



# ROSE HERALD

## Rose Insect Management

Hear Dr. Michael Bush at the Sandberg Center March 27, 7:30 p.m.



Dr. Michael Bush, Yakima County Extension Agent and entomologist, will present "Insect Management for Roses." As we know, there are pests as well as beneficial insects in the rose garden. *(Photo above shows a green lacewing larva eating an aphid. In*

*the third column we see a ladybeetle larva doing the same. Both from Baldo Villegas website [www.sactorose.org](http://www.sactorose.org))*

Bring a neighbor to our great program and learn exactly what to do to achieve an ideal balance between rose pest and friend.

[www.owt.com/rosesociety](http://www.owt.com/rosesociety)

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### CO-PRESIDENTS JOANN AND DON SAYLER SEND ROSY GREETINGS FROM ARIZONA

With the sweet smell of orange and grapefruit blossoms now in the air, we know it's time to think about our trip home to Kennewick. We will be leaving Arizona the last week in March and can't make the TCRS meeting.

Working in the rose garden this morning, we noticed the new concrete



stained glass bench has been moved into place at the entrance. It was made by our coordinator with lovely stained glass roses imbedded into the concrete on top, and "VDO Rose Garden" on the curved front. A beautiful addition to the garden.

Many roses are in full bloom.

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**MEETING TIME & PLACE**

Monday, Feb. 27, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. **Sandberg Event Center**, 331 S. 41st St., West Richland.

Driving Directions: At the intersection of Richland Bypass Highway and Van Giesen, go west on Van Giesen to West Richland. Just past Road 38, the Public Library and City Hall, you will see a sign on your left for the Sandberg Event Center, a converted church set back slightly from Van Giesen. There is plenty of parking in two convenient lots before you reach the building itself.

**CO-PRES.' MESSAGE**

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Loads of buds are setting on. Should make for a decent show in March and April. The Camera Club will be happy!

Don and I will be attending a Mariners vs. Arizona spring training game this month. Looking forward to that. Also will attend the Volunteer Dinner given by the park in thanks to everyone who makes this park hum during the winter.

I'm finishing up several pieces of Posy Pottery in hopes of selling them for our Rose Society fund raising budget. See you soon!

—Joann & Don

**TCRS MINUTES,**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2011**

*Rebecca Schmidt, Secretary*

The February meeting of the Tri-City Rose Society was held February 27, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sandberg Event Center in West Richland. CO-Vice President

Harlow Young called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. with 21 members present and 5 guests, family members and employees of Wood's Nursery.

Kathy Weber moved to accept the January meeting minutes as written in the *Rose Herald*; seconded by Stephen Sherrell. The motion passed with a majority vote of the membership present.

Jim Campbell gave an update on the Honor Roll plaques for the Lawrence Scott Park Rose Garden by displaying the engraved name plaque for Tom Miles. Tom got a warm round of applause for his dedication and time commitment at the Honor Garden. Tom then reminded us of **Demonstration Rose Pruning Day on Saturday, March 24, between 8:30 to 12:30 a.m. at Lawrence Scott Park.**

Harlow gave a report on the Executive Committee meeting held earlier this month. The committee approved distribution of \$300 to the Pacific Northwest District which covers annual TCRS contributions for 2011 and 2012. Treasurer Bob Louie wrote two separate checks, each for \$150 to the District Treasurer. Richard Kerkof added that Linda Kerkof included a letter with each check. District Director Jack Kiley sent a letter of appreciation for our timely contribution.

Harlow announced the Executive Committee is also looking for mini roses to sell. This task is falling mainly to Jim Campbell and Harlow. Minis should be available for the June Rose Show.

Richard Kerkof gave a summary of TCRS activity at the Tri-City Home and Garden Show at TRAC last weekend. TCRS was

given half of a 6 foot table for an educational display. Three seminars were presented on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It was noted Saturday was by far the biggest day for attendance, with about 45 people listening to the presentation. Friday had 10-12 listeners, and Sunday had 14-15. All handouts left on the table were distributed to attendees. A separate handout solicited rose pruning for a donation to the TCRS, with pruning to be completed by TCRS members. Harlow complimented Richard on the poster for the table, it being very well done.

Bob Louie presented the 2012 Proposed Budget for TCRS, including actual income and expenses for 2011. Current balance is around \$5,000. Copies were distributed to the membership present, and Bob went through the budget line by line. There was discussion around increasing the amount budgeted for the Rose Herald due to needed replacement of an expensive laser cartridge. It was suggested to try Cartridge World as a cost saving measure.

