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Calendar of Coming Events

PLEASE NOTE: Monthly Members General Meeting commence at 7:30pm

JANUARY 2019

Tuesday 15th Rose Show Sub Committee, Goodman Building, Botanic Gardens **3pm**
RSSA Council Meeting, Goodman Building, Botanic Gardens **4:30pm**

FEBRUARY 2019

Saturday 3rd Roses on Eyre Meeting, at home of Karen Miels, Port Lincoln

Wednesday 19th Members General Meeting, Burnside City Uniting Church **7:30pm**
Speaker: Tate Hancox **Topic:** "The Pedigree of the Rose"
Question Time: Gavin Woods
Competition: Pre 1900 Old Garden Roses, A, B, C, Grades: **1 Full Bloom OR 1 Shrub**
Open: **1 Exhibit** **Judge:** Kelvin Trimper

Floral Arrangers "Table Arrangement for a BBQ" **Judge:** Helena Lewandowski

Tuesday 19th RSSA Council Meeting, Goodman Building, Botanic Gardens **4:30pm**

Sunday 24th SE Branch Meeting at the home of Anne & Andy Clifford, Yallum Park

MARCH 2019

Wednesday 13th Members General Meeting, Burnside City Uniting Church **7:30pm**
Speaker: Paul Lindon **Topic:** "Heritage & Old Garden Roses"
Question Time: Graham Douglass
Competition: Pre 1900 Old Garden Roses, A, B, C, Grades: **1 Floribunda OR 1 Miniature** Open: **1 Exhibit** **Judge:** Gavin Woods

Floral Arrangers "Romantic Roses" **Judge:** Melanie Trimper

Tuesday 19th Rose Show Sub Committee, Goodman Building, Botanic Gardens **3pm**
RSSA Council Meeting, Goodman Building, Botanic Park **4:30pm**

Saturday 27th Mt Barker Show. Contact G. Woods, 08 8821 3897

APRIL 2019

Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th National Rose Trial Garden of Australia 'People's Choice'
International Rose Garden, Botanic Gardens **10:00am to 4:00pm**
Enfield Hort. Show, Klemzig Community Centre **10:00am to 4:00pm**
Chaffey Rose Club AGM, Renmark

Sunday 7th RITH Clare Garden Festival, Clare Showgrounds **10:00am to 4:00pm**

Wednesday 10th Members General Meeting, Burnside City Uniting Church **7:30pm**
Speaker: Ross Kemp **Topic:** "New Plantings of Roses"
Question Time: Kelvin Trimper
Competition: Pre 1900 Old Garden Roses, A, B, C, Grades: **1 Decorative Rose OR "1 Rose Introduced from 1900 to 1940"** Open: **1 Exhibit**
Judge: Gavin Woods

Floral Arrangers "Anzac Day" **Judge:** Melanie Trimper

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th Autumn Rose Show
Burnside Community Centre

Tuesday 16th RSSA Council Meeting, Goodman Building, Botanic Park **4:30pm**

President's Report - Summer 2018-19

Spring

The spring flush of roses has certainly cemented Adelaide as the rose capital. The blooms have been of excellent quality and large in quantity. This was reflected in our Spring Rose Show with a good number of exhibits and the fantastic displays on the stage, about the hall and surrounds. Well done to all involved in presenting and conducting this classic event.

The parrots had a lovely time in our front yard rose garden. They seemed to like the red stems the best. Even so, **Kardinal** that appeared to take the brunt of their mischief was left with a good number of stems to produce a bounty of colour, and quickly sent up new growth from the damaged shoots to open a second flush before the first flush had been dead-headed. Perhaps we could do the same to the rose bushes that the parrots don't attack and in that way get a constant flush of blooms. It still amazes me how quickly some of the varieties can repeat and how slow others are in responding to the same culture. **Angel Face** (as a standard) seems to be in constant bloom, **Eiffel Tower** with its long straight stems and beautiful decorative buds always has something that can be picked, and **Merry Maker** and **Jumpin' Jack** have new flowering stems appear well before dead-heading is needed. Another variety I like is **Valencia**. It is a large flowering hybrid tea, usually with one bloom per stem, blooms later than the likes of **Kardinal** but always has blobs of mid pastel yellow atop a strong, well foliated bush all the way through the growing season. It seems to flourish in the heat of summer.

What Type is That?

In looking about the various bushes, it has been a concern of mine that there seems to be no rules in place for breeders to properly ascertain the type of the variety being registered. There are plenty examples of Austin roses that are generally marked as 'Shrub Roses' that could easily be described as 'Large Flowered Climbers' and others as 'Floribundas'. In the same way there are many examples of floribundas that could be described as shrub roses. The problem of having varieties that could be classed as hybrid tea or floribunda was solved by introducing the 'Grandiflora' as a type. In the same way we now have 'Miniflora' as a midway between 'miniature' and 'floribunda'. I'm not aware of any move to re-classify the varieties that fit the new criteria from a time before the introduction of the new terms. It seems to be an easy way out, i.e. if it gets a bit complicated, just add another type.

It raises the point made by many, even Shakespeare. Does it matter if we have this idea of 'type' as a distinguishing feature of a rose variety? After all, "What's in a name?" That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.'

For those who take enough care in selecting varieties for their garden to suit different situations or needs, then, 'yes' it does matter. Not only is the type important, but also its growth characteristics. **Angela** is labelled as a floribunda, so is **Jumpin' Jack**. **Angela** can grow to cover a large frame or make a rather large mound several metres across, **Jumpin'**

Jack has massive flower power but doesn't grow more than half a metre in any direction.

Culture made Easy

One thing that has certainly been hit home to me, is the importance of a good watering program. I'm sure our magnificent display was due to switching on the watering system mid September. May be there was enough water from winter to carry the first flush, but because of the early start to watering I can see that we'll have strong growth for second and subsequent flushes. We will always have colour in the rose bed. The whole point of why we chose to grow roses.

The other factor which is not always appreciated is the need to regularly feed the rose plants. Like most things that have surrounded rose culture, the fertiliser to use was always presented as something special that had to be concocted from several different sources and applied in certain amounts at certain times of the year. But this has now been replaced with the simplicity of throwing a handful of 'Sudden Impact for Roses' around the base of each plant at the end of winter, spring and summer and wash it in. 'Sudden Impact for Roses' is the fertiliser we have available and is a locally produced, specially formulated product made for roses. As it turns out, it is a good product for most things we grow in the garden. As a member you have access, twice a year, to a wide range of products from 'Neutrog', at considerably reduced prices. If you have yet to take advantage of the offer, I would encourage you to take a second look, after all it is a South Australian company and your membership of the Rose Society can be used to advantage. You can also forget about all the other sea weed extracts, as 'Seamungus' is an excellent soil conditioner for any situation and ideal to add to the rose beds at the end of autumn.

Decisions, Decisions!

The Council, at its November meeting has decided to keep subscriptions at the same level for 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020. It has been a concern that we have been writing in red ink for the past two annual reports, but the modest increase in fees made last year and various cost saving practises e.g. emailing receipts rather than posting them, and an injection of funds from the very successful event at Merv and Wendy Trimper's garden should see black ink on our annual report. Continued support for our activities has been strong and is the underlying reason for the Society maintaining its strong position in promoting the rose across the state, and with the Adelaide City Council and several other municipal councils. We have also had significant input, through volunteers and advice, into the International Rose Garden and The National Rose Trial Garden of Australia Inc in the Botanics precinct.

Not only are we fulfilling our charter, but we intend to make an impression on the visitors who come to the 2021 World Rose Convention and the 2019 National Rose Society annual general meeting.

Does everyone know that Maureen Humphries, with support from her husband and our Treasurer, John, supplied about 2000 plants for the plant stall at the open garden?

President's Report Continued:

All potted and grown by Maureen. Now, that is a big thank you along with the other members involved in the 'Open Garden' event.

'Thank You'

The risk in saying anything is not saying enough. So I'll still risk it.

Many of you would know that I have had to withdraw from many of my official duties due to ill health. A big thank you to all who have stepped in and made it all continue to happen without a glitch. The official duties include chairing monthly and Council meetings, attending Show Committee meetings, conducting the opening and closing ceremonies at the rose show, being involved with the Uraidla show and Merv and Wendy's open garden and hosting the Christmas dinner. I also intended to make it to branch meetings. Sorry, didn't happen.

