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Calendar of Coming Events

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

January 2020

9th-12th WFRS Regional Convention, **Kolkata, India** www.wfrs2020kolkata.com
Tuesday 21st RSSA Council Meeting, Goodman Building, Botanic Gardens **4:30pm**

February 2020

Wednesday 12th Members General Meeting, Burnside City Uniting Church **7:30pm**
Speaker: Greg Lane: 'Zone Co-ordinator, Garden Clubs of Australia'

Question Time: Kelvin Trimper

Competition Pre 1900 Old Garden Roses, A, B, C, Grades: **1 Full Bloom Rose OR**
1 Miniature Rose Open: **1 Exhibit** **Judge:** Gavin Woods

Floral Arrangers: "Free Choice" **Judge:** Patti Bennett

Workshop: Breeding Your Own Unique Rose, Mary Frick **6:30pm**

Tuesday 18th RSSA Council Meeting, Goodman Building, Botanic Gardens **4:30pm**

Sunday ROE Meeting TBA. Contact Secretary Karen Miels. Information Page 3

Sunday 23rd SE Branch Meeting. 12.00pm start at Petticoat Lane, Penola

March 2020

Wednesday 11th Members General Meeting, Burnside City Uniting Church **7:30pm**
Speaker: Sue Zwar: 'My Rose Garden'

Question Time: Gavin Woods

Competition Pre 1900 Old Garden Roses, A, B, C, Grades: **1 Australian Bred Rose OR**
1 Shrub Rose Open: **1 Exhibit** **Judge:** Wendy Trimper

Floral Arrangers: "St Patrick's Day" **Judge:** Helena Lewandowski

Workshop: Preparing Your Rose Garden for the Autumn Flush, Kelvin Trimper & Gavin Woods **6:30pm**

Tuesday 17th RSSA Council Meeting, Goodman Building, Botanic Gardens **4:30pm**

Saturday 28th Mt Barker Show. Contact Gavin Woods, M: 0429 021 006
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April 2020

Saturday 4th Barossa Rose & Flower Show, Barossa Nursery, 3186 Barossa Valley Way,
Sunday 5th Nuriootpa Saturday - **12 noon-5:30pm**; Sunday **9:00am-5:00pm**
Chaffey Rose Club AGM, Hay

Wednesday 8th Members General Meeting, Burnside City Uniting Church **7:30pm**
Speaker: Kathy & Paul Prosser: 'Aussie Apricots'

Question Time: Merv Trimper

Competition Pre 1900 Old Garden Roses, A, B, C, Grades: **1 Decorative Rose OR**
1 Floribunda Rose Open: **1 Exhibit** **Judge:** Kelvin Trimper

Floral Arrangers: "Easter Bonnet" **Judge:** Helena Lewandowski

Workshop: Showing Your Roses for Maximal Impact, Kelvin & Gavin **6:30pm**

Calendar of Coming Events

April 2020

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|----------------------|--|
| Saturday 11th | Newman's Easter Rose Weekend |
| Sunday 12th | Newman's Nursery, Tea Tree Gully |
| Monday 13th | |
| Saturday 18th | Autumn Rose Show, Burnside Community Centre |
| Sunday 19th | |
| Saturday 18th | SA Autumn Garden Festival, Clare 10:00am-4:00pm |
| Sunday 19th | |

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, 8th April 2020 with the Society Secretary.

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



Kiannah Williams, from Dame Roma Mitchell High School (L), winner of the RSSA sponsored prize at the Royal Adelaide Show, Best (Student) Exhibit Overall depicting a Rose with RSSA Vice President Wendy Trimper

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Presidents Report - Summer 2019/2020

Spring Events

... The Rose Show

Is it me or is it because I only choose to remember the things I want to remember. It seemed that the weather during October and November was decidedly cooler than the weather we usually experience. Except for the day, just before our show weekend, when it was a bit too warm and the early roses faded and made life difficult for the roses we were sure we could show. Did it matter for the show? Not really, the standard and number of exhibits was very good with over 600 exhibits on display along with the fantastic stage display constructed by the members of the Woodville Academy of Floral Design. They also used many of the several hundred blooms supplied by Meilland International (France), sourced from Tasmania and travelling to the show via Kelvin Trimper's cool room, for major floral displays in the main show hall and at the NRSA Inc. events held at the SAGE hotel.

The NRSA Inc. AGM and other events are reported in this Bulletin. I'm amazed that an event of such complexity can be organised by a voluntary society. A huge number of hours contributed by members enables such an event to occur. The organisation of venues, schedules, guests, liaison with other clubs and businesses, speakers, protocols, stalls, plants, exhibitors, materials, treasury, judging, stewarding, recording, bump in and bump out, catering and promotion are some of the considerations needing many hours of committee work and individual actions.

There are many examples of members going the extra yard (perhaps even a metre). This is one to which I can attest. As we were waiting outside for the arrival of our Patron, Mrs Le, an easy going, well recognised member, by the name of David, wandered past on his way home to collect several boxes of produce, including honey, as the 'Gift Shelf' had sold out of his original contribution. One can easily visualise David and wife Jill standing over a hot stove in late summer brewing up their tomato sauce and discussing whether it needed more salt or sugar. In legal terms of course.

Mrs Le has attended many of our shows and will always buy something but also keeps a look out for David's jam. I know we have had many members contribute an abundance of home-made produce to this stall over the 30 years that I can remember, Gill Gregory and Pat Wilhelm come readily to mind.

Malcolm Watson led the NRSA AGM Organising Committee and Aileen Scott the under staffed Show Committee. Both deserve a big thank you for a job well done. The show committee needs some extra help and someone to eventually take over from Aileen. It's difficult for members to come forward to take on some of these positions because they are not sure of how it all happens. What they don't realise is that the incumbent and other committee members are only too willing to help. Systems, correspondence and contacts are all in place and these organisers, in turn, are prepared to mentor other members to understand their role and to give them scope for change.

Using a computer to sort and make sense of a whole lot of data has been very useful when matched with the right software. It only took one small glitch in the software to disrupt the smooth operation of the work performed by Chris Kelly to produce exhibitor cards, judging sheets, prize cards etc. Fortunately the glitch was at the latter end of the process and a few of the trophies were unable to be presented with correct names until I could unearth the glitch. This didn't happen until after the show. Thankfully we have been able to correct all errors and omissions. We started using the software about six years ago and after each show we would work out what improvements and extras that could be added. The most annoying part has been me not being able to remember why I would have altered that part of the software. An old saying associated with computers is 'garbage in, garbage out'. In this instance we could put it in but it just wasn't sorted out.

Having the doors to the show open on time after judging has always been a bit problematic. A review of our judging processes is being carried out by the Chief Judge, Gavin Woods, and Chief Steward, John Bradshaw. I'm sure they will find a solution.

... Special Guests

When all the complexities are considered having glitches are annoying, but very few are affected by them and the large majority of show visitors still have a fantastic mass of roses to view.

We were fortunate to have Henrienne de Briey, the President of the World Federation of Rose Societies, open the show. Mrs Le, our Patron of long standing, also attended and launched our 10 Year history book, 'RSSA Inc 2008 to 2018' compiled and edited by Mary Frick.

Other than the rose gardens and meetings many of the NRSA Inc members who attended the weekend, Henrienne wanted to see a kangaroo and a koala in the wild. This eventually happened, but her initial sighting of a kangaroo was a road kill on the road between Birdwood and Kanmantoo. Not what Henrienne expected, but I did say to her at our farewell meal in Diane vom Berg's magical backyard that I had, some years back, driven from Cobar to Bourke, some several hundred kilometres, of not seeing a section of road without a dead kangaroo. Henrienne, a dedicated conservationist was a little distressed by our seemingly scant regard for our iconic roo.

