known as a "fork-tailed bush katydid" of the family *Tettigoniidae* named *Scudderia furcata*. You briefly saw me a couple of days ago when you were cutting back the dense overgrowth of the asparagus plants. I bit you on the leg, and you flicked me away thinking I was a praying mantis.



Whisperer: Oh yes, I remember. You surprised me because you were actually trying to bite me. I looked around after that but I couldn't find you. It's probably fortunate that you disappeared, because I might have harmed you right after that incident. I thought it rather strange at the time when you bit me, because I didn't think mantids would bite.

Grasshopper: I bite! Especially if someone is disturbing my habitat, like you did. I didn't bite hard enough to break through your skin, but just enough to get your attention. But, don't worry, I've found some good places to hide in other parts of your garden. By the way, thanks for not harming me today, too.



Whisperer: You're welcome. But while you're foraging in the garden, don't harm the roses.

Grasshopper: Well, I'm not a very discriminating forager. Don't be surprised if I munch on a rose leaf or two, or maybe a bunch of them. It's been nice talking to you, but I've got to go. You've probably noticed that I'm the one with the forked tail, the lady of the family. Fall is coming and I'm preparing to continue the family by laying some eggs in the soft soil of the garden to survive the winter and continue the cycle. It's been nice meeting you, Mr. Rose Whisperer. Goodbye.

Whisperer: Goodbye, Ms. Katydid.

TCRS to Host the PNW District Rose Show for 2015!

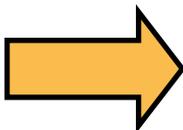
By JoAnn Brehm, Show Chair

Save this date & place: Saturday May 30th at the Richland Community Center

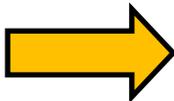
The last time the Tri-Cities held the Pacific Northwest District Rose Show was in 2008 and it is time for another one! The district rose show is rotated annually among local societies in the Pacific Northwest and Vancouver, B.C. It is usually larger than the local show as more PNW rose lovers come than just the judges, and they bring lots of ROSES. It's a great way to make new rose friends and rekindle past friendships. You will see a few things above and beyond our normal show. One is the addition of the PNW District Classes that are ARS member entries. We are looking into a wine tour, always popular in the Tri-Cities, and self-guided tours to our two local favorite rose gardens, the Lawrence Scott Park (maintained by our members) and the Master Gardeners at the Mid-Columbia Library in Kennewick. Jolene Angelos and Helen Newman will be the Co-Chairs for this event and we will be having a show meeting early next year (before the January monthly meeting) to get started, since both of us are very busy in the spring with the show schedule. Please contact either of us if you would like to help by heading up or assisting on a committee! (Contact information on page 8.)

Here's your chance to get involved in an event which includes people from across our Pacific Northwest District!

These are the committees. Some are headed up by members who donate their time and talents *year after year* to promote our local show. It is time for these dedicated members to have "help" and it is a chance for many of us to step up and try something new by helping in a different way! Get friends or family involved and make our show a fun way to start the summer. Add it to your list of New Year's Resolutions—you are never too old or too young to be a valuable asset to the show!



Pick one
(or two!)



Or More!

- Advertisement (For Schedule)
- Arrangement Theme
- Awards
- Clerks
- Education/Membership
- Entries
- Hospitality
- Judges
- Luncheon
- Photography
- Placement/Arrangements
- Placement/Horticulture
- Properties
- Publicity
- Schedule & Cover
- Show Sales
- Staging

As Co-Editors for the *Rose Herald*, we say "Thank You" to all the contributors who make this newsletter a valuable part of our rose society. We solicit new contributors to add their comments to these pages. What practices and/or products worked for you, or didn't work? Which roses, old and /or new are great performers in your garden? Please send your contributions to Jo and Norma by the fifth day of the month so we can block out space and find pictures to illustrate. (Send digital photos if possible.)

It takes many hands and many hours to fulfill the activities required from a society whose mission is to educate the public and spread our love of roses. On behalf of the rose society we shout out a big THANK YOU to our dedicated officers and every single worker bee—past and future! We look forward to work with you in 2015!

Jo Angelos and Norma Boswell

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2014 Events

October 27

Banquet & Presentation

Featuring John Moe

Sandberg Events Center

West Richland, WA

October 31-Nov 2

PNWD Conference

Vancouver, WA

2015

1st Meeting

January 26

Bring a friend!

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