A thank you to all who have wished me well and kept me informed of our progress.

My cure and recovery is a slow drawn out process. It keeps me like a two cent piece, flat and out of circulation, and it might also be said, not much value.

And Shakespeare again.

'Of all the flowers, methinks a rose is best.'

Doug Gregory

2018-2019 Council Members



Back Row: S. Perrin, B. McCallum, R. Kemp, D. vom Berg (Vice President), J. Humphries (Treasurer), P. Schulz, P. Flavel (Social Media).

Front Row: M. Kentish (Vice President), W. Trimper (Secretary), D. Gregory (President).

G. Woods (Immediate Past President), A. Scott (Vice President) **Inset:** M. Frick (Bulletin Editor)

NOMINATIONS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Council of the Rose Society of S.A. invites nominations for proposed Life Membership of our Society.

Any member may submit a nomination for another member whom they feel meets the criteria of special, outstanding and exemplary service to our Society and deserves our highest honour.

The nomination, together with a written citation are to be lodged by Wednesday, 10th April 2019 with the Society Secretary.

If you are unsure of the content, or correct information, contact the Secretary for referral for help prior to submission.

CLOSING DATES FOR FUTURE BULLETINS

EDITION	RESERVE SPACE BY	PROVIDE MATERIAL BY
Apr/May/Jun 2019	15 th February 2019	1 st March 2019
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Jan/Feb/Mar 2020	15 th November 2019	1 st December 2019

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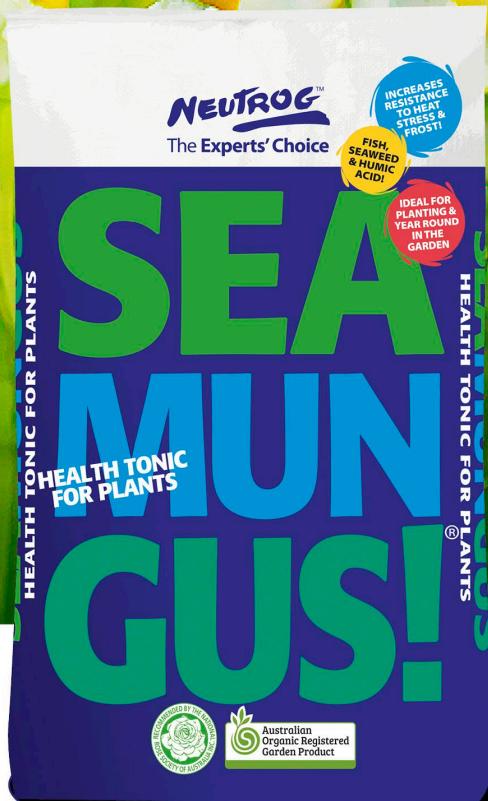
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Welcome to New Members



Rock 'N' Roll
P. & B. Burton



Kardinal
S. Day



Bettina
J. McCormick



Happy Anniversary
P. Bennett



Cricket
P. & B. Burton



Versigny
C. Mavrovelis

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Ms N. Rivers & Ms S. Ferluga	PORT ADELAIDE	SA

2018 Spring Rose Show Trophy Winners

TROPHY / AWARD	EXHIBITOR	ROSE NAME/S
Grand Champion of Show	G. Woods	<i>Grande Amore</i>
The President's Trophy	P. & B. Burton	Most Successful Exhibitor
H. Charles Memorial	P. & B. Burton	State Championship
Allan Campbell	P. & B. Burton	<i>Melbourne Town</i>
T. Howard White Memorial # 1	S. Day	<i>Kardinal</i>
Christine Michell Cup	P. & B. Burton	<i>Helmut Schmidt</i>
Keith Copas Memorial	P. & B. Burton	Aggregate Points
Jack Moule Memorial	S. Day	<i>Scarlet Sunblaze</i>
Heather Bernard Memorial	P. & B. Burton	Aggregate Points
Emma Voke Memorial # 1	G. Woods	<i>Grande Amore</i>
Helen Sunter Memorial	P. & B. Burton	<i>Brass Band</i>
Eric & Myrtle Trimper	P. & B. Burton	<i>Playboy</i>
Royal National Rose Society # 1	S. Day; L. Johnson	Aggregate Points
Royal national Rose Society # 2	C. Mavrovelis	<i>Paul Cezanne</i>
Judith Waters Memorial	M. Ferness	<i>Proeve's Pink</i>
Ross Roses Centenary Award	J. McCormick	Aggregate Points
T. Howard White Memorial # 2	P. & B. Burton	<i>Cricket</i>
Ivy Gerard # 1	P. Carr	<i>Tequila Sunrise</i>
Ivy Gerard # 2	S. Day	Unknown
Ivy Gerard # 3	L. Johnson	<i>Ellie, New Hampshire</i>
Ralph Smith Memorial	P. & B. Burton	<i>Kardinal</i>
Herbert Kemp Award	P. & B. Burton	<i>Irresistible</i>
Alexander Ross Memorial	P. & B. Burton	<i>Adolf Hostmann</i>
Oliver Travel	J. & D. Bradshaw	Intermediate Championship
W. H. Ifould	D. Sonntag	C Grade Championship
Ted Phillips & Bill Nelson	C. Mavrovelis	<i>Tequila Sunrise</i>
Rose A. Thomas Memorial	P. Bennett	'In a Box'
Champion A Grade Floral	R. Capurso	'Layered Horizontal Design'
Champion B Grade Floral	P. Bennett	'In a Box'
Champion C Grade Floral	J. McCormick	'In a Box'

'Winners Are Grinners'



Saturday Trophy Presentations:

Back: P. Burton, G. Woods, J. Lamb, D. Bradshaw, J. Bradshaw, D. Sonntag.

Front: Lord Mayor of Adelaide, The Hon. Mr Haese, B. Burton, Mrs Le, Mrs Haese, P. Bennett



Brass Band

P. & B. Burton



'In a Box'

P. Bennett



State Championship

P. & B. Burton



Scarlet Sunblaze

S. Day



English Miss

C. Mavrovelis



Proeve's Pink

M. Furness

'Winners are Grinners' Continued:



Sunday Trophy Presentations:

Left to Right: G. Woods, S. Day, P. Burton, C. Mavrovelis, M. Furness, P. Bennett, R. Capruso, B. Burton, P. Carr, L. Johnson



Tequila Sunrise
P. Carr



Madame President
J. McCormick



Victoria Gold
S. Day



Hannah Gordon
D. Sonntag



Ellie, New Hampshire
L. Johnson



Paul Cezanne
C. Mavrovelis

2018 Spring Rose Show Champion Winners

CHAMPIONSHIP	GRADE	EXHIBITOR	ROSE NAME/S
SA State Championship	Open	P. & B. Burton	Various
Intermediate Championship	B & C	J. & D. Bradshaw	Various
‘C’ Grade Championship	C	D. Sonntag	Various
Exhibition Rose	A	P. & B. Burton	Melbourne Town
Exhibition Rose	B	S. Day	Kardinal
Exhibition Rose	C	P. Bennett	Happy Anniversary
Decorative Rose	A	P. & B. Burton	Helmut Schmidt
Decorative Rose	B	S. Day	Gold Medal
Decorative Rose	C	J. McCormick	Bettina
Full Bloom Rose	A	P. & B. Burton	Adolf Horstmann
Full Bloom Rose	B	P. Carr	Tequila Sunrise
Full Bloom Rose	C	J. McCormick	Madam President
Shrub or Polyantha Rose	A	P. & B. Burton	Rock ‘N’ Roll
Shrub or Polyantha Rose	B	J. & D. Bradshaw	Love’s Gift
Shrub or Polyantha Rose	C	C. Mavrovelis	Versigny
Floribunda Rose	A	P. & B. Burton	Playboy
Floribunda Rose	B	S. Day	Victoria Gold
Floribunda Rose	C	D. Sonntag	Hannah Gordon
Miniature or Miniflora Rose	A	P. & B. Burton	Cricket
Miniature or Miniflora Rose	B	S. Day	Scarlet Sunblaze
Miniature or Miniflora Rose	C	D. Sonntag	Baby Boomer
Australian Bred Rose	Open	P. & B. Burton	Valerie Jean
Rose Introduced Prior to 1900	Open	M. Furness	Proeve’s Pink
Sundry Classes	Open	C. Mavorvelis	Paul Cezanne
Bunch of Roses	A	G. Woods	Grande Amore
Bunch of Roses	B	P. Carr	Tequila Sunrise
Bunch of Roses	C	C. Mavorvelis	English Miss
Bowl of Roses	A	P. & B. Burton	Brass Band
Bowl of Roses	B	S. Day	Brass Band
Bowl of Roses	C	J. McCormick	Gold Bunny
Multi Stages	Open	P. & B. Burton	Kardinal
Six Stems / Cuts Exhibit	Open	P. & B. Burton	Cricket
Three Stems / Cuts Exhibit	A	P. & B. Burton	Irresistible
Three Stems / Cuts Exhibit	B	L. Johnson	Ellie, New Hampshire
Three Stems / Cuts Exhibit	C	D. Sonntag	Diamond Jubilee, In Appreciation
Floral Arrangement	A	R. Capurso	‘Layered Horizontal Design’
Floral Arrangement	B	P. Bennett	‘In a Box’
Floral Arrangement	C	J. McCormick	In a Box’