Why were our overseas, interstate visitors and local members travelling to Kanmantoo? Kanmantoo, of course, is where our favourite fertiliser is manufactured. Angus Irwin, the bloke who developed and runs the whole company and sponsors our Society, had set up a marquee and provided lunch of a very high standard to the tour group. The tour of the factory also opened a few eyes as to the extent of the facility and the range and quality of products produced. Angus presented Henrienne with a sample pack of some of the products Neutrog produces for roses. Henrienne was concerned that she would be arrested if she tried to enter Belgium with the package.

...Combined Branches

Incorporated into the show weekend was our Combined Branches meeting. This event occurs every two years and each branch takes a turn to host the event. After a magical weekend two years ago in Mount Gambier one can only hope that our country visitors for the weekend didn't feel let down as the Combined Branches was only one of several events that were hosted on the weekend. The feedback I received from branch members was very positive. The weekend allowed them to meet with other rosarians from the other states of Australia, Belgium and New Zealand and the catering, show and tour were of a high standard and most enjoyable. The meeting with the combined branches ensured we were all on the same page for the World Conference in 2021.

In the Rose Garden

The rose gardens visited during spring were all very floriferous. Our garden in Daw Park, stopped the traffic with its array of colour in many hues. Although, to be honest, I think the only traffic that stopped was for the drivers to visit parents in the aged care facility next door.

What amazed me was that all the plants had multiple flowers in a head beyond the number that could reasonably be expected. Most of the hybrid teas, usually with one flowers per stem had stems with three to five blooms. **Europeana**, a floribunda, had several large clusters, one with over 50 blooms. The exception was **Eiffel Tower**, it had many blooms produced singly on long straight stems that were 120 cm. (4 feet) or more in length. It wasn't until the very hot day in the latter part of November that the last of the main flush was burnt off. But even then the next flush on some plants were showing colour. Keep an eye on the Neutrog's facebook page for a couple of photos, if they make it that far, to understand my elation. Much of the work has been done by my wife, Pam. Not only a cook and nurse but a rosarian as well.

Finally

You will probably receive this after the celebrations that come with the end of another year, so I will resort to using an expression used by The Duchess Emily, a 94 year old regular on the late night quiz (891 ABC Radio). A big thank you and 'hooroo' to you all! At least for now.



Judging exhibits at the 2019 Spring Rose Show 'Roses are Red'



Brass Band (Bowl)
Winner: P. & B. Burton



'Rambling Rose' (Floral)
Winner: J. McCormick



Troulis (Bowl)
Winner: C. Mavroulis



Altissimo (Bowl)
Winner: J. & D. Bradshaw



'Roses are Red' (Floral)
Winner: H. Lewandowski



'Roses are Red' (Floral)
Winner: J. McCormick



'Circles in Shades of Red' (Floral)
Winner: N. Cargo

2019 SPRING ROSE SHOW TROPHY WINNERS

| TROPHY / AWARD | EXHIBITOR | ROSE NAME/S |
|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Grand Champion of Show | P. & B. Burton | <i>Brass Band</i> |
| The President's Trophy | P. & B. Burton | Aggregate Points |
| H. Charles T. Memorial | P. & B. Burton | Various |
| Allan Campbell Memorial | T. & M. Morphett | <i>Signature</i> |
| T. Howland White Memorial # 1 | J. & D. Bradshaw | <i>Kardinal</i> |
| Christine Michelle Cup | P. & B. Burton | <i>Let's Celebrate</i> |
| Keith Copas Memorial | C. Mavrovelis | Aggregate Points |
| Jack Moule Memorial | P. & B. Burton | <i>Irresistible</i> |
| Heather Burnard Memorial | M. & I. Frick | Various |
| Emma Voke Memorial # 1 | G. & J. Wright | <i>Delicious</i> |
| Helen Sunter Memorial | P. & B. Burton | <i>Brass Band</i> |
| Eric & Myrtle Trimper Memorial | L. & S. Day | <i>The Golden Child</i> |
| Royal National Rose Society # 1 | J. & D. Bradshaw | Aggregate Points |
| Royal National Rose Society # 2 | B. Hosking | Unknown |
| Judith Waters Memorial | K. & G. Moxham | Unknown |
| Oliver Travel | J. & D. Bradshaw | Various |
| W. H. Ifould | S. Perrin | Various |
| Ted Phillips & Bill Nelson | C. Mavrovelis | <i>Troulis</i> |
| Ross Roses Centenary Award | J. McCormick | Aggregate Points |
| T. Howland White Memorial # 2 | No Entry | |
| Ivy Gerard Award # 1 | J. & D. Bradshaw | <i>Altissimo</i> |
| Ivy Gerard Award # 2 | P. Schulz | <i>Gold Bunny</i> |
| Ivy Gerard Award # 3 | P. Carr | <i>Tequila Sunrise</i> |
| Ralph Smith Memorial Award | T. & M. Morphett | <i>Joyfulness</i> |
| Herbert Kemp Award | L. & S. Day | <i>The Golden Child</i> |
| Alexander Ross Memorial | P. & B. Burton | <i>Guy Laroche</i> |
| Rose A. Thomas Memorial | H. Lewandowski | 'Roses are Red' |



Glorious (Decorative)
Winner: D. & P. Bennett



Kardinal (Exhibition)
Winner: J. & D. Bradshaw



Pro Hart (Shrub)
Winner: J. McCormick



The Golden Child (Shrub)
L. & S. Day



Love's Gift (Australian Bred)
Winner: M. & I. Frick



Rock 'N' Roll (Shrub)
Winner P. & B. Burton



Guy Laroche (Full Bloom)
Winner: P. & B. Burton



Signature (Exhibition)
Winner: T. & M. Morphet



Red Gem (Miniflora)
Winner: R. Kemp



Gold Bunny (Floribunda)
Winner: P. Schulz



Irresistible (Miniature)
Winner: P. & B. Burton



Tequila Sunrise (Bunch)
Winner: P. Carr



La Reine Victoria (Pre 1900)
Winner: K. & G. Moxham



Joyfulness (3 Stage)
Winner: T. & M. Morphett



Dublin Bay (Sundry Class)
Winner: B. Hosking



Golden Gardens (Miniature Bunch)
Winner: P. & B. Burton



Delicious (Miniature Bunch)
Winner: G. & J. Wright

2019 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 | J. McCormick | Various |
| Exhibition Rose | A | T. & M. Morphett | <i>Signature</i> |
| Exhibition Rose | B | J. & D. Bradshaw | <i>Kardinal</i> |
| Exhibition Rose | C | D. & P. Bennett | <i>Happy Anniversary</i> |
| Decorative Rose | A | P. & B. Burton | <i>Let's Celebrate</i> |
| Decorative Rose | B | J. & D. Bradshaw | <i>Kentucky Derby</i> |
| Decorative Rose | C | D. & P. Bennett | <i>Glorious</i> |
| Full Bloom Rose | A | P. & B. Burton | <i>Guy Laroche</i> |
| Full Bloom Rose | B | J. & D. Bradshaw | <i>Guy Laroche</i> |
| Full Bloom Rose | C | J. McCormick | <i>Joyfulness</i> |
| Shrub &/or Polyantha Rose | A | P. & B. Burton | <i>Rock 'n' Roll</i> |
| Shrub &/or Polyantha Rose | B | J. & D. Bradshaw | <i>Love's Gift</i> |
| Shrub &/or Polyantha Rose | C | J. McCormick | <i>Pro Hart</i> |
| Floribunda Rose | A | L. & S. Day | <i>The Golden Child</i> |
| Floribunda Rose | B | P. Schulz | <i>Gold Bunny</i> |
| Floribunda Rose | C | J. McCormick | <i>Madam President</i> |
| Miniature & Miniflora Roses | A | P. & B. Burton | <i>Irresistible</i> |
| Miniature & Miniflora Roses | B | J. & D. Bradshaw | Unknown |
| Miniature & Miniflora Roses | C | R. & J. Kemp | <i>Red Gem</i> |
| Australian Bred Rose | Open | M. & I. Frick | <i>Loves Gift</i> |
| Australian Bred Bunch or Bowl | Open | G. & J. Wright | <i>Delicious</i> |
| Rose Introduced Prior to 1900 | Open | K. & G. Moxham | Unknown |
| Sundry Classes | Open | B. Hosking | Unknown |
| Bunch of Roses | A | P. & B. Burton | <i>Golden Gardens</i> |
| Bunch of Roses | B | P. Carr | <i>Tequila Sunrise</i> |
| Bunch of Roses | C | C. Mavroulis | <i>Troulis</i> |
| Bowl of Roses | A | P. & B. Burton | <i>Brass Band</i> |
| Bowl of Roses | B | J. & D. Bradshaw | <i>Altissimo</i> |
| Bowl of Roses | C | J. McCormick | <i>Iceberg</i> |