Bob Louie moved to accept the Budget of \$3,095.00 for 2012; seconded by Stephen Sherrell. The motion passed by majority vote of the membership present.

Harlow announced our guest speaker – Paul Wood of Wood's Nursery. Paul spoke on "40 Years of Landscaping." He shared family history, the building of Wood's Nursery and business, and his perspective of how landscaping has changed and progressed over the years. Coupled with his unique sense of humor, his presentation was a delight. After the question and answer period, the meeting concluded at 9:00 p.m.



**PUBLIC PRUNING DEMO  
SATURDAY, MARCH 24**

The Tri-City Rose Society will demonstrate how to prune roses on **Saturday, March 24, 2012, between 8:30 and 12:30 a.m. at Lawrence Scott Park in Kennewick.** Three hundred rose plants including two hundred varieties will be pruned. TCRS members will use 60 years of experience to cheerfully instruct the public how to grow roses economically from May to November with organics and without toxic chemicals. Some extra tools and gloves will be available, but please bring your own that fit.—*Tom Miles*

**RETURN POLISHED AND  
ENGRAVED TROPHIES**

Break out last year's trophies and polish, engrave and pack them up to be returned this month or in April so Chairman Janet Bryant doesn't have to chase them down.

**TCRS MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Membership is now up to 50. A Membership List will be printed next month. Only our paid members will continue to receive the *Rose Herald*. If you misplaced the Membership Form that Linda sent by postal mail, just cut out the following or make a facsimile and **mail \$17 single or \$22 family directly to Treasurer Bob Louie, 20 N. Jefferson, Kennewick, WA 99336.**

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

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a current member of the American Rose Society?

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

**THE ROSE WHISPERER:  
THE BIG SPRING PRUNING—  
WHY DO WE DO IT?**

I recently had a member of our society ask me why it is so important that her roses be trimmed every spring. After all, don't the wild rose species fare well, and they're not trimmed?

That is a really good question, one that caused me to do a lot of thinking and a bit of research related to the reasons for spring pruning.

Part of the answer may be due to the long history of rose selection that has resulted in our modern roses. Rose hybrids have been developed for certain traits that have taken them away from the ability to grow untended and hold their frame from year to year. Many of our new hybrids, if not pruned, may get rather ungainly and spindly, eventually producing fewer and fewer blooms. Pruning keeps our rose bushes to a manageable size and stimulates a stronger, more robust growth and bloom production. So **to invigorate the plant and stimulate blooms**, we prune them back, making the bush produce new wood on which larger blooms appear.

The second reason for pruning, as I see it, is **to keep the bushes healthy**. There are the "D-factors" related to spring

pruning. The initial steps are to remove the "Dead," "Diseased" and "Damaged" canes from the bush. Because of cold winter weather, we typically have a fair amount of die-back from frost. If we leave canes on the bush that have winter damage, after a few years, the bush will be overcome with dead canes to the degree that it becomes a jungle of tangled canes that look unkempt, unhealthy or sick. These canes can become a harbor for unwanted pests and diseases. Diseased canes afflicted with fungus, virus or bacteria need to be removed so the infection is not transferred to new, healthy growth.

Here's an example. Last spring, I was asked to prune a family's Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras and Floribundas that had not been properly pruned for several years. By first removing the dead, diseased and damaged canes, I had most of the pruning completed. After I took care of the three D's, most of the bushes were pruned from two to ten inches above the ground. Dead canes on several of the bushes had rotted to the ground. I did my best to remove all the rotted material, and opened up the area to the air and sunlight to promote healing. Needless to say, I had HUGE piles of material that I removed. All but one bush survived and thrived, much to our delight. Pruning done properly will stimulate the bush to health and a season of beautiful color.

If there are lots of canes left once the first three D's are completed, then I will remove the "Dinky" canes, those that are smaller than the diameter of a pencil. A small cane means that

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### PRUNING, CONTINUED

it was non-productive last year, and it will be no better this year. (Keep in mind that what is “dinky” depends on the type of rose. (For example, a miniature rose’s thickest cane may be only as thick as a pencil). Without its dinky canes,



the bush should be stimulated to concentrate productive energy into new, healthy, robust canes that will give a good display of blooms later in the season.