Woodville Academy of Floral Design Incorporated

by Ruth Watson



The Woodville Academy of Floral Design celebrated its 60th year as a Club throughout 2018.

A special relationship has been formed between the Rose Society and Woodville, commencing in 1992 when the Club was approached to be involved with the inaugural Adelaide Rose Festival. The brief was to decorate half of the Adelaide Town Hall Main Auditorium and the Balcony foyer. This joint venture continued in

various venues throughout the City, culminating in 2002 with the staging of the final Rose Festival.

A further joint collaboration, commencing in 1999, has seen our members decorating the stage area for both Spring and Autumn Rose Shows. With our enthusiastic, talented senior demonstrators/designers leading the way, our inexperienced Members have appreciated the opportunity to use their new found skills.

To offset the cost of flowers for the stage, the Club was permitted to run a trading table to sell floral arrangements to visiting show patrons.

During the Rose Society's Centenary in 2008, when it hosted a World Federation of Rose Societies' Regional Convention – "Rose Adelaide" our members provided floral decorations at several venues, including the foyer of the Stamford Plaza in North Terrace, lecture venues and social events as well as for the closing ceremony at the Stamford Grand. Over 350 Australian and International guests attended in the presence of the then South Australian Governor's wife and Patron of The Rose Society of South Australia Inc, Mrs. Liz Scarce. This was a very special year for our Club also, as we celebrated our 50th anniversary. Woodville has for the past 13 years donated its time and skills to decorate

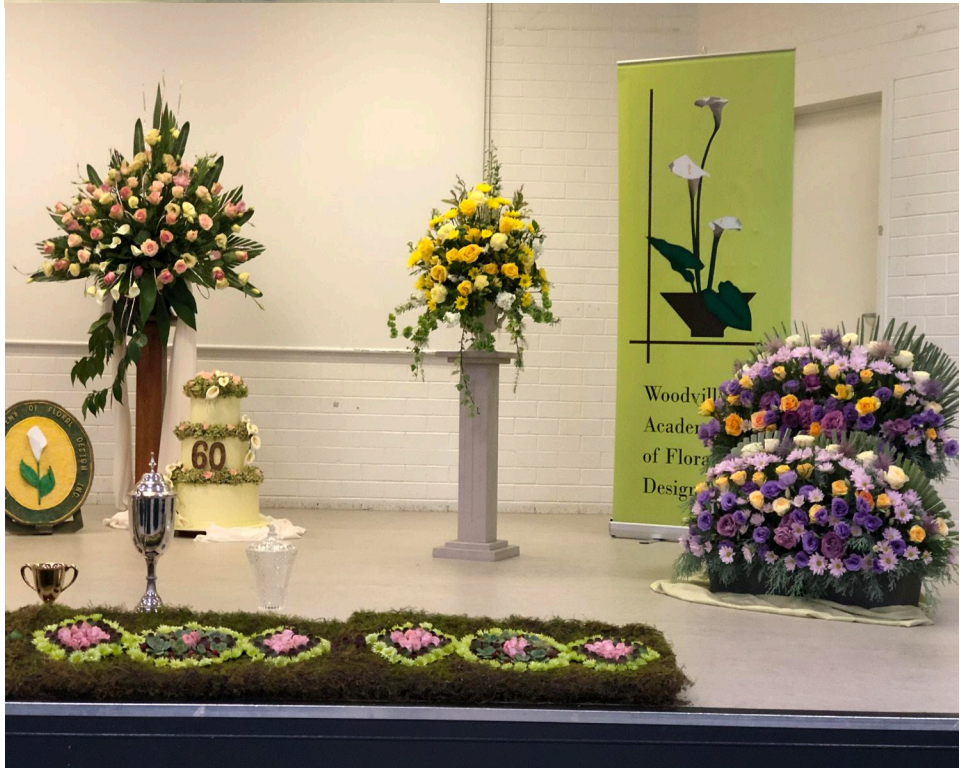




the Nipper and Nimble Floats with fresh flowers and provides posies/bouquets for the Pageant King and Queen and attendants at the Annual Christmas Pageant held in Adelaide every November. Rose Society Members have supported Woodville in this endeavor.

The Executive and Members of Woodville Floral Design have agreed to support the forthcoming National Rose Society of Australia AGM meeting in October 2019 and have also committed to be involved in the next World Rose Convention, being held in Adelaide during October 2021.

The Club Members value the association and generosity of the Rose Society immensely and look forward to our successful collaboration continuing.

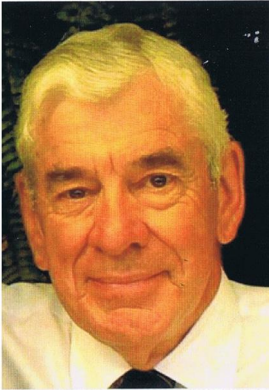


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VALE – by Malcolm Watson

During the last few months of 2018, the Society lost four of its stalwarts – members of long standing and active proponents.

Roy Wilhelm – Died 23rd September, 2018



Roy was a meticulous accountant, who held the position of Treasurer from July 2000 to April 2002. Having joined the Society in March 1991, Roy continued to support his wife Pat's passion for gardening and rose growing in particular (since 1977); when elected President (1993 – 1996) and during her term on Council (1984 – 2001). This period of the Society's history took a new direction following the introduction of the biennial Adelaide Rose Festivals from 1993, the endorsing of Neutrog's Sudden Impact for Roses (SIFR), the opening of two society branches and the establishment of the National Rose Trial Garden of Australia in the Adelaide Botanic Garden. The popular Rose Festivals resulted in increased Membership and the sale of SIFR to Members at a

discounted price resulted in a huge increase in the number of transactions processed by the Treasurer. Roy's overseeing of the Society's finances and involvement in the Neutrog endorsement contract negotiations was gratefully appreciated by the Council of the day. Roy's Service of Thanksgiving was held at Holy Trinity Adelaide on 3rd October.

Heather Lucas Died 18th October, 2018

Heather's association with the Society began in 1958 when husband Ralph joined - who subsequently held the positions of President (1982-1984), Treasurer (1984-1999) and Show Manager – Heather finally succumbed and joined "our band" in April 1991. During Ralph's term on State Council, the meetings were held in office bearer's homes. Heather willingly hosted these functions and made members very welcome. Due to changes in her health in later years, Heather usually accompanied Ralph to these Meetings, where she would spend the evening in conversation with other spouses not involved with the business of the Council. Heather was a most interesting conversationalist, where she would discuss lifetime experiences, politics and as an avid reader of both fiction and the current tabloids was always ready to share an opinion.

Although Heather never occupied an elected position, she provided invaluable support to Ralph and in turn to our Society – a service that was appreciated. Heather's Memorial Service was held on 30th October at Centennial Park.