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| Multi Stages | Open | T. & M. Morphett | <i>Joyfulness</i> |
| Three Stems/Cuts Exhibit | A | L. & S. Day | <i>The Golden Child</i> |
| Three Stems/Cuts Exhibit | B | J. & D. Bradshaw | <i>Kardinal</i> |
| Three Stems/Cuts Exhibit | C | C. Mavroulis | <i>Chaucer</i> |
| Floral Arrangement | A | H. Lewandowski | 'Roses are Red' |
| Floral Arrangement | B | N. Cargo | 'Circles in Shades of Red' |
| Floral Arrangement | C | J. McCormick | 'Roses are Red' |

2019 SPRING ROSE SHOW NRSA, WFRS & NSW WINNERS

| TROPHY / AWARD | EXHIBITOR | ROSE NAME/S |
|--|------------------|--|
| NRSA Dr D. A. Thomas Memorial Exhibition Rose Championship | P. & B. Burton | Various |
| NRSA J. L. Priestly Memorial Australian Bred Rose Championship | G. & J. Wright | <i>Love's Gift, Delicious Joyce Abounding</i> |
| NRSA Dr Allan G. Campbell Memorial Aust. Floribunda Rose Championship | P. & B. Burton | <i>Moulin Rouge, Playboy, Hanna Gordon</i> |
| NRSA George Melville Memorial H.T./Large Flowered Climbing Rose Championship | P. & B. Burton | Various |
| NRSA Eric Welsh Memorial Miniature Rose Championship | P. & B. Burton | <i>Golden Gardens, Irresistible, Cricket</i> |
| NRSA David Ruston Memorial Pedestal Arrangement | M. Trimper | 'Massed Arrangement Featuring Roses' |
| WFRS International Challenge | S. Perrin | 'Old Garden Rose Basket' |
| NSW Rose Championship | T. & M. Morphett | Various |



**NRSA David Ruston Memorial
'Massed Arrangement Featuring Roses'
Winner: Melanie Trimper**



**WFRS International Challenge
'Old Garden Rose Basket'
Winner: Sharyn Perrin**

Saturday Trophy Presentations



L-R: Dorothy Bradshaw, Sharyn Perrin, John Bradshaw, The Right Honourable Lord Mayor of Adelaide Sandy Verschoor, Society Patron Mrs Le, Helena Lewandowski, Society President Doug Gregory, Peter Burton, Brenda Burton

Sunday Trophy Presentations



L-R: Jenny McCormack, Helena Lewandowski, Nada Cargo, Society President Doug Gregory, WFRS President Henrienne de Briey, Addison Gregory, Ian Frick, Peter Burton, Melanie Trimper, Brenda Burton, Lex Day, Sandra Day, Cathy Mavrouvelis, Ted Morphett, Meryl Morphett, Graham Wright, Janet Wright. Absent: Penelope Schulz, Gwen Moxham, Ken Moxham

Rose Society of South Australia Inc.

2008-2018 History Book Launch

The launch of the Rose Society of South Australia 2008-2018 History Book was held during the Official Opening of the 2019 Spring Rose Show by Society Patron Mrs Lan Le and book editor Mary Frick.

Mrs Le spoke on the achievements of the Society and its members and how appreciative she is to be involved with such a beautiful flower. Mrs Frick took the opportunity to thank everyone who had contributed in anyway what-so-ever in producing the book. From submitting articles, images, the proof readers to the final print.

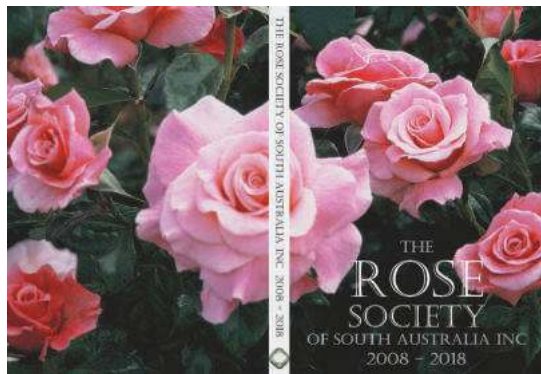
The book is a trip down memory lane and includes:

- ◆ The 2008 WFRS Regional Convention held in Adelaide to mark the Society's Centenary
- ◆ 2008 Year of Events, again to celebrate the Society's Centenary
- ◆ Members' involvement in the many events, functions and activities that has promoted the Society and the Rose
- ◆ Special Awards our members have achieved
- ◆ Website and Facebook
- ◆ The Branches
- ◆ Trial Garden of Australia and International Rose Garden
- ◆ Photos, photos and more photos
- ◆ And so much more

Secure your copy of this important historical book by contacting Society Treasure, John Humphries for \$10 per copy.



Society Patron Mrs Le (L) & Mary Frick unveil the Rose Society of South Australia Inc 2008-2018 History Book



Front & Back cover of the Rose Society of South Australia Inc. 2008-2018 History Book

Roses are red...

What a fantastic few days we enjoyed when almost 150 registrants from around Australia and abroad gathered in Adelaide for the National Rose Society's 47th Annual Meeting.



Presidents L-R: Gavin Woods (NRSA), Kerry Bradford (WA-Acting), Doug Gregory (SA), Henrienne de Briey (WFRS), Sue Stallwood QLD), Sandra Turner (VIC), Colin Hollis (NSW)

From Friday 25th to Monday 28th October 2019, registrants were able to meet with like minded rose enthusiasts, starting with a Welcome Reception at the Sage Hotel where President Doug Gregory officially greeted the registrants.

On Saturday over 600 entries were staged in the Burnside Community Centre for our Spring Rose Show, which included six Australian Rose Championship Classes and one World Federation of Rose Societies Challenge Class. Following

their deliberations, show officials were treated to lunch in the Burnside City Community Church.

The event was officially opened by World Federation of Rose Societies' President Ms Henrienne de Briey from Belgium, in the presence of Society Patron Mrs Lan Le, Vice Patron The Right Honourable, The Lord Mayor of Adelaide Sandy Verschoor, National Rose Society President Mr Gavin Woods and State President Mr Doug Gregory, State Presidents from Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria, State delegates and a huge crowd of South Australian rose lovers.

Mrs Le launched the Society's latest History Book - ***'The Rose Society of South Australia Inc., 2008 – 2018'*** following which editor Mary Frick gave Mrs Le, Ms de Briey and Ms Verschoor a personal copy.

Major trophies were announced and presented and the official function was concluded with floral posies for our three female guests being presented by gorgeous young girls – Zoe, Isabella and Makayla.

An Official Afternoon tea followed the Opening with our Guests being introduced to the attendees.

Our Series of Lectures, presented by Celebrity Gardener Kim Syrus, Floral Designer Jane Hamilton and Master Exhibitor Graham Wright were well received.



Zoe, Mrs Le, Isabella, Ms de Briey, Makayla, Ms Verschoor

The NRSA Judges Panel and WRC2021 National Committee meetings were convened during the day at the Burnside City Uniting Church.

Congratulations to the show exhibitors (prize winners are listed elsewhere in the Bulletin) and to Society Members who participated in numerous capacities throughout the two day show.

Saturday evening, almost 100 registrants attended the National Dinner in the Orchid Room of the Sage Hotel and were welcomed by National President Gavin Woods.

National Championship and WFRS Class trophies were presented by Henrienne.