Another “D” is the removal of the “Diagonal” canes, those that cross through the middle of the bush. In many instances, canes that cross through the middle will rub against and cause injury to prime quality vertical canes, or block sunlight and air through the bush. Removing the diagonals, with only a few exceptions, has a cleansing effect on the bush.

Finally, the last “D” is Design. That is, what do you want the bush to look like when you’re



done? Some may want their bush to have a very thick crop of blooms, so they prune lightly, taking off just the top third of the

bush, not caring that their bloom size may be smaller than the blooms on lower-pruned, thick, sturdy canes. Those who plan to select roses for exhibition, for example, will often prune more aggressively than those who just want a bush full of color.

As you see, we can stimulate the health and vigor of our roses by giving them an appropriately aggressive pruning. Keep in mind that the degree of aggression will vary with the pruner. I prune more aggressively (i.e. take more of the cane off, or remove more of the internal canes) than many other CRs in our local society. That is not to say that I’m right and they’re wrong. It is a matter of personal preference. I have known others who will remove all canes of their bushes to four inches or less, regardless of the amount of “good wood” (showing cream-colored or greenish-white pith in the center of the cane) that may be found at pruning time. Regardless, the rose bush will respond in about six weeks with the first flush of beautiful blooms.

The Royal National Rose Society in England performed experiments with different pruning methods to see which were the best. They found that removing about a third of the bush with a hedge trimmer was as effective as the more labor intensive method described above. But I don’t like the jagged -tipped canes that hedge trimmers tend to leave. And I would still have to go back and make sure all the D’s are properly addressed. I’m a bit picky in that regard, I guess. After all the D’s are done, don’t forget TLC for the next seven months.

Well, Rebecca, I hope I have answered your question. As promised, I will have a nice rose bush ready for you later this spring for the good question. Let me remind readers that if you have a question that the Rose Whisperer answers in the *Rose Herald*, he will (as promised last month) find a rose bush for you from his garden!

The Rose Whisperer wants to thank Bob Bauer <[www.roses-roses.com](http://www.roses-roses.com)> and Brad Jalbert <[www.selectroses.ca](http://www.selectroses.ca)> for their great articles on rose pruning that I used as part of my research for this article.—R.W., aka Harlow Young

### THIS IS A NODE



When you prune a rose cane or a rose branch, cut about 1/4 inch above a chosen node. At each node, marked by a crease that resembles the inside of an elbow, three shoots can emerge (and, believe me, many shoots have already popped out on rose canes due to our mild, sunny winter and ever-increasing daylight).

After pruning, gently pinch off the two smaller shoots, leaving just one vigorous shoot at each node. If warm weather continues without frost dieback, you’ll soon see leaves...then buds.—N.B.



### PNW DISTRICT DOINGS FROM JACK KILEY

I want you to reserve August 11 for an important event on your rose calendar. The Annual PNW District Summer Workshop for 2012 will focus entirely on rose arrangements, and will be held on Saturday, August 11, at the PUD Bldg. in Vancouver, Washington.

It will not be an arrangement judging school. It will, however, be a fantastic, hands-on opportunity for anyone interested in working with actual design composition. Participants will be told what materials and components to bring for their work.

Char Mutschler, Salem Rose Society, will lead the workshop with instruction given by several of our local experts, all of whom deserve their national reputation as being among the best in the country. Assistance will be given to participants as they work through a variety of design styles and types. Here's an opportunity to learn techniques for successful rose arranging. Participants will be able to choose from beginning to advanced levels of design.

Lou Little, Ft. Vancouver Rose Society, will coordinate the administrative arrangements. The \$35 registration fee includes beverages and lunch. While all the details have not been worked out, registration materials will be sent to all societies, and will be available at rose shows in the PNW District beginning with the Tri-Cities show on June 3.

For further information please contact Char Mutschler: (503) 585-5023 charfloral@comcast.net or Lou Little loulittleii@yahoo.com.

### HYBRIDIZER CARRUTH NOW HUNTINGTON CURATOR

We knew Tom Carruth as the creator of 11 AARS award-winning roses in the past 14 years while being chief hybridizer for Weeks Roses in Wasco and Pomona, CA.

Carruth now replaces retired Clair Martin as Curator of the Rose Collection at The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California.

Carruth will be responsible for The Huntington's three-acre Rose Garden, which showcases more than 1,200 cultivars and some 4,000 individual shrubs.

During his long career as a rosarian, Carruth introduced more than 100 rose hybrids, among



them such notable blooms as 'Ebb Tide,' 'Julia Child,' 'Sentimental,' 'Cinco de Mayo,' 'Hot Cocoa,' 'Wild Blue Yonder,' 'Strike it Rich,' and 'Betty Boop.'