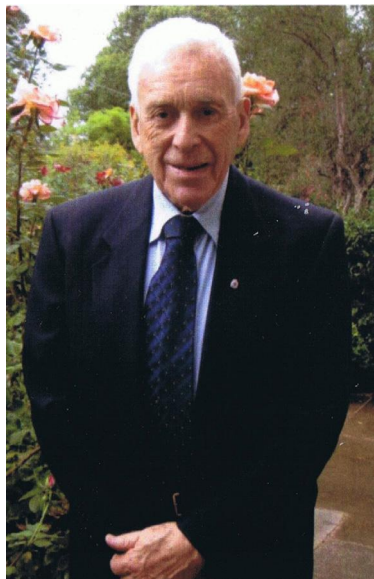


Marj Ritson - Died 7th November, 2018

Marj was an avid gardener. Her property at Plympton South was a testament to her hard work and enthusiasm, and particular love of camellias, roses and hydrangeas. The majority of roses were grown in containers, and she constantly battled with the insidious “onion weed”. Joining our Society in March 1979 she was a keen exhibitor, winning many prizes including Champion Bloom. Marj was very artistic, painting numerous pieces of porcelain, as well as being an avid collector of fine china on her many trips abroad. Marj and her late husband Ian were both enthusiastic travellers and when the first Secretary’s Bus Trip to New Zealand was mooted they provided invaluable assistance. Marj and Ian participated in most, if not all, of this Secretary’s Tours/Rambling Rosarians and attended Rose Conventions in Christchurch, Melbourne and Glasgow and participated in the Rose Trials in Dixon Park in Belfast on several occasions. Trips to Chelsea and Hampton Court Flower Shows were priorities when in the U.K. Marj was a regular attendee at Society meetings, Shows and other activities, only recently deciding not to attend night time functions. Marj’s Funeral Service was held on November 16, at Elliott’s Funeral Chapel, Hawthorn.



Ian Thomas – Died 8th November, 2018



Ian’s first gardening passion was vegetables, but he always provided support and the muscle power for wife Helen in her rose garden and involvement with the Society. Joining in 1991, he also welcomed Rose Council Meetings at his Hawthorn home during Helen’s terms of office 1989 – 1997, including three years as Vice President. Ian was a regular attendee at our Monthly Meetings, Christmas Dinners and Rose Shows – always assisting on the door and raffle tables. Ian was dedicated to his daughter Karyn, and gave over 40 years of service to SCOSA and CARA. Ian and Helen travelled abroad to World Rose Conventions in Christchurch, “The Benelux”, Glasgow and Vancouver, and visited Northern Ireland on a number of occasions, enjoying friends’ company through the Northern Ireland Rose Trials in Dixon Park in Belfast and the Northern Ireland Rose Society. He was a great ambassador for South Australia, mixing freely with other travellers.

Ian’s Funeral Service was held at the Westbourne Park Uniting Church on November 16.

Uraidla Show 2018

by Gavin Woods

For the second year our society held a rose show in conjunction with Uraidla AH & F Society's Show. Held on Sunday 4th November, the small Adelaide Hills town came alive with thousands of visitors to this now popular event. A "Sustainability Fair" held in conjunction with the show, added much to the appeal, particularly to the younger generation.

Over 200 bottles of roses as well as a few vases added much perfume and colour to the show hall. Visitors were delighted with the display and RSSA members spent much of the day answering questions from members of the public.

RSSA classes for roses were judged by Dean Stringer OAM and Tony Hanna, with Peter and Brenda Burton tackling the rest of the roses and the general cut flowers.

Winners were:

Grand Champion Rose:

Gavin Woods with *Europeana*

Champion B/C Grade Rose:

Les Johnson with *Lavaglut*

Champion Non RSSA Rose:

Don Goblett with *Friesia*

Uraidla Spring Rose Championship:

Peter and Brenda Burton

Our Society is grateful for the tremendous cooperation we receive from Uraidla Show Society and particularly from their officials Di, Anne and Caro. We hope to return in 2019.



Lavaglut



*L-R: Marilyn Monroe
Hannah Gordon
Irresistible
Rock 'N' Roll
Moonstone*



Europeana

*The Rose Society
of
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25th – 28th October 2019

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Malcolm Watson (08) 8264 0084

Rose of the Month

October 2018

FireFighter



Classification: H.T

Awards: NRTGA Bronze Medal,
Geneva and Madrid Most
Fragrant Award

Available from: Newman's
Nursery, Wagner's Rose
Nursery, Swanes Nurseries,
Treloar Roses

Photograph by: Melanie Trimper

November 2018

Eyes for You

Classification: Floribunda

Awards: Silver Medal Nagaoka (Japan)
International Fragrant Rose Trials, Bagatelle
Rose Trials Certificate of Merit

Available From: Knight's Roses, Wagner's
Rose Nursery, Newman's Nursery, Treloar
Roses and Rose Sales Online

Photograph by: Melanie Trimper



December 2018

Heaven Scent

Classification: H.T.

Awards: All American Rose Selection,
NRTGA Bronze Medal, NZ Perpetual
Challenge

Available from: Swanes Nursery,
Knight's Roses, Treloar Roses, Roses &
Friends

Photograph by: Les Johnson

Listed on back

1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020

Junior: \$5 ☐

Membership Entitles You To:

- ✓ Four Bulletins issued each year with news of the Society's activities, calendar of events, cultural notes, member's advertisements etc.
- ✓ The Australian Rose Annual published by the National Rose Society of Australia and issued to members during April/May each year.
- ✓ Monthly meetings and all regular branch activities with guest speakers, cultural information, library and rose exhibit competitions.
- ✓ Free admission to the Autumn Rose Show held in April each year and the Spring Rose Show held in October each year.
- ✓ Pruning demonstrations.
- ✓ Consulting Rosarian advice.
- ✓ Neutrog 'Sudden Impact for Roses' and other approved products may be purchased twice yearly through the Society at 'Member's Only' special price.
- ✓ An 'Easy Guide to Exhibiting Roses' booklet issued free to members on request.

Meetings of the Society are held at the Burnside City Uniting Church, corner of Portrush Road and Fisher Street, on the second (2nd) Wednesday of each month, February through to November, commencing at 7:30pm. A special gathering is held in December. Ample car parking is available.

Each meeting features a guest speaker or presenter, a segment dealing with rose culture, and a cut flower and floral art competition. Our library and a raffle are regular items. Rose identification and cultural advice are also available.

Supper is provided at the close of the meeting.

Visitors are most welcome to attend our meetings.

2018 Pre-Pre Tour – Poland and Germany

By Gavin Woods



Wojslawice Arboretum Poland

On Thursday 14th June 18 Australians and one Canadian converged on Warsaw for what was to become a fantastic week-long tour of Western Europe as a lead up to the World Federation Convention in Copenhagen.

Kim and I particularly enjoyed Poland, with Kim having a specific affinity with the country, her father being born there and evacuated during the Nazi invasion in World War 2. We were very much taken with the cleanliness of the entire country; no litter to be found anywhere! Upon questioning our guide revealed that prisoners clean the streets under the

cover of darkness.....perhaps something for our authorities to consider!

The private Rosarium of Malgorzata Kralka displayed some 1000 varieties in a very long, narrow town block. Hundreds of dahlias were also of interest to me, however we were a few weeks early as only one was in flower.

A real treat whilst in Warsaw, as the city of Chopin, was to experience an intimate piano concert performed by a Chopin exponent. Performed in a small, ancient theatre our honorary Aussie Gail sought out the opportunity, for which we were all grateful. It added a touch of culture to our visit.



Gail Robertson & Gavin Woods unveil the garden bench in honour of their visit

Photographs for this article supplied by Gavin Woods and Penelope Schulz

2018 Pre-Pre Tour – Poland and Germany Continued:

A highlight amongst the Palaces and gardens was a visit to the Wojslawice Arboretum, our guide for the day being the President of the Polish Rose Society Mr Lukasz Rojewski. We were presented a magnificently maintained park containing several national collections including roses. I encouraged Lucas to consider a “Garden of Excellence” application for the rose collection, in my view the garden is well deserving. A surprise whilst visiting the garden was to be asked along with Gail Robinson of Canada to unveil a bench seat named in honour of our visit.



