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**Front Cover:** 'Rise 'n' Shine' (miniature) grown and photographed by Dawn Vivian.

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## Advertisements

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## WORLD ROSE NEWS

World Rose News for February is available from the website or secretary.

## Membership Renewals

**Renewal of existing memberships are due on 1 April 2018.**

A membership renewal form is on page 13 of this Bulletin. If you have not yet renewed your membership please complete the form.

Please return the completed renewal form with your payment directly to:

**The Treasurer, RSSA, 7 Bluebell Court, Flagstaff Hill, SA 5159.**  
email: [rssatreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:rssatreasurer@gmail.com)

Payment may be made by cheque, money order, debit or credit card or direct credit.

If payment is made by direct credit please ensure sufficient identifying details are included e.g. phone number and surname.

# President's Report Autumn 2018

Doug Gregory



## Summer

Summer is certainly a different season for rose growers and gardeners in general and to make this summer different from last year it has been particularly dry, with very few rain events and a run of days in the uncomfortable thirties. Provided the water is kept up to our garden plants they seem to survive and other than having a few burnt blooms and blooms with smaller and fewer petals, the roses remain relatively disease free. This should bode well for the 'Autumn Show' as often these conditions will lead to a magnificent autumn flush. (Show details in this Bulletin). It's also time to be ordering and even buying new roses. If you are in this position, one variety to think seriously about is 'Unconventional Lady'. This is a pretty hybrid tea rose released as a fundraiser for the 2021 World Rose Convention.

## World Rose Convention

A lot of work has been done to install this event on the world rose calendar and it will take a lot more to make sure it is of a high standard and appealing to all of

## 'Unconventional Lady'



our members and the general public. An event of this magnitude requires funding up front for hire of personnel, booking of the convention centre, printing, publicity etc. etc. We are currently in that phase of the event where the Convention Committee is actively seeking to raise funds. It seems that a chasm opens to swallow us up, but it is a National

event with all states being involved and contributing. When registrations from overseas and interstate start to roll in, the chasm will start to close and the gala show incorporating our rose show, plant nurseries and other allied businesses in a fantastic venue, will make it all worthwhile.

### **Member Activities**

I know as a Rose Society Councillor for many of the years that I have been a member, that we are kept busy organising and assisting event coordinators. This also applies to the branch members who take on committee positions. But to me there should be an opportunity for every member to contribute something to the Society of which they are a member. The opportunities for involvement have certainly grown over the past 30 years, as has the size of the Society. The question really is, does everyone in the Society avail themselves of the opportunity to put something in? For those who do find it difficult to make some input, to attend a show or meeting would be contributing and you never know, you might find something you would like to do or offer up an idea that would make a difference.

To Councillors and committee members and members who help organise the show, monthly meetings and a sumptuous supper, branch activities, International Rose Garden maintenance, Rose Trial garden assessment, rose pruning demonstrations, distribution of Neutrog products, 'Bulletin' contributions and production, media maintenance and opportunities, exhibitor workshops, rose judging panel, guest speaking engagements, fund raising events etc. I encourage you to continue in the tasks, as you know as well as I do, that being part of a strong network creates lifelong friends and keeps us busy, and that fills a need in all of us.

### **Bulletin**

As we become more familiar with digital technology, not everyone requires a hard copy of circulars, newsletters, newspapers or our 'Bulletin'. To this end we have given members an opportunity to view the 'Bulletin' on our web site ([sarose.org.au](http://sarose.org.au)). You do require a password to access the 'Members Only' section of the site. So that members not receiving a hard copy can access the site, our Treasurer, John Humphries, will email the password to the addresses he records when subscription details are processed. Members who receive a hard copy can access the site by finding the password prominently displayed in the 'Bulletin'. So, what I'm trying to say is, make sure John has an accurate record of your email address.

### **City Links**

The importance of roses in the city square was brought home to members who attended the February monthly meeting. The Lord Mayor, the Right Honourable Martin Haese, spoke at length and listed all the nooks and crannies around the city that house roses. The order of 15,000 plants comprising several hundred varieties was mentioned.



## President's Report Autumn 2018 (cont)

Doug Gregory

The RSSA Inc. were also mentioned, more than favourably, in his address when opening the new Qingdao sister city rose garden to the west and near the Veale Gardens. (South Terrace).

The advent of this garden is a real asset to the city and may create more opportunities to expand our rose environment as Adelaide has five sister cities.