### ARS CHILDREN'S ESSAY CONTEST IS OPEN

All children ages 12 and younger may take part in the contest. They may use their own

rose-related theme or choose one of the following: Why the Rose is America's National Flower; Why Roses Are the Symbol of Love, Friendship, Beauty and Peace; Why I Love Roses; Why My Parents or Grandparents Love Roses; or a fictional story about roses.

Entries may be accompanied by a drawing or painting. Essays should be no more than 400 words. The deadline for submitting entries is June 30, 2012. Contact: beth@ars-hq.org. Also check [www.ars.org](http://www.ars.org) for adult photography contest rules. The PNW District is also running a photography contest. Check past winners at [www.pnwdistrict.org](http://www.pnwdistrict.org).

### ARS LOOKING FOR 2013 MINI ROSE CONVENTION SITE

This year's All Miniature Rose Convention is in Columbus, Ohio on July 27, 28 and 29, but the ARS is still looking for a volunteer to host the Convention in 2013.

This year, three societies are collaborating to put on what looks like an outstanding Convention: Delaware Area Rose Society, Columbus Rose Club and Lancaster Rose Club. The Convention will honor Tom Carruth (photo on left), who will be one of the featured speakers.

Besides the Mini Rose Show, there will be an Arrangement Workshop, presentation of the Award of Excellence and Miniature Hall of Fame winners (you can nominate a Hall of Fame winner at Dr. Hering's website: [rosehering@roadrunner.com](mailto:rosehering@roadrunner.com)), and a Mini Rose Photography Contest.

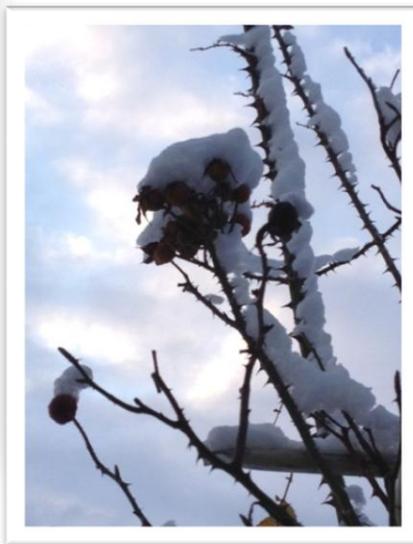
Want to host a Convention?

## Bee Prudent

By Jo Angelos



The photos to the right and left were taken on Feb 24, 2012 and they made my heart sing! These little teasers made me think Spring was here....only to wake to the snowy condition two days later. Yes, the joke was on me.



### Prudent

Careful  
Cautious  
Sensible  
Wise  
Far-Sighted

While we gather up our garden tools and make plans to create the gardens we have been dreaming of this winter, we should research the pesticides and additives we intend to use. I will admit I have been in the midst of an insect infestation during summer months and never once read the information on the can in its entirety – I just wanted to be rid of the bugs – no matter how many “good” bugs were ultimately destroyed by the product. It is my hope we can become prudent in our use of insecticides and aware of the possible misuse of unnecessary, harmful chemicals in our gardens. Page 7 will provide some homemade remedies utilizing common household ingredients to help us with this valuable mission to protect our beneficial bugs and fight diseases in our gardens.

“The balance of nature has been precariously disturbed as the number of good and necessary bugs has been diminished, and to make matters worse, many of the harmful insects have developed resistance to common pesticides.” (Co-editor’s note: “YIKES”!)  
Read more: <http://www.motheearthnews.com/Organic-Gardening/1994-02-01/Guide-To-Organic-Pesticides.aspx#ixzz1oMwrVJ2h>

My title encourages the act of being prudent and may create a “prudish,” negative connotation to some readers. Many of us put our roots down in the 1960’s and 70’s, where we were encouraged to do whatever felt good. Prudence was envisioned as the “safe route” and many would agree it did not include the opportunity to have fun. Far-sighted effects of our actions at that time were not our concern. My Grandmother used to tell me, “Youth is wasted on the young” - and as I have become a grandparent, I realize her wit and wisdom. Maybe as we age, we want our actions to be considered prudent. We understand there are far-reaching effects of every choice we make, whether we like it or not.