Sangerhausen

The next leg saw us in Berlin with visits to the “Wall” and “Check Point Charlie”. The booming German economy was in evidence everywhere; it was impossible to turn a corner without being faced with building development. The city was alive with thousands of Bikers. We had coincided our visit with a Harley Davidson rally; their bikes lined the streets through the centre of town. A visit to Germany would not be considered complete without visits to Europa Rosarium Sangerhausen and the Rosarium Uetersen. Guides led us through the highlights of both magnificent gardens. A dry and early Spring meant that many of the once-flowering roses were finished and the remontent types were not performing at their best. Never-the-less there was plenty of great roses to enjoy. I particularly appreciated the use of perennials

to complement all of the gardens. Many of these plants were unknown to me and I possibly spent as much time appreciating the non-roses as I did our favoured plant! A well stocked gift shop at Sangerhausen fulfilled the need for shopping that had thus far gone unfulfilled; particularly when the rain set in such that we could no longer enjoy the garden.

We were privileged to be invited into many private gardens. As a small group we had greater than normal access to small and geographically challenging gardens. Roses featured of course and it was reinforced to me the way our European colleagues utilise pillar roses so well.

A visit to Kordes Roses at Sparieshoop was another highlight for me. The hospitality shown to us by the Kordes family and Thomas Proll (head of the hybridizing department) was outstanding. A large display garden was enjoyed, with much notation of new varieties going on. Thomas gave an audio-visual presentation



Lutz Heckner's garden

of the history and current business operations of the company.

The family had just returned from the Baden-Baden trials and had been triumphant in winning the coveted "Golden Rose" award for best rose in the trial. The trophy itself (which is a real rose coated in gold!) was handed around for our group to fondle. Given that Kordes' had won several of these "Golden Roses" previously, I offered to provide a good home for one of them. Alexander Kordes politely declined!

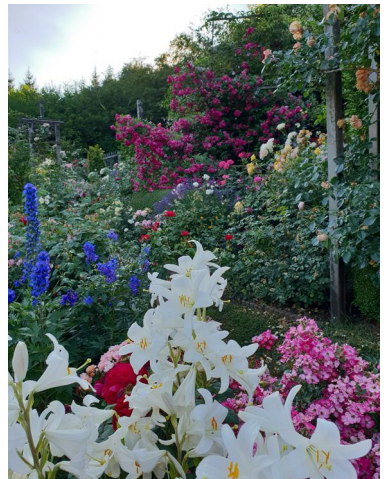
The city of Hamburg is a real jewel in the crown of Germany. A city steeped in history, magnificent architecture, a culture buffs paradise! A destination we would like to revisit and experience again.

A visit to Tantau Roses proved particularly interesting to those with a penchant for hybridizing as we were given access to the breeding houses. The rose exhibitors were in heaven here as we were shown through the glass house full of cut flower types displaying hundreds of Exhibition style Hybrid Tea blooms.

The bus ride from Hamburg to Denmark was full of convivial banter, made increasingly enjoyable by the bottle of Buffalo Grass Vodka from which shots were sampled by all. This was followed by a delicious bottle of Limenchello similarly enjoyed. I made comment that all group tours should so end.

The true might of German technology was displayed on our ferry crossing to Denmark. A multi-carriage train pulled up alongside our bus as we queued to board. We expected the passengers to disembark the train but no; the train simply drove onto the Ferry to continue the journey to Denmark! Truly amazing.

This week set us up well for the fantastic month long expedition that Kim and I enjoyed in this part of the world. We were very privileged to have Tania Allen as our guide; Tania is very skilled at managing people (even with a sprained ankle!) and deserves her reputation in the highly competitive travel industry. We look forward to our next travel experience!



Lutz Heckner's garden

WFRS 18th World Rose Convention Pre Tour of Denmark

by Diane vom Berg

One hundred rosarians gathered on a cool Copenhagen morning having been reacquainted with many friends from around the world, boarded two buses to begin the six day tour of Denmark. Our hosts and tour guides for the next few days were many members of the Danish Rose Society.

Overnight stays were in Sonderborg, Kolding and Aarhus and day trips to Ribe, Denmark's oldest city and Jelling where the visit included the history of the Viking Age. Castles, Culture, Nurseries, Private and Public Gardens and other visitors attractions were experienced during our travels through picturesque Denmark.



Above: Frederiksgard

Above Right: Thorben Thims Nursery

Right: Poulsen Rose Nursery

Photographs supplied by Diane vom Berg



A Fairytale of Roses

by Marga Verwer, The Netherlands

In June of this year over 600 rose-lovers from all over the world travelled to Copenhagen in Denmark to attend a special World Rose Convention. Inger Schierning of the Danish Rose Society had the honor and the challenge to organize the 25th anniversary of their Rose Society, and the 50th anniversary of the World Federation of Rose Societies at the same time.

The 7 days program started with a Meet & Greet in the City Hall. The beautiful hall was decorated with needle work and memorabilia of the Danish Rose Society. The Opening Ceremony the next morning was held in the same place, and was opened by The Tivoli Youth Guard with the children dressed in historical costumes playing the drums and flutes. Will Radler of the U.S.A. received a beautiful painting of his winning rose **Knock Out** in recognition of its addition to the Rose Hall of Fame. and the baptism of the Convention Rose **The Fairy-tale Rose** by its breeders Mr and Mrs Olesen of Poulsen Roses, as Princess Mary was unable to attend the Convention.

For the afternoon we were brought to Rosenborg Castle, where we first had to choose the most beautiful and the best perfumed rose out of a number of potted roses. There was still time left to explore the rose garden and enjoy an afternoon tea before walking back to the hotel. Some of us, including me, didn't have the evening free as these evenings were reserved for meetings.

The Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings were filled with lectures. If you do like lectures, you should absolutely attend a convention. One is always offered a large variety of subjects to choose from, or for the enthusiasts to attend all of them.

But I want to tell you about the gardens. The Saturday afternoon we visited Valby park, the biggest park in Copenhagen, full of roses. After lunch in the park, we were treated to a rosy fashion show and two rose baptisms: the WFRS 50 years anniversary rose **Friendship Forever**, bred by Eskelund, and the 25 years Danish Rose Society anniversary rose **The Rosarians Rose**, bred by Poulsen, (both Danish breeders). The afternoon was completed with a musical based on the famous fairytales of Hans Christian Andersen, performed by children in costume and a well-known singer/actor. What a great show!

A Fairytale of Roses Continued:

The Sunday was reserved for a day in the countryside. The first stop was at the royal palace of Fredensborg. And yes, there was a rose garden, where most of us went first. We found old roses, like a bourbon of Guillot called **Baron J.B. Gonella**, but also modern ones like Rosa **Charlotte** of David Austin. Again we were treated to a baptism, this time a rose of Eskelund **Prins Henrik**, named after Prince Henrik. He unfortunately passed away only a few months before, but had been able to choose the rose himself. After a very popular hot dog lunch at one of the most modern garden centres in Denmark, Plantorama. We visited a beautiful, very natural garden, Gerlev Parken, in fact an arboretum with a large collection of Poulsen roses (like **Bright Cover**), Valdemar Petersen roses, and old roses like **Blush Rambler** as well. We were received by the people who maintain the garden: the Friends of the Garden.

The last day we attended the lectures in the morning, finished by the Breeder's Panel. Always nice to hear the reactions of the different breeders to questions from the public.

As the hotel was situated quite a distance from the center, there wasn't enough time left for visiting the city. We prepared for the Farewell Dinner and Closing Ceremony. A small walk from the hotel brought us to the pier, where we boarded a canal boat. After a small cruise we finished near the famous statue of The Little Mermaid, for a short walk to the restaurant Langelinie Pavillion. All the medals for the award winning gardens and books were given to the proud representatives. Markus Brunsg received a special medal for the great work he has done for the Rose Trials committee, and the evening ended with the installation of the new president: Kelvin Trimper handed his president chain over to Henrianne de Briey, who will take the heavy job of leading the World Federation of Rose Societies the coming three years.



Officially baptised WFRS Rose *Friendship Forever*



Top: The Tivoli Youth Guard performed at the Opening Ceremony

Above: The gardens at Fredensborg Palace

Below: Performers depicting the stories of Hans Christian Andersen



OUT & ABOUT WITH ROSES IN THE HEARTLAND

by Mary Frick

We are now over the busiest time for the last quarter of the year. And wasn't it a busy one!

We started spring with RITH being present at the Mt Pleasant SA Garden Festival on 22nd September where we had an information site, speaking with the public, handing out rose information and Neutrog goody bags. Mind you, whilst we were there our own retail therapy was taken care of!