NRSA Secretary Kristin Dawson announced that Colin Hollis and Steve Beck had been awarded the 2019 Australian Rose Award. The Society's highest honour is presented to individuals who the Society deems to have given outstanding service in anyway whatsoever to the Rose.

Sandra Turner, President of the Rose Society of Victoria announced that Hayden Foulds from New Zealand was the 2019 recipient of the TA Stewart Memorial Award.

Following the main course, Henrienne was interviewed by MC Malcolm Watson and presented a short video on the forthcoming 2020 WFRS Regional Convention in Belgium.

The National's AGM was held on Sunday, together with other meetings during the day – Neutrog representatives and the SA Combined Branches.

Congratulations to Colin Hollis on his election as National President, Kristin Dawson (Secretary) and Jim Cane (Treasurer). The work undertaken on our behalf during 2019 by outgoing President Gavin Woods, together with the delegates and other officials, in ensuring the smooth operation of the National Body, is acknowledged.

Sunday evening, a 'Friends of the Federation' donor's dinner was convened at the Rob Roy Hotel.

On Monday morning, two coach loads of registrants, followed by a number of participants in their own vehicles, travelled to Birdwood in the Adelaide Hills and visited the beautiful garden of Alexandra Kowald. Whilst the roses were not in full bloom, the health of the bushes was impressive. The remainder of her garden was fabulous, with iris and clematis looking stunning.

What a fabulous display – well worth the visit.

We then walked to Tony Hanna's garden - just opposite - to view an entirely different display.

Tony's roses were a little more advanced, and being the competitive exhibitor that he is, gardened entirely differently to his daughter Alex!

Thanks to them both for allowing the registrants the opportunity to visit their gardens.



WFRS President Henrienne de Brie (R) with garden owner Alexandra Kowald

Back on the coaches, and off to Kanmantoo, to the Neutrog HQ where we were welcomed by Managing Director Angus Irwin.



Registrants visit the Neutrog factory

Following his welcome, guests were treated to a scrumptious lunch, then a personal tour of their premises – hosted by Angus. What a fabulous visit – learning more of the company’s history and to experience the outstanding hospitality of Neutrog Staff.

Thank you all.

Whilst Coach Two returned to the Burnside Community Centre, Coach One visited the Adelaide Convention Centre, venue for the World Rose Convention in 2021, for a tour of their facilities.

What an impressive structure that is, together with viewing the ballroom and restaurants of the adjacent Convention Hotel – the Intercontinental Adelaide.

Our final event for the weekend was a BBQ dinner in the garden of Graeme and Diane vom Berg at Clarence Gardens. Thanks to Graeme and Diane for hosting the event in such a beautiful setting. The roses were at their peak - well done Diane.



Their hospitality of course was superb.

My thanks to everyone who contributed throughout the weekend – well done you!!

To my fellow Committee Members – Ian and Mary Frick, Sharyn Perrin, Diane vom Berg, Ruth Watson and Gavin Woods, your support as always was greatly appreciated.

Malcolm Watson

Conference Convenor, NRSA AGM 2019 – Adelaide SA



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Members' Twilight Meeting

International Rose Garden

The Society held its first ever Twilight Meeting in the Adelaide International Rose Garden within the Adelaide Botanic Gardens on Wednesday 13th November 2019

Eighty members gathered in the Noel Lothian Hall where President Doug Gregory gave a brief outline of the evening's programme. Members were split into five groups, changing to a different group after fifteen minutes. The groups were led by Gavin Woods - Cultural Notes, Merv Trimper, - National Rose Trial Gardens of Australia, Sharyn Perrin and Deb Curtis led two groups through the International Rose Garden and Andy Hart explained the Adelaide Botanic Wetlands.

Following the tours members made their way back to the Noel Lothian Hall where refreshments were served and the meeting concluded. Tony Hanna was privileged to have a birthday cake supplied to mark his eightieth birthday.



Group in the Rose Trial Garden of Australia



Merv Trimper explains about the Rose Trial Garden of Australia



Andy Hart explains the Wetlands



Deb Curtis talks about the International Rose Garden



Gavin Woods talks to his group on Cultural Notes



Sharyn Perrin with her group under the arch of Dr W. Van Fleet

2019 Christmas Dinner

The Governor of South Australia His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC and Society Patron Mrs Lan Le joined members and invited guests and members at the Norwood Convention Centre for the 2019 Society Christmas Dinner. Society President, Doug Gregory officiated the evening.

Mrs Le presented badges and certificates to Walter Duncan for his 60 Year Membership and Geoff and Jill Eckermann, Malcolm and Janet Kentish, Tina Miljanovic, Marianne Cleves and Jill Davison with their 25 Year Memberships.

Mrs Le also presented the overall winners for the 2019 Monthly Competition with their prize who were: Cut Flowers: A Grade - Ken and Gwen Moxham, B Grade - Les Johnson, C Grade - Sharyn Perrin. Heritage Roses: Ken and Gwen Moxham, Floral Art: A Grade - Joy Johnson, B Grade - Patti Bennett, C Grade - Tina Miljanovic.

Walter Duncan was given the honour of cutting the Christmas Cake.



Walter Duncan being presented with his 60 Year Membership certificate by Society Patron Mrs Le



25 Year Membership Recipients - L-R: Marianne Cleves, Malcolm Kentish, Janet Kentish, Walter Duncan (60 Year membership), Society Patron Mrs Le, Geoff Eckermann, Jill Eckermann, Tina Miljanovic, Jill Davison



Sam McGredy 1V CBE

by Hayden Foulds (New Zealand)

Iconic New Zealand rose breeder Dr Sam McGredy passed away in Auckland on August 25th aged 87. His funeral was held at Eden Park, the home of New Zealand Rugby. This was appropriate given Sam's lifelong passion for rugby.

Born in 1932 in Portadown, Northern Ireland, Sam was the fourth generation of his family to breed roses dating back to 1880. Tragedy struck at age two when Sam's father passed away suddenly, leaving a trust to run the nursery headed by Sam's Uncle Walter. The outbreak of World War II also meant the roses were pushed to one side and vegetables grown to help the war effort. Young Sam attended boarding school and also spent a year on exchange in the United States before attending Greenmount Agricultural College and Reading University where, by Sam's own admission, he failed miserably: rugby, drinking beer and chasing girls took priority over studying.

Sam spent a year at Slococks Wholesale Nursery in the UK before reporting for duty in Portadown in 1952. He was given the keys to the hybridising house and was told "it's yours". Not knowing what to do and with nothing done with the breeding since the war, Sam decided to start afresh with new lines and he also sought out the leading rose breeders in Europe for advice. Among the breeders he visited were Niels Poulsen of Denmark and Reimer Kordes of Germany. These two later became lifelong friends. His first introduction came in 1958 and throughout the 1960's, he introduced many fine roses. These were always widely promoted and gained many awards at rose trials.

Sam first visited New Zealand in 1962 for the National Rose Show. Further visits made including the 1971 World Rose Convention in Hamilton. By now the political situation in Northern Ireland had turned for the worse, Sam decided to immigrate to New Zealand with his wife Maureen and daughters Kathryn and Maria. A third daughter Clodagh was later born in New Zealand. Before moving to New Zealand, Sam successfully lobbied for the introduction of Plant



*Dr Sam McGredy with his rose
My Girl*



Aotearoa



Sexy Rexy

Variety (PVR) rights in New Zealand to help plant breeders to protect their new varieties. He had previously lobbied successfully for the introduction of similar laws in the United Kingdom.



Old Master



Elizabeth of Glamis



Arriving in New Zealand in 1972, Sam went from running a nursery growing one million roses a year and employing 160 staff to just him and a glasshouse breeding roses. Sam regarded the move to New Zealand made him a better rose breeder and he had much success both here in New Zealand and around the world with many fine roses. Among his many awards were fourteen Gold Star of the South Pacific from the New Zealand Rose Society Trials in Palmerston North, seven All America Rose Selections (USA), six Presidents International Trophies (UK) and four Golden Rose of the Hague (Netherlands).