This picture of a bee hive landing board was exactly what I saw last Spring when I looked for activity with “the girls” in my hive. There wasn’t a live bee to be found. My heart sank and still drops when I think about that horrible day. I have a new-found determination to promote the cause of the honey bee with the hopes people will see the wisdom of using safe, organic means of insect removal and disease prevention for their gardens. While the exact reason for colony collapse has not been found, pesticide use continues to be studied as a possible cause. You might feel what you do doesn’t have any influence on the bee population, but with bees flying up to **three miles** to gather pollen, your actions are far-reaching and can be significant. Please remember the value of our honey bees and other beneficial insects this summer as you choose your fertilizers, insecticides and additives.





## Prudent Controls

From the American Rose (ARS publication) Jan/Feb 2011 p 39. **Greencure Fungicide** boasts “safe for bees and other beneficial insects.” This product has been proven effective against powdery mildew and 25 other diseases. This product will be on my gardening shelf this spring; this is a definite read for ALL rose lovers! Check it out - [www.greencure.net/ARS](http://www.greencure.net/ARS)

Exclusive Offer for American Rose Society Members:

**Receive FREE SHIPPING on GreenCure® Fungicide**

From the Mother Earth News (website shown on page 6)

1) **USDA recommendation:** Mix one teaspoon of liquid dishwashing detergent with one cup of vegetable oil. Shake vigorously to emulsify and add to a quart of tap water. Use at 10-day intervals as an all-purpose spray for white flies, spider mites, aphids, and various insects on carrots, celery, cucumbers, eggplants, peppers, and others. We've used it on evergreens and other ornamentals. Note: Test on a single plant first, because it may cause tip burn. This is a contact insecticide, so spray mix directly on the pest.

2) **Liquid detergent-alcohol spray:** Mix one teaspoon of liquid dishwashing detergent plus one cup of rubbing alcohol in one quart of water. Test on a few leaves first to make sure no harm is done to sensitive plants. Spray top and bottom sides of leaves; or if plant is small and potted, invert it in a large pan of solution (holding soil ball securely) and gently swish back and forth. Repeat in seven days.

3) **From your breakfast table:**

Chop banana peels and add into soil when you transplant tomatoes and green peppers. This will ensure very strong trunks and stems. Banana peels contain 3.25% phosphorus and 41.76% potash. **They're also an excellent fertilizer for roses, but use sparingly; two or three peels per bush at a time is about right.**

**“Remember, just because a pesticide is organic doesn't mean it's not toxic. Always read and follow the label instructions and cautions.”** [www.about.com/gardening](http://www.about.com/gardening)

**Pyrethrins:** Derived from *Chrysanthemum cinerariifolium*.

**Application:** Generally found in powder form and dusted on leaves.

**How It Works:** Poisons the insect, causing a quick death.

**Pros:** Quick acting. Low toxicity to animals. Degrades within a day.

**Cons:** Broad spectrum insecticide. Kills any insect. **Very toxic to honeybees.**

**Precautions:** Use cautiously, only when you have a major problem with hard-to-kill insects.

**Spring Tea Tonic** <http://ladyjaisroses.we3dements.com>

This recipe is used as a booster in the spring (in addition to fertilizer), providing growth and stronger stems. Some Rosarians use this once a month.

10-12 cups alfalfa meal (pellets from a feed store are ok too, easier to find and cost less).

Add to 30 gallons of water. Use a 32 gallon garbage can with lid. Steep this for 4-5 days.

Then add 1/2 cup chelated iron and 2 cups Epsom salts.

Use 1 gallon for each bush.

**Home-made Pest control**

Take a quart of hot water (about baby bathwater temperature) and add 3 drops of a liquid soap, not detergent. Swirl it gently to mix. Add 3 drops of cooking oil and swirl again. Spray the leaves (bottom and top) until they are dripping wet.

WSU Benton County Extension Agent Marianne Ophardt suggests using a slow-release or low-nitrogen fertilizer to avoid lush early season growth that attracts aphids.



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## Mark Your Calendar

### March 24, 2012

Rose Pruning Demonstration, Lawrence  
Scott Park Honor Garden, Kennewick.  
See details on Page 3.

### March 26, 2012

Dr. Michael Bush presents "Insect  
Management for Roses."

### April 23, 2012

Dorothy Campbell and JoAnn Brehm will  
present "The Perfect Flower Design for  
Your Table" and how to dry flowers.

### May 21, 2012

Helen Newman will demonstrate  
techniques she uses to prepare her  
roses for our annual spring show.

### June 3, 2012 - Spring Rose Show

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