The following week RITH was at the Clare Art & Garden Fair. Knight's Roses supplied potted roses for sale.

On 5th October I was in Brisbane for the National Rose Society's AGM Weekend where as acting NRSA Secretary, I was privileged to announce the Australian Rose Award winners, one being to 'a shocked' RSSA member Jim Cane. The plaque presented to Queensland State Rose Garden at Toowoomba, that was announced in Copenhagen as a winner for the World Federation of Rose Societies "Award of Garden Excellence", was unveiled.

Then it was "Show Time"! The Rose Society Spring Rose Show had some 1st class exhibits. Gavin Woods took out the Grand Champion of the show with a magnificent vase of *Grande Amore*.



Kaylee & Isabell Bartel

The following week was the Barossa Rose & Flower Show. And what a spectacle it was. With a record number of entries the hall was filled with blooms and fragrance. Rosie Sherwood organized a workshop for the children to make their 'Arrangement in a Teapot' and a 'Fairy Garden' on the Friday afternoon prior to the show.

Trevor Nottle opened the show to a large crowd. Sponsored by Colorado Vines the Champion of Champions and Junior Champion of Champions was won

by Gavin Woods and Arizona Sherwood (4 ½ years old) respectively. Sponsors of the 'Barossa Residents Only' classes were Margaret Lehmann (Barossa Beauty) won by Elizabeth Jaeschke with a stem of *Papa Meiland* and The Barossa Head of Roses, sponsored by Colorado Vines was won by Jane Haese with a cut of *Lacy Parasol*. Knight's Roses sponsored the Knight's Recent Releases class won by Ian & Mary Frick, three



Trevor Nottle surrounded by Firestar



Arizona Sherwood with Colorado Vines manager Brian Warples

cuts of ***Eye of the Tiger***. Sponsored by Roots 'N' Leaves, the Champion Iris was won by Sharyn Perrin.

The pulpit, decorated by members of the Barossa Valley Floral Designers Club again looked spectacular with the bright orange ***FireStar*** roses amongst the greenery.

Penelope Schulz was in charge of the trading table while A Cut Above had all the tools that was require to keep the garden in ship-shape condition. Outside, Barossa Nursery and Roots 'N' Leaves kept up with the plant sales. The St Paul's ladies served afternoon teas in the church foyer.

The last event on the spring calendar was the 2021 fundraiser Open Garden at Merv & Wendy Trimper's, 'Trimper



Gavin Woods with his Champion of Champions exhibit sponsored by Colorado Vines

Downs', Oakbank. RITH was in charge of the sausage sizzle with Malcolm Watson organizing the food and volunteers.



Malcolm Watson with Chardon Trimper

A big thank you to everyone who assisted with any of these functions. Without our wonderful volunteers these functions would not be the success that they are.

The weather was kind for the 2018 RITH Christmas Lunch. Forty one members and visitors met at the Powell Park Geranium Nursery, Clare for morning tea. So many geraniums of different types, colours and sizes. Joyce gave a demonstration on how to repot and prune the different types of geraniums. No, you don't just stick them in the ground then hack them off!

Then off

to Gypsy Sadow's for Lunch. Gypey's garden was large and filled with an array of plants suited to the dry, harsh climate. There was a lot of camaraderie as we chit chatted the afternoon away. Thank you Joyce and Gypsy for a lovely day and your generosity of donating our morning tea and lunch payment to charity.



Members enjoying RITH Christmas Lunch

Photographs by Mary Frick and Penelope Schulz

EASTER ROSE DISPLAY AT NEWMAN'S NURSERY TEA TREE GULLY

Jon and Dianne Hall, Proprietors of Newman's Nursery, have invited the Rose Society to participate in a Rose Display over the Easter weekend, on 20th, 21st and 22nd April, 2019.

The roses on display are generously provided by Wagner's - but we gather from far and wide (private gardens as well) to showcase as many varieties as possible. They will include new releases for 2019, Delbard and David Austin Roses.

The role of the Rose Society members is to share their knowledge with visitors, providing rose culture information and assisting the public to order their roses from 10am until 4pm each day. Members are rostered on for 2 hours at a time.

Over the past years the display has been spectacular, featuring over 1,000 rose blooms and the perfume totally intoxicating!

If you can assist in any way over the three days, please contact Kelvin Trimper by email ktrimper@bigpond.net.au or mobile 0418 818 167. If you can't assist, then please come and visit the display - you will not be disappointed.

You can also collect our Rose List for the 2019 season.

Please also invite your friends and family to attend.

Any additional queries please email dianne@newmansnursery.com.au

2018 RSSA Christmas Dinner

In the absence of President Doug and wife Pam, Vice President Diane vom Berg conducted the proceedings at the 2018 Society Christmas Dinner.

The Christmas cake was made by Joy Johnson with Dean Stringer having the honour of cutting the cake.

Special guests were our Patron Mrs Le and Mathias Meilland from Meilland International, France.

Each year at the Society's Christmas Dinner, the Society recognizes members who have had continuous membership for an extended period of time. This year several members celebrated 25 years as members of the Society. These people are: Maureen Ross, Mignon Arnst, Elizabeth Quinlan-Watson (SE Branch, Marjorie Todd (SE Branch), Brian Rous, Marjorie Rous, Sandy Kidman (SE Branch) Kay Maas, Penny Le Messurier and Derrick Eastwood.

Also at this function awards are given to the winners of the 'Monthly Competition' where members are encouraged to exhibit in both the Cut Flower and Floral Arrangements. 2018 winners are:

Cut Flower - Pre 1900 Old Garden Roses: Sharyn Perrin; A Grade: Tony Hanna; B Grade: Sandra Day; C Grade: Sharyn Perrin; Open: Tony Hanna. Floral Arranging - A Grade: Joy Johnson. B Grade joint winners: Patty Bennett and Marilyn Erskine; C Grade: Tina Miljanovic.

Sandra Day was promoted from B Grade to A Grade and David Sonntag from C Grade to B Grade.



25 Year Members

**L-R: Elizabeth Quinlan-Watson, Mignon Arnst, RSSA Vice President Diane vom Berg, RSSA Patron Mrs Le, Marjorie Todd, Maureen Ross, Marjorie Rous, Brian Rous
Absent: Sandy Kidman, Kay Maas, Penny Le Messurier, Derrick Eastwood**

Photograph by Les Johnson

2018 Christmas Dinner Continued:



Monthly Competition Winners

L-R: Tony Hanna, RSSA Vice President Diane vom Berg, RSSA Patron Mrs Le, Tina Miljanovic, Sandra Day and Sharyn Perrin ABSENT: Joy Johnson, Patty Bennett and Marilyn Erskine



RSSA Patron Mrs Le with Life Member Dean Stringer OAM cutting the Christmas Cake

History Made

by Les Johnson

History was made with this year's National Rose Trial Garden of Australia presentation night. For the first time an Australian bred rose took out the top gold medal award and a host of the available trophies.

Bruce Brundrett's yellow floribunda with its strong fragrance took out the top award.

Bruce is yet to give his prize winning rose its commercial name.

A full report will be published in the 2019 Australian Rose Annual.



Bruce Brundrett and his Gold Medal winning Australian Bred Rose un-named seedling

SOUTH EAST BRANCH REPORT

by Ione Saint

The South East Branch celebrated out last meeting for 2018 in the glorious garden of Helen and Trevor Zadow of Penola. Twenty nine members and guests were delighted by the colourful and floriferous display of the roses, yet peaceful relaxing feel of the garden.

We were very fortunate and felt honoured to have Di vom Berg as our guest, who gave us an update on the recent State Meeting which included news on the upcoming National and World Convention to be held in Adelaide. She also kindly judged our 'Bloom of the Month Competition'. First place being Geoff Eckermann with a strongly perfumed 'Jude the Obscure' rose and a close second won by Jill Davison with a stunning pink 'Leonardo Da Vinci' rose.

Our next meeting will be a 1.00pm start on Sunday 24th February 2019. To be held at the home of Anne and Andy Clifford, Yallum Park, 8km West of Penola on the Millicent Road. We will also be having a buy, swap and sell of unwanted gardening books. Please bring along your own mug, chair and a plate of supper to share.