There would be few rose gardens without a McGredy rose in them and Sam made a major mark on the rose scene in New Zealand. He helped to establish the Rose Introducers of New Zealand (RINZ) and was involved in setting up the Auckland Rose of the Year trials at the Auckland Botanic Gardens which ran from 1990 to 1999. This then moved to the Rogers Rose Garden in Hamilton. This became known as the New Zealand Rose of the Year trials which are held as part of the Pacific Rose Bowl Festival.

Sam retired from rose breeding in 1991 with the last variety ***Hamilton Gardens*** introduced in 2008. His second wife Jillian assisted him in the last five years of rose breeding. This brought an end to four generations of the McGredy family breeding roses but Sam's influence lives on as he encouraged other breeders with the rose breeding efforts.

Sam's contribution to horticulture and the world of roses has been recognised numerous times. Among his awards are a CBE for services to Horticulture, an honorary doctorate from Massey University (NZ), the Dean Hole Medal (UK), the New Zealand Rose Award, the Australian Rose Award, the Gold Medal from the World Federation of Rose

Societies and the Associate of Honour from the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture.

Sam's legacy to the world of roses will live on in a number of ways:

Plant Variety Rights:

Perhaps Sam's greatest legacy is the introduction of Plant Variety Rights (PVR) in New Zealand.

This has enabled plant breeders across a range of ornamental, fruiting and agricultural crops to make a return on their new introductions.

Encouraging other rose breeders: It is a testament to Sam's vision that he encouraged and supported a number of New Zealand rose breeders who have filled the large gap that he left upon his retirement. Rose breeders like Frank Schuurman, the late John Martin, Bob Matthews, Rob Somerfield and Doug Grant have all benefitted from Sam freely sharing his knowledge and experiences with them.

His roses: Over a 40 year career, Sam bred over 260 varieties of roses which have been grown all over the world. His breeding work was innovative covering the full spectrum of rose types and flower colours. This work led to Hybrid Teas with blooms in large trusses, floribundas with lots of flowers and miniatures with freedom of flowering and rounded growth habit. Sam also bred for novelty and among his creations are the hand painted roses that had one colour splashed with another. He also developed a great line of striped roses and the 'creepy-crawling' groundcover roses.

Sam was also a savvy marketer of roses and travelled the world promoting his roses, he also wrote three books on his rose breeding endeavours. He was also the first person to sell the naming rights for a new rose variety and introduced many roses named this way. A number of roses were also named for celebrities from *Ginger Rogers* and *Elizabeth of Glamis* (the Queen Mother) through to New Zealanders *Maggie Barry* and *Paul Holmes*. We also cannot forget the furore that naming *Sexy Remy* caused back in the 1980's and also acknowledge the superb *Aotearoa* named for the 150th celebrations of New Zealand in 1990. Commercially, his most successful rose has been *Olympiad* named for the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

Sam is survived by his wife Jillian, daughters Kathryn, Maria, Clodagh; step children Andrea and John and their families.



*2008 Rose Adelaide - Rose Breeders
L-R: Keith Zary, Alain Meilland, Sam McGredy*

Sam McGredy Roses

script & images by Les Johnson

Sam McGredy's death in August was a closing of the book for four generations of Sam McGredys' in the nursery industry. Starting in the 1880's the first two Sam's established the nursery Samuel McGredy & Son in Portadown, Ireland where the firm specialised in pansies and fruit trees. It was the son who realized the potential of growing and breeding of roses. Successful early introductions included **Lady Alice Stanley** 1909, the white **Mrs Herbert Stevens** 1910, **Golden Emblem** 1917, **Mrs Henry Morse** 1919 and **Lord Charlemont** 1922.

Sam McGredy 3rd succeeded his father in 1926 producing just over one hundred roses. His successful introductions included **Margaret McGredy** 1927, **Picture** 1927, **Portadown Fragrance** 1931 and **McGredy Sunset** 1936. When he died in 1934 his son was an infant. His uncle, Walter Johnson controlled the business until Sam 1V took over in 1952. Roses released by Johnson during this transition period were attributed to Sam 3rd.

During the hundred years of the business more than a thousand roses were released, with Sam 1V producing around eight hundred and twenty five cultivars. It was a very productive period with many of the roses on a favourite list and too numerous to list all. Twin beds of the 1969 **Molly McGredy** were a magnificent display at the entrance gates of Queen Mary's Rose Garden and remain in ones memory. Other hybrid teas include his money maker, **Olympiad** 1983 along with **Adair Roche** 1968, **Ginger Rogers** 1969, **Orana Gold** 1988, and **Spirit of Hope** 1998. With his floribundas McGredy stated he was seeking blooms with a hybrid tea shape and include **Violet Carsons** 1964, **City of Leeds** 1966, **Madam President** 1976, **Trumpeter** 1976, **Singin' In The Rain** (AKA **Spek's Centennial**) 1994 and **Jillian McGredy** 1998.

Sam McGredy enthusiastically produced a range of hand painted and striped roses and include **Picasso** 1971, **Matangi** 1975, **Eye Paint** 1976, **Priscilla Burton** 1977, **Rock 'N' Roll** 1988, **Oranges 'N' Lemons** 1994 and **Tropical Sunset** 1998. **Handel** 1965 and **Dublin Bay** 1976 are both excellent climbers. There is limited availability of McGredy range of miniatures in Australia but do include **Kaikoura** 1978, **Ko's Yellow** 1978 and **B&H Special** 1982.

McGredy roses reward the enthusiast by providing a bright display in the garden. It will become increasingly more difficult to obtain a range of McGredy roses in the future. Thomas for Roses has a large collection of some eighty McGredy roses but it's expected closure will leave us with suppliers who all have a very restricted range from the more than a thousand roses produced by the McGredys'. Now is the time to plant McGredy roses to safeguard a part of rose history.

Sam McGredy Roses Continued



Portadown Fragrance



Molly McGredy



Madam President



Orana Gold



Adair Roche



Eye paint



Handel



Kaikoura



Lady Alice Stanley



Lord Charlemont



Trumpeter



Picasso



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Priscilla Burton



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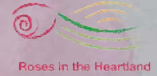


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Chaffey Rose Club - Riverina

by Coleen Houston

In spite of the ongoing drought the roses exhibited at the Flower Show in mid-October looked wonderful. There were 74 entries in the pink section alone. The Hay area does grow roses beautifully in spite of the elements. I have a 'David Ruston' type tower which is exposed to the hot north winds dust etc and it has been a delight for months. First **Black Boy** (at least 2 flushes), then **Dublin Bay**, **Altissimo** and lastly **Chevy Chase**. It's amazing what a leaking tap can achieve! Hay is not on water restrictions yet but will be soon. Watering at both Bishops' Lodge and Shear Outback gardens has been full on for our members.

We are looking forward to hosting the Chaffey Rose Club AGM on Sat/ Sun 4th & 5th April 2020. Our group have formulated an interesting weekend for all who wish to attend. A more detailed itinerary will be published at a later date.

It's great to welcome Wendy Trimper as our representative on Council and we wish to congratulate her on her appointment as Vice President.

Thank you to Doug Gregory and team for all you contribute to our society and Mary Frick and crew for an excellent Bulletin.

We would like to wish you all a healthy and happy rosey festive season.



Bishop's Lodge Rose Garden - Hay, NSW, maintained by Chaffey Rose Club, Riverina group

Chaffey Rose Club - Riverland

by Shann Hausler

The weather lead up to the annual Renmark Rose Festival was fairly mild, with thrip keeping a low profile, although aphid did make an appearance. In most cases, natural predators kept aphid numbers to a minimum, without creating too much damage to the roses.

OCTOBER 18th-27th RENMARK ROSE FESTIVAL - The 25th Festival was a great success. Congratulations and thank you to all CRC and Garden Club members who worked so

hard to make it so successful. Members opened their gardens, provided flowers, created beautiful floral arrangements for the Institute 3 day display, hosted and transported visitors, "manned" stalls and exhibitions and promoted the rose across the Riverland. We also had a stall at the Renmark Hospital Fete.



"ROSES ARE RED" 25th – 28th October - I enjoyed the "Roses are Red" four-day event in Adelaide during the last four days of the Renmark Rose Festival. I thank Fleur for her support in joining me for the last two days. The event was wonderfully organised and I appreciated the tour of the 2021 World Rose Convention venue and the tour of and most generous luncheon provided by our sponsors, Neutrog.

I found the NRSA AGM most informative and I enjoyed renewing old friendships at the Combined Branches meeting. The recurring theme of the four days was - "If you haven't been to a World Rose Conference before, this is your opportunity!" Henrienne De Briey, our World President, was most impressed by the 2021 Conference venue, but she was worried it would not be filled. Please register your interest now, it is not binding.

NOVEMBER 10th DAY TRIP TO ANLABY - Thirty-five people enjoyed retail therapy at a nursery in the Barossa followed by a visit to the Anlaby garden and house and a light luncheon. My thanks to our wonderful executive who organised the bus and trip, as I had to help organise a family funeral.

NEUTROG DELIVERIES - Our thanks to Jill and Greg Knight, whose place is used as a dispersal and pick up point.

DECEMBER 6th CHRISTMAS PARTY - At Rhonda Taylor's home in Renmark, was a successful evening and enjoyed by all.

2020 AGM - To be held on the 4th & 5th April. Please put this date in your diary.



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Out & About with Roses in the Heartland

by *Mary Frick*

What wonderful growth we had on the roses this spring! Summer is half over so we are back to watering profusely.

RITH members were busy with assisting with the NRSA AGM Weekend hosted by the RSSA which was a great success.



L-R: Malcolm Watson, Colleen Grocke, Henrienne de Briey Mark Grocke, Ian Frick

Some of the RITH members had the pleasure of hosting a day in the Barossa with WFRS President Henrienne de Briey (escorted by Malcolm and Ruth Watson) as our guest. The day included a visit to Barossa Nursery (where the 2020 Barossa Rose & Flower Show will be held), Tanunda Town Band 'Classics Concert' at Chateau Tanunda, finishing with dinner at the Tanunda Club. The following day Malcolm and Ruth drove Henrienne to the Clare Valley stopping for morning tea at RITH President Ross Kemp's then onto Walter and Kay Duncan's for lunch.

It is with great sadness that Robert Sherwood passed away after a short illness. Robert was a great supporter of RITH and the Barossa Rose & Flower Show as is Rosie. Robert will be greatly missed.

The 2020 Barossa Rose & Flower Show has entered a new phase with the show being held in autumn at the 2019-2020 Best Regional Garden Nursery, Barossa Nursery, Nuriootpa. Please see advert in this Bulletin.

The RITH Christmas Lunch incorporated a lovely day's outing. We met at the home of Ian and Mary Frick for morning tea and a wander through their garden. Then it was off to Bethany to visit Neil and Diane Trenberth's garden. Bethany is a small hamlet where the first German immigrants settled in the Barossa. Extensions made over the years were in keeping with the original homestead. Paths meandered around the garden which led to little nooks and crannies. It also had interesting artifacts dotted around the garden.

The garden of Chris and Puk Eckersley at Lights Pass was the next to visit. This was a homestead where the original home made of mud and straw still stands next to the old smoke house. A row of **Pierre de Ronsard** in full bloom covering the old stone shed was stunning. Stone walls were decorated with an array of unusual artifacts.

An enjoyable lunch was had at the Greenock Pub.

Deepest appreciation and thanks to Penelope Schulz for organizing a wonderful day.



Perrier de Ronsard at Chris & Puk Eckersley Garden

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October 2019

Let's Celebrate

Classification: Hybrid Tea

Awards: Bronze Medal, Davis Trophy for Best Australian Bred Rose, & Hamilton Gardens NZ Trophy for the best Hybrid Tea National Rose Trial Garden of Australia Adelaide 2006

Available from: Roses and Friends, NSW

Photograph Credit: Doug Hayne

November 2019

Firestar

Classification: Floribunda

Awards: SILVER and 'Best in Trial', National Rose Trial Garden of Australia Adelaide 2008
People's Choice Award, Rose Hills, California USA

All-America Rose Selection, USA
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Available From: Knights Roses,
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December 2019

Scabrosa

Classification: Hybrid Rugosa
Old Garden Rose (1950)

Awards: Unknown

Available from: Wagner's Rose
Nursery, Newman's Nursery,
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Cultural Notes for October, November, December

by Gavin Woods



As I write these notes, the current temperature at Kadina is 41.6 degrees, the hottest November day in history with winds of 50km/hr. With far lower than average rainfall, the soil moisture reserves are not available to our plants; I therefore predict that today will hit our roses particularly hard.

Whilst we in South Australia have become very used to dealing with the vagaries of our increasingly hostile weather, the early start to the heat is of real concern.

Devastating bushfires have swept the Eastern States with unprecedented ferocity, coming as early in the season as anyone can remember.

What can we do to prepare our roses for these conditions?

January, February and March in the rose garden are largely about survival. The oppressive heat will test the garden as much as it does the gardener.

The key, of course, is water. Water often and water deeply. 30 litres per week for established plants should be a baseline, with up to 50 litres required for large plants during the worst of the heat. Where you put the water is also important. Roses are surface feeders, however roots spread deep and wide. Try to cover most of the bed with the water that you apply ensuring that all the roots can absorb moisture. Deep watering will encourage a stronger root system, protected from the extremes of temperature suffered by surface roots and better able to access sub-soil moisture.

Protecting the roots and minimising evaporation is best managed with good quality mulch. We have heard great testimonials about Neutrog's WhoFlungDung[®]. Easy to apply and available in manageable bales, it is never too late to top dress your existing mulch.

Weeds suck valuable moisture from the soil which is better utilised by your roses. Mulch is again the answer to a weed free garden.

Maintaining maximal leaf cover on your plants will have many benefits. As well as producing the much required sugars which feed the plant, leaves provide shade to the plants main structures. Of particular interest should be the crown (bud union) of your rose. Ideally the crown will be protected by a layer of soil or mulch. Most roses that are initially planted at ground level



Cultural Notes Continued:

will end up with their growth point below the soil. If not (particularly very old and woody plants will end up with the crown above the level of the soil) a thin covering of some protective material might be useful. If the crown suffers sun-burn it is often fatal! Other growths on a rose can be burned and the plant will usually recover; I would however not rush to remove the damage as this in itself may provide some protection to the plant for the remainder of the season.

In order to maintain leaf coverage, there should be some effort to minimise fungal disease. At this time of the year Black Spot and Mildew are rare. With dry atmospheric conditions and little rain the risk of fungal proliferation is almost non-existent. The work to reduce fungal burden should have been undertaken in Spring; thereby reducing effort required at this time of the year.

Two-spotted mite (AKA Red Spider) can be problematic during periods of dry heat. There are no natural predators that I am aware of in South Australian gardens; however good biological controls can be purchased from companies producing predators. I have used these in the past with success. Increasing the humidity in your garden and spraying the underside of your roses a couple of times a day will prove a deterrent for these damaging bugs.



Monthly applications of Neutrog's Go-Go Juice is beneficial for the maintenance of soil bacteria at this time.

The warmth of January is an ideal time to undertake propagation of your favourite varieties via budding. There are many and varied options available to Rosarians; however T-bud grafting is the preferred option of most growers which is a relatively easy process with only basic equipment required. I was taught to wait for 3 days of temperature over 26 degrees and bud on the fourth day. Water your root-stock cuttings in the days prior to budding to promote good sap flow.

It is also a good time to have a go at pollination to produce new varieties. Even "open pollinated" seeds can produced remarkable results. The process of selective breeding i.e. selection of a pollen parent and a seed parent; undertaking the cross; harvesting and treating the seeds; planting and finally selection of suitable new roses is a lengthy process but not outside the reach of any backyard enthusiast. Many fabulous breeders in our country and beyond these shores have produced some wonderful roses. Whilst the large commercial breeders such as Kordes and Meilland select from hundreds of thousands of seedlings per year; great results have been achieved by some sowing only a few hundred seeds each year.