**L-R: Pat Starke, Ann Hole, Gwen Hannaford,-
Geoff Eckermann**



L-R: Liz Newell and Nancy Mattner

Photographs supplied bt Ione Saint

COUNTRY NEWS

by Brenda Burton

I have judged a number of country shows this Spring. Those being:-Gawler, Clare, Balaklava, Uraidla, Eudunda, Strathalbyn, Jamestown. I can only send photos of one show, I have chosen Jamestown as it is supported by the Rose Society.

However, all the shows were just great. A joy to judge and the people are just so friendly. Most of these shows have other exhibits besides roses and flowers. Like chickens and horses, all sorts of animals. There were stalls so you could buy your Christmas presents too. Also a great lunch.

Jamestown - we judge the gardens too, as they have a competition for large and small separate. This year there were 15 gardens, all excellent. We judged these on Saturday, then the show on Sunday. Quite a weekend.

The show was opened by Angela Smallacombe together with President Mary Clark.

There were four champions. The rose (named after me called Fabulous) was won by our John Bradshaw. The magnificent giant foxglove was won by Anne Redden, the Table Arrangement by Deborah Dowling and the plant was Aileen Robinson. Well done to all participants.



John Bradshaw's champion exhibit *Fabulous*



Mary Clark (L) with Angela Smallacombe

Photographs supplied by Brenda Burton

Bed & Breakfast

Oakbank BnB Retreat

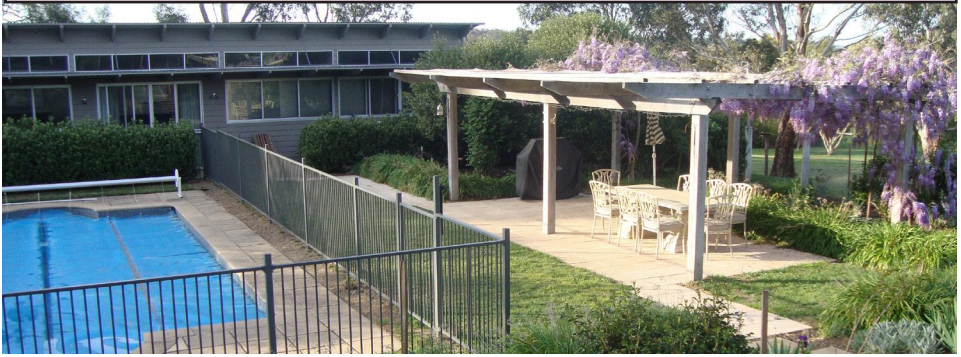
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Saturday 11.00am - 5.00pm

Sunday 9.30am - 4.00pm

Admission Adults \$5.00. Children under 13 Free.

Special Section for Preps and School Children.

Novice and Home Gardener Sections for those who grow a few Dahlia's, Roses and Cut Flowers for a hobby, are welcome to enter.

Club members will advise with the displaying of your flowers.

All persons are invited to enter exhibits in the show.

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Enquiries Bruce Millard (03) 5572 3788

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BURNSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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Saturday, 13th April 12.00noon to 5.00pm

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Admission: \$5.00

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OFFICIAL OPENING

3.00pm Saturday 13th April 2018

Guest Speakers:

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Chaffey Riverina Report Nov 2018

by Coleen Houston

The two public gardens at Shear Outback and Bishops Lodge keep us very busy pruning, dead heading, feeding and generally caring for them both. This Spring the rose blooms were wonderful. Many visitors commented how they enjoy seeing the beautiful flowers. This is a real contrast to the dry and dusty paddocks nearby. Recently we have had a few good storms and we can only hope they will continue through summer.

Some members have enjoyed visiting gardens in the Narrandera district and in Victoria. Looking very cheery, where ever it climbed, *Pierre de Ronsard* was the standout rose. Some half crushed walnut shells used on a pathway caused much interest.

Bud wood has just been collected and sent to Wagners to produce roses for sale next year. The sale of these helps support the Bishops Lodge garden. Neutrog orders have just arrived and we would like to thank Neutrog for their excellent products and support.

South Western Australia is having a great season and it was a delight to take in many beautiful gardens and roses. I was very impressed with the Rose Maze at Kojonup. It was planted with Australian bred roses. Alister Clark's *Restless* is the outer hedge which surrounds the Maze.

Our Chaffey Rose AGM weekend will be held in Renmark on 6th & 7th April 2019. We wish everyone a healthy, happy and rosey festive season.

International Rose Garden (IRG) Volunteers, Botanic Gardens by Deborah Curtis

After a very busy spring, the IRG vollies will have a short break over the Christmas / New Year and resume on Friday 4th January 2019.

We start at 07:30 and go through till around 12:00 with a coffee break, depending on the weather. On hot days we finish earlier. We are quite flexible time-wise. Some of the group come for 2 hours and some for longer.

New volunteers are most welcome. All you need is a bit of enthusiasm for roses, clean, sharp secateurs, gloves, suitable clothing, a hat, water bottle and enclosed shoes.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining us.

Deborah Curtis, Supervisor of the Volunteers in IRG

On behalf of the RSSA

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Trimper Downs Open Garden

On the weekend of 3rd and 4th November 2018 Merv and Wendy Trimper opened their garden to the public as a fundraiser for the forth coming 2021 World Federation of Rose Societies 19th World Rose Convention to be held in Adelaide in October 2021.

In perfect weather conditions, over 700 people made their way to Oakbank to wander through Merv and Wendy's immaculate garden, enjoy afternoon tea, a glass of wine or a sausage from the barbeque. Attendees relaxed whilst listening to guest speakers Sophie Thomson and Kim Syrus and music by Ella and Sienna McClean, Robert Hutton, Sam Lau and Wil Kidman.

The Rose Society and 2021 information marque was kept busy. For retail therapy the Gift Shelf and Plant Stall did a roaring trade.



Listening to Sophie Thomson talk on companion planting



Enjoying Afternoon Tea



State Member for Kavel, Dan Cregan MP (L) with Wendy and Merv Trimper



The 2021, Rose Society and Neutrog stand



**Above: Maureen Humphries
on the Plant Stall
Above Right: Melanie
Trimper serving
refreshments including
Patrick's Wines**



**Above: 'The Vintage Era'
Left: Heather Slack, Sandra Day,
Brian Slack, Bruce McCallum,
Joy Johnson, Graham Douglass,
Christine Douglass serving
afternoon tea and refreshments**



**Photographs supplied by Wendy Trimper
and Mary Frick**

2021 Trimper Downs Open Garden Raffle

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors who provided the following prizes for the 2021 WRC Raffle conducted over the weekend of "Trimper Downs" Open Garden.

Camalwald Cottage B&B - 2nights studio accommodation donated by John and Sue Zwar,

Rose Painting donated by Tina Miljanovic

Gift Basket donated by Diane vom Berg

Neutrog Products donated by Neutrog

\$50 Cash donated by Adelaide Invigilation

Wine Pack donated by Patrick of Coonawarra

All winners have been notified and their prizes delivered.

Cultural Notes for January, February, March

by Gavin Woods



We have enjoyed a Spring flush of roses like no other! Seasoned Rosarians and growers with a few plants alike have all proclaimed their roses to be the best they have seen. Certainly it was the best Spring seen for some time with profusion and quality of bloom outstanding. It has been a good year for rearing chicken's as well; I have raised record numbers.

I attended 5 rose shows this Spring and all had quality entries in abundance.

That was the good news! The bad news is that the weather forecast is for a hot and dry Summer (so what's new you ask?).

Almost all gardeners in our state have developed mechanisms to cope with our long and dry Summers, with the drought and subsequent water restrictions of the early 2000's forcing everyone who wanted to maintain anything more than a desert in their backyard to become more conscious of water usage. I am pleased to see that many of the "gardeners" that installed artificial turf, horrid native grasses and succulents are once again reverting to the more traditional shrubs and flowers, with roses becoming a prominent feature of many home gardens.

It is disappointing that our public spaces are slow to respond. Many of our public gardens that were filled with roses were "renovated" with grasses during the water shortage. These plants look great for a year; they are hacked back annually in an effort to tidy them which invariably sees some deteriorate; with the ultimate result a disaster! What short-sightedness on the part of landscapers and architects! Roses could be maintained with similar levels of pruning and with correct variety selection, a display of colour could be maintained for many, many years.