George Thomson has released many good roses over decades, whilst working from a relatively small set-up. Latterly Paul Hains, Richard Walsh and Warren Millington have made inroads into the commercial world that is new rose introductions. Many others work on a very small scale and achieve success, our own Mary Frick and Gordon Nolan being shining examples of this.

Roses produced during January and February will be smaller than those from the Spring flush and will be on shorter stems. They are still useful for picking and will maintain their glorious fragrance no matter how big they are!

March is usually the time to freshen up your plants by giving them a really good trim to support the Autumn flush of blooms. Rose exhibitors call this the “Summer Trim”. As with everything related to showing roses, it is not as simple as it sounds for there is quite a process involved in the trim. It is a useful programme to follow, not only for exhibitors but for all who want to get the most from their plants. The first step is to find a “Target Date”. For exhibitors this will be the Autumn Rose Show. Count back 49-55 days from this date and this will become your “Pivotal Date” or the day on which you must trim to ensure re-bloom for the Target Date. Some very serious exhibitors keep diary dates of the time it takes particular varieties to re-bloom. I have found this to be very unreliable in our climate and have abandoned this chore many years ago.

From Christmas gently coax your plants into a state of dormancy by deadheading with only very short stems and reduce the watering to a maintenance level. A week prior to the Pivotal Date, feed your roses heavily with Neutrog’s Sudden Impact for Roses and water the plants VERY heavily. At Pivotal Date (which is really a week with the quicker re-blooming varieties trimmed last) remove all top growth back to growth which may be to a pencil thickness and to a growth bud which has already begun to “move”. This is NOT a heavy prune; you are keeping all growth points but reducing its length. Be ruthless, don’t worry about flowers or buds on your plants; remove them all. It is a small sacrifice for the bounty that will be soon repeat.



Keep the water up to the plants for the next 7 to 8 weeks and blooms of quality and in abundance will reward you. Foliar feeding during this period is also recommended, it makes your leaves sparkle and shine!

Showing your roses brings a new dimension to rose growing and forces you to adopt ideal practices. Consider showing even a few blooms. We will cover that in depth next time.

Roses on Eyre October 2019 Report

by Trevor Kemp

This report possibly began many years ago when Aileen Woolford was only a girl. Her parents were good gardeners who introduced Aileen to gardening.

Over the years a dream seemed to grow of a beautiful garden. This was kindled by looking after the small bed of roses.

On the Saturday we toured around the town of Kimba, viewing some wonderful gardens. The area is in the midst of a terrible drought, but the gardens were full of roses that stood out. We wondered what tomorrow had in store for us!



Aileen Woolford welcomes ROE members to her garden



Simply Magic in full flush

The meeting was held on Sunday where approximately forty members of the Rose Society met at Waddikee Sports Club – some 45 kilometres west of Kimba. There were many blooms entered in the competition. Business formalities and question time were concluded by lunch time. We then travelled to the property of Geoff and Aileen Woolford, about six kilometres down the road.

On arrival at the farm, we gathered around a large circle of flowers that were only just finished being planted and it was saying “Come in”. Large pots of **Bonica** was nearer to the house saying ‘this way’. A glimpse around the corner of the house was saying “we had come to the Masterpiece” with a large bed of roses (wonderfully prepared by Aileen) including **Simply Magic** in full bloom. Aileen pointed out a rose that was purchased when she and Geoff were married in 1963 that has been replanted three times and still growing strongly.

Two or three years ago, Aileen asked if a meeting could be held at their place. Her dream was fulfilled when she introduce us to the most beautiful garden one could be seen anywhere. This garden had only been completed two days prior to our arrival with crushed white metal paths. The crop a few metres away was only a few inches high.

It was a magnificent experience as it seemed that we had come to a Master Class of growing and presenting the rose.

I asked Aileen her age. What a cheek! She had just come in from the garden where the temperature was forty degrees, and Aileen said eighty! I’m sure she had a smile on her face.

A bonus for us was a shed full of old cars to inspect.



Members Raelene Harridine & Shirley Inglis



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BURNSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE

401 GREENHILL ROAD, TUSMORE

Saturday, 18th April 12.00noon to 5.00pm

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SE Branch

by *Ione Saint*

The South East Branch had an enjoyable November meeting in the delightful garden of Jackie and Joel Leuth, Benayeo Vic. On arrival members didn't know which way to look first as the garden was full of colour and interest. Much



L-R: *Geoff Eckermann, Barbara Nitschke, Paul Dipuglia, Ian Nitschke*

love and hard work with an artistic eye has created a large beautiful country garden.

We were joined by Paul Dipuglia from Neutrog who was our guest speaker. What a great success story Neutrog is for our state and we were interested to hear what future products are currently in the research stage.

There was friendly rivalry with our bloom of the month competition with everyone bringing at least one

entry. First prize was Barbara Nitschke with her large hybrid tea bloom of **Amazing Grace** and a very close second was her husband Ian Nitschke with another charming hybrid tea **Isn't She Lovely**. The most fragrant rose was won by Colleen Fox with her light pink **Childrens Rose**.

Cousin Essie was the study rose for the meeting. Sue Zwar propagated a plant to give away and spoke of its attributes and fascinating history. It is a white clustered shrub rose with pink buds on arching canes, few thorns and a perfume. It can be grown either as a large free standing shrub or a pillar rose and is rarely with out masses of flowers. Myrtle Robertson bred **Cousin Essie**, a seedling from **Honey Flow**, also an Australian bred rose by Frank Riethmuller in 1988 and named after her cousin, Esther Clarke. The full story can be read in the 2001 Rose Annual on pages 111 & 112.

The 155th year of the Penola Show was held this year, which has had a rose competition since its inception. One of our members, Glenys Mulligan and her business St. Mary's Winery, has been sponsoring the Grand Champion Rose for 25 years with first prize now being \$1000. It has been very successful promoting the Rose with entries coming from all over the South East and Victoria and on average 600 entries each year. This year's Grand Champion Rose was Meredith Hinze with her lovely cluster of **Tinkerbelle** and a third time winner, who also set a precedent being the first entrant to win both first and second prize with **Kardinal**. Meredith is a member of our SE Branch and by her success we can see she grows beautiful roses.

Our next meeting will be Sunday the 23rd February, 12.00pm start at Petticoat Lane, Penola. Please bring along your own picnic lunch, chair and drink.



*Grand Champion winner
Meredith Hinze*

Volunteers in the International Rose Garden (IRG), Botanic Gardens, Hackney Road

by Deborah Curtis

The IRG volunteers have had a very busy spring dealing with weeds and deadheading rose bushes for the National Rose Society weekend. This was worth the effort as we received some very positive comments from our interstate visitors. We are having a short break over the Christmas/New Year and resume on Friday 3 January 2020.

We start at 0730 every Friday and go through till around 1200 with a coffee break, depending on the weather. On very hot days we don't work and hot days just finish earlier. We are quite flexible time-wise. Some of the group start early and some later, some 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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Portland Dahlia & Rose Show Cut Flowers & Floral Art March 7th & 8th 2020

Civic Centre Bentinck Street

Saturday 11:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday 9:30am - 4:00pm

Admission Adults \$5.00. Children under 13 free.



Special Section for Preps & School Children.

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Club Members will advise with the displaying of your flowers.

All persons are invited to enter exhibits in the show.

Floral Art is open for everyone.

All Exhibits Are Entered Free

Enquiries Bruce Millard (03) 5572 3788

Visit our Web Site www.portlanddahliasociety.com.au

Uraidla Show

Once again members enjoyed the outstanding hospitality of the Uraidla Show committee in staging a competitive rose show in conjunction with this popular Hills fixture.

The section for Rose Society members saw 200 bottles and a dozen vases full of flowers presented for adjudication by RSSA President and judge, Doug Gregory. A feature was the local growers section which is sponsored by our society. Many dozens of quality blooms were assessed by Wendy and Merv Trimper. As a result of our collaboration Wendy and Merv have offered to run an education session for local growers which will assist them in staging their roses better.