One Council has moved against the trend and I am delighted to be involved with Prospect City Council's Barker Gardens on Prospect Road. 72 plants of George Thomson's *Fields of Fromelles* were planted in July and are doing well. More plantings will occur in July 2019 in order to bring this garden to an acceptable standard for our local and international visitors to enjoy in 2021.

Fungal disease has been conspicuous by its absence so far this season in most gardens. Some Mildew has been seen and low levels of Black Spot on susceptible cultivars. I wonder if part of the credit can be placed on breeders who are providing us with more resistant varieties? As more of these replace older cultivars in our gardens, the fungal burden of our gardens diminishes and the overall health of our roses improves. Certainly, I get the feeling that most growers are spraying

much less than they were a decade ago; in fact I know of several exhibitors who hardly spray at all. Recommendations of 20 years ago that one was to spray fungicide every 10 days would now be laughed at!

In October parts of SA saw the worst infestation of aphids in modern history..... well certainly in my history! Parts of my garden were decimated with the critters. Certainly the predators came, and controlled the pest; but some damage was done. It certainly tests the resolve to hold off from spraying pesticides knowing that predators will come and wave their magic wand. Of course spraying can be largely counter-productive as the predators are removed as well as the pest.

A question for the experts.....why do aphids congregate on plants at higher elevation? In my garden; the lower the plants, the fewer aphids. My front beds were inundated and yet roses at the back of the block and lower in altitude had none. Those in-between had moderate infestations. Coincidence or temperature related perhaps?

So to the tasks for the next three months – only a couple really but first and foremost is to water. Don't be frightened to turn the tap on.....water copiously if you want those plants to endure, to continue to grow and to produce blooms during the heat of Summer. The flowers produced by our plants will generally be smaller, in clusters with less blooms and contain fewer petals than those produced during the cooler seasons that are peak flowering.

Another question for the technical minds amongst us.....why do double roses produce blooms which have a significantly reduced petal count during Summer, and yet single roses do not?

Continue to dead head your roses in order to encourage repeat flowering. I have discussed the contrasting methods of dead-heading many times previously and I would ask for consideration of the value in retaining foliage on your plants as a principle source of food to fuel the production of blooms.

A plant previously decimated with leaf-fall perhaps from fungal disease is at risk of a sometimes fatal problem.....that is sunburn of the bud union (crown). Roses that are naked of leaves on the bottom third of growth and those that have been meticulously pruned to a vase shape will have an exposed growth point that is vulnerable to damage from the midday sun of Summer.

Mulching over the crown will go a long way to preventing this malady. I begin by planting my roses with the bud union at ground level, NOT above it as advocated by many. With normal cultivation of the surrounding soil and the addition of mulch, very soon the crown is covered by soil and mulch with only beneficial effects. David Ruston planted his roses with the crown well below the soil as he was planting in sand and this aided stability of the plant. A positive side-effect is that the bud union will put down roots of its own and thereby aid in nutrient and water uptake. I recently removed a 20 year old plant from my garden and was

Cultural Notes Continued:

amazed at the roots coming from the crown. Be reassured that this method does not inhibit water shoot development or handicap the rose in any way. It does however protect the most valuable asset of your plant ie the crown!

It is never the wrong time to apply mulch in our climate; Whoflungdung® has been well received by the rose growing multitudes. It does have a powerful perfume for a few days so it might be best to avoid applying prior to the family Christmas BBQ.

A secret well known by experienced exhibitors which can be applied to the home gardener is that of Summer Trimming. If one has a date in Autumn that roses simply must be available ("target date"); then apply the following formula. Count back 49-55 days from this date (some variety's respond quicker than others, with **Kardinal** and her sports taking as little as 45 days to flower). This is the "pivotal date". An important aspect is to minimise watering for a fortnight or so prior to the pivotal date, then feed with the recommended dose of Sudden Impact® and apply double the normal application of water. Do this one week prior to the pivotal date and this will shock your roses from dormancy into rapid growth. Trim all growth points at the 49-55 day mark and you will be delighted with blooms to order when you require them. This trim should ideally be to wood of pencil thickness. I initially took meticulous records of variety's that responded quicker and others that were slow to respond to this method. I have, however found that with the exception of a few varieties' seasonal variances cause more movement around the target date than anything else and at the end of the day I have resolved to allow Mother Nature to have the final say. If you trim over several days, the flowering will vary accordingly and you will be guaranteed some flowers on the date required.

I enjoy this time of the year in my garden. We are between commitments to Rose Shows and I can catch up and spend some time making changes to my garden. How true it is that a gardener's work is never done.

I am sure that growing roses adds to both the quality and length of one's productive life.....let's hope so in any case!

Breaking News

by Brenda Burton

The Enfield Horticultural Society have their Autumn Flower Show on the **6th and 7th April 2019**. Saturday 12-5 and Sunday 10-4pm. The Rose Society has been invited to exhibit. Where: Klemzig Community Hall, 242 North East Road.

Contact Helen 8251 2299

Gift Shelf - 2018 Spring Rose Show

by Penelope Schulz

Set up on the Friday before the Adelaide Spring show, we were missing something, it was Sue and Heather, they knew just what to do. With Mary Frick, Di McCallum, Heather Slack and myself we braced ourselves and all pitched in to set up a display of the goods from the cupboard. Mousetrap arrived with the crockery and goods that Bill and I had selected. We missed many items that Sue and Heather had always supplied, but managed to set up a display. Thanks to the many donations of jams, sauce and baked goods from the generous members who gave of their time and goods. Packed up and into my tiny car and off to the Barossa Rose and Flower Show for the following weekend. It took Heather Noble and I, two hours to set up the Gift Shelf with trying to fit goods onto three tables. Sales were low but it did make a display at the entrance. Thanks to all the helpers over the weekend who all pitched in to help. Packed up and into my tiny car again, but didn't seem to be any less boxes and off to Merv and Wendy Trimper's Open Garden the following weekend. A windy Friday didn't allow us to set up until the Saturday morning. Perfect weather allowed for a great weekend and steady sales. To everyone who helped in anyway to put together a Gift Shelf, thank you. We missed you Sue and Heather.



Mary Frick, Heather Slack, Diane McCallum behind counter with Maureen Humphries, Kim Humphrys with other members in the background

Report of Roses on Eyre Spring Meeting at Cleve

Held on the 10th October 2018

by Trevor Kemp

It felt like spring had arrived, along with daylight saving, we had 40 members & visitors present.

This year we had new sections on the bench, '1 cut of Rose Bud' and 'A Small Arrangement Any Variety'. The season has been dry and cold for most of our members, with many not having any entries to bring for the bench. There was however a good showing of roses from people who were in warmer situations, they had buds opening in the morning with the warmer day. "Well done" was the comment heard several times.

The usual business was dealt with followed by question time with some photos being forwarded to Adelaide for suggestions. We then had a report on the two roses planted at the last meeting, 1 in new soil and 1 in the same soil where a rose had been. Both were showing freshness and growing well, both had been given some of "Richards Compost" (it was very good compost) good soil means good healthy plants when problems appear.

The meeting was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs David Asser, who had moved from Salisbury to Cleve to retire, well that was the plan. The house and shed were in place but the garden needed some attention. Out came the lot, the plants and lawn, everything. Within a few months lots of goodies went in. A plan was drawn up, with careful selection of roses and other plants. Spring brought some great shoots ready to flower, in all their beauty & perfume. It is now the second season, about to start the young plants were carrying many buds and healthy leaves. What a picture it is now with the mix of flowers.

The day ended with a visit to several gardens and also the "Horse"...you must see, created by a local using old tools and steel. Another is being constructed to be given a permanent place in Adelaide.



Photographs supplied by Rose Kemp

The New Garden Bed



Ken and Lynne Wamsley viewing the competition roses



R.O.E. President Mrs Shirley Dennis with Roma & Alice Gillings "Too Early for Blooms"



Gabrielle Coveney (Wirreanda Secondary School) , winner of the RSSA sponsored prize in the Royal Adelaide Show, "Best (Student) Exhibit Over-all in Photography, depicting a Rose" with RSSA Patron Mrs Le

Front Cover: RSSA Spring Show 2018 Grand Champion Grande Amore

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