Winners (and grinners) were Wendy and Merv Trimper who won the Grand Champion award with a spotless stem of *Tranquility* a superb white Austin. They also annexed the Uraidla Spring Championship award. Sharon Perrin was awarded the best rose for B and C Grade exhibitors with an outstanding cut of Delbard's *Guy Savoy*. Congratulations to all exhibitors.

Once again the cut flower convenors Anne and Caro provided great assistance and many RSSA helpers saw a very smooth set-up and a rapid dismantle of the show.

Uraidla Show is one of the best country shows in the state. Thousands of visitors enjoy the live music, the many stalls, the great food and drink that are on offer. A sustainability fair, held in the adjoining school has proven to be a great adjunct event. I invite all members to join us in 2020.



Bunch of Sally Holmes



Gavin Woods (Steward) & Doug Gregory (R) Judging the Uraidla Show



National Rose Trial Garden
People's Choice Weekend
2020

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th April

10.00am – 4.00pm

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2019 Winner: Adorable (KORjupvio)

National Rose Trial Gardens of Australia

2019 AWARDS

The annual National Rose Trial Garden of Australia awards celebration for the period 2017 – 2019 was held in October. Roses from this trial period were outstanding with strong, healthy growth throughout the garden making for one of the most competitive results for the garden.

The presentation night delivered success for Treloar Roses with Kordes roses taking out the top four awards and scooping the pool with a total of thirteen awards and trophies. Australian Rose of the Year is a bright red floribunda, **Black Forest Rose** (KORschwill). Its mass of blooms, health credentials and compact growth makes for a reliable landscaping rose. The mini - flora, **Mandarin** (KORlishuha) received the Dean Stringer Trophy for the Best Miniature or Mini – Flora, along with the Irwin award for the most pest and disease resistant. The Most Fragrant and People Choice award went to a mauve floribunda, **Adorable** (KORjupvio). Best Shrub Rose was awarded to KORmysloar while best hybrid tea was an orange hybrid tea, **Floriana** (VISblopet) bred by Martin Vissers from Belgium. A Bruce Brundrett bred hybrid tea with the code 7029T was named as The Australian Bred Rose of the Year.

During the evening well known rosarian, Dean Stringer was named as the NRTGA first Life Member. Dean led the group that was instrumental in the move to establish the trial gardens, planting the first trial roses in 1996. Dean held the position of secretary for thirteen years and has continued to provide advice and support.



Dean Stringer (L) receives NRTGA Life Membership from Chairman Kelvin Trimper



Angus Irwin (L) receives the NRTGA Service Award from Chairman Kelvin Trimper

A Service Award was presented to the Managing Director of Neutrog Australia Pty Ltd, Angus Irwin for his support and role as a board member.

Readers wishing to obtain more information are advised that a complete listing of award winners for 2019 along with previous years is available on the National Rose Trial Garden of Australia website.

www.nationalrosetrialgarden.net.au



Silver Medal

***Name: Black Forrest Rose
Type: Floribunda
Breeder: Kordes, Germany***



Silver Medal

***Name: Mandarin
Type: Mini-Flora
Breeder: Kordes, Germany***



Silver Medal

***Name: Adorable
Type: Floribunda
Breeder: Kordes, Germany***



Silver Medal

***Code: KORmtsloar
Type: Shrub
Breeder: Kordes, Germany***



Silver Medal

***Name: Floriana
Type: Hybrid Tea
Breeder: Martin Vissers, Belgium***



Silver Medal

***Name: Princess Claire of Belgium
Type: Hybrid Tea
Breeder: Martin Vissers, Belgium***



Bronze Medal

Code: X532-C1

Type: Shrub

Breeder: Christian Bedard, Weeks Roses, USA



Bronze Medal

Name: Golden Eye

Type: Shrub

Breeder: Chris Warner, UK



Bronze Medal

Code: 7029T

Type: Hybrid Tea

Breeder: Bruce Brundrett, Australia



Bronze Medal

Code: 6104-04-2

Type: Floribunda

Breeder: Meilland International, France



Bronze Medal

Name: Thomas A Becket

Type: Shrub

Breeder: David Austin Roses, UK



Bronze Medal

Name: Espresso

Type: Floribunda

Breeder: Jan SpecRoszen, The Netherlands



Bronze Medal

Name: Tangles

Type: Floribunda

Breeder: Kordes, Germany



Certificate of Merit

Name: Miss Jane

Type: Floribunda

Breeder: R. & R. Walsh, Australia



Certificate of Merit

Name: The Lady Gardener

Type: Shrub

Breeder: David Austin Roses, UK



Certificate of Merit

Code: 7049T

Type: Floribunda

Breeder: Bruce Brundrett, Australia



Certificate of Merit

Code: SPE13/0012-49

Type: Floribunda

Breeder: Jan SpecRoszen, The Netherlands



Certificate of Merit

Code: POR0213

Type: Floribunda

Breeder: David Porter, Australia

THE 2021 WFRS WORLD ROSE CONVENTION ANNOUNCES ITS 'NAME THE ROSE' COMPETITION



Have you ever wanted to name a rose? Rosarians around the world are being invited to invent a suitable name for the Australian bred rose recently selected as the official Convention rose to be promoted at the 19th WFRS World Rose Convention in Adelaide. The 2021 Convention is aptly named 'Celebration '21' and will be a massive celebration of all things roses!

From 21 - 28 October, 2021, the National Rose Society of Australia (NRSA), with the support of its five State Rose Societies, will welcome rose enthusiasts from around the world and across Australia to participate in the World Federation of Rose Societies' 19th World Rose Convention. This special occasion is held every three years and has only been hosted in Australia on one previous occasion in 1988.

The NRSA and the 2021 World Rose Convention Organising Committee commissioned a search for an as yet unreleased Australian bred rose to be named and promoted as the official Convention rose. Australian rose breeders were invited to enter their roses for judging in the 2017 and 2018 rose trials conducted by the National Rose Trial Garden of Australia, located in the Adelaide Botanic Garden, to be in the running for selection.

The judging panel chose a beautiful Floribunda rose (codenamed 'Brunmarj 4092'), bred by well-known Victorian based rose breeder Bruce Brundrett who has kindly agreed to its selection as the Convention Rose.

This impressive rose produces medium-sized, delicate pale pink flowers in clusters, a very circular form with many symmetrical rows of small petals and a slight fragrance. The bush grows up to 1m and has healthy, green glossy foliage and good disease tolerance.

This rose offers the best of both worlds, with the repeat flowering and disease resistance of modern roses combined with the charm of old world roses.

Looking for the perfect name – 'Name the Rose' Competition

The competition is open to all Rose Society members worldwide. Potentially the rose name chosen may capture the sense of occasion and the coming together of rose experts, amateurs and friends or perhaps it will be named for the characteristics of the rose or for someone special, the possibilities are endless.

For the person who comes up with the winning name, he or she will receive a free rose and help preside over the launch of the rose during the Convention.

To Enter The Competition:

1. The competition will be launched via “World Rose News”, the first edition of 2020 will be the target.
2. Entrants will be invited to submit up to three names each.
3. Entries will be accepted until January 1st 2021.
4. Gavin Woods will act as Competition Convenor; all entries to be emailed to gbwoods@adam.com.au
5. The winning entrant will be advised of the successful name in August, 2021.
6. The name will be announced at the launch of the rose at the convention.
7. Conditions of entry will include a release to allow free and unfettered use of the name selected. The successful entrant will be required to maintain secrecy of their success and the name until officially announced.

Gavin Woods

2021 World Rose Convention Committee

Vice-President, National Rose Society of Australia Inc.

**For further information contact Gavin Woods,
Email gbwoods@adam.com.au (or phone 0429 021 006).**





Spring Rose Show Grand Champion Floral Art winner Helena Lewandowski with her exhibit 'Roses are Red'