### International Rose Garden (Botanic Gardens)

The rose garden occupies quite a large area of the park and has been a real feature for 20 years or so. Funding is being sought by the Botanic Gardens to have a major overhaul of the whole park, including the rose garden. As it is a large project, requiring a large budget, progress is made in small steps and it will take several years to see the full transformation. In the mean time, changes can be made to the rose garden that will fit within the grand plan and have it looking pristine for all who visit in the intervening period. To this end, poorly performing plants have been removed and some others removed to improve access for the members who help with the maintenance. More than 700 plants will be accessed for replanting this winter. This is a sizeable task which is being managed by Andy Hart of the Botanic Gardens in his usual efficient and effective way.

### RSSA Inc Action Plan

Our RSSA Inc Council is pondering over a draft of an 'Action Plan 2018 - 2022'. If you have any ideas that will help direct our future activities, then, put it into print and pass it onto a RSSA Inc. Councillor for consideration.

### Generally

I love Spring when everything is new and bright after a dull winter. But I also love Autumn because the days are warm and the evening breeze is cooling and pleasant. The plants also respond and we are lost in a flush of magnificent blooms. And football season starts.



**'Sundance'**



**'St. Patrick'**



**'Carolyn Knight'**

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

### April 2018

**Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th**, 10.00am to 4.00pm,  
National Rose Trial Garden of Australia - People's Choice Weekend - International  
Rose Garden - Adelaide Botanic Garden

**Sunday 8th**, Roses on Eyre AGM

**Wednesday 11th**, 7:45pm, Members General Meeting

**Topic:** Roses Behind the Rose of the Month **Speakers:** Kelvin Trimper and Panel

**Question Time:** Les Johnson

**Competition:** 1 Exhibition or 1 Shrub **Open Section:** 1 Exhibit **Judge:** Gavin Woods

**Floral Subject:** Parallel Design **Judge:** Melanie Trimper

**Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd**, Autumn Rose Show

**Friday 27th**, 7:00pm, RSSA Council Meeting

**Sunday 29th April**, 10am - 4pm, RITH SA Autumn Garden Festival, Clare Show-ground.

### May 2018

**Wednesday 9th**, 7:45pm, Members General Meeting

**Topic:** Growing Mini Roses in Pots **Speakers:** Mary Frick and Les Johnson

**Question Time:** Maureen Ross

**Competition:** 1 Floribunda **Open Section:** 1 Exhibit **Judge:** Peter Burton

**Floral Subject:** Tall and Slender **Judge:** Ruth Watson

**Friday 18th**, 5:30pm, Rose Shows Sub Committee

**Friday 18th**, 7:00pm, RSSA Council Meeting

**Sunday 20th**, 1:30pm RITH AGM and Garden Talk, 35 Masters Street, Riverton

**Sunday 27th**, South East Branch AGM, Coonawarra

### June 2018

**Wednesday 13th**, 7:45pm, Members General Meeting

**Topic:** Roses for a Fabulous Garden Display **Speaker:** Maureen Ross

**Question Time:** Les Krake

**Competition:** 1 Stem or Cut **Open Section:** 1 Exhibit **Judge:** Brenda Burton

**Floral Subject:** A Circular Design **Judge:** Patti Bennett

**Friday 18th**, 7:00pm, RSSA Council Meeting

**Sunday 24th**, 1 to 4.00pm, Rose Pruning Demonstration, International Rose Garden, Adelaide Botanic Garden

**Thursday 28th to Wednesday 4th July**, World Rose Convention, Copenhagen, Denmark

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*There is a big difference between a human being and being human...only a few really understand it.*



## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS (cont)

### July 2018

**Date To be Confirmed:** Roses on Eyre Rose Pruning Demonstration, Keipa/Lock  
**Sunday 8th, 1:30pm:** RITH Rose Pruning Demonstration, 3 Para Road, Evanston

**Wednesday 11th, 7:45pm,** Annual General Meeting,  
 Followed by Members General Meeting

**Topic:** Stone Wall Building **Speaker:** Bruce Mundy

**Question Time:** John Bradshaw

**Competition:** 1 Stem or Cut **Open Section:** 1 Exhibit **Judge:** Doug Gregory

**Floral Subject:** An All Green Arrangement **Judge:** Patti Bennett

**Friday 20th, 7:00pm,** RSSA Council Meeting

## Welcome to New Members

Elizabeth Caldicott . . . . . Goolwa

Debra Jones . . . . . Woodcroft

Tony and Sue Newman . . . . . Glenunga

Paul Thomas . . . . . Wallaroo

Brian and Kathy Wheeler. . . . . Myrtle Bank

***'Unconventional Lady' fundraiser for 2021  
 Convention >>***



## ROSE PRUNING DEMONSTRATIONS

Come along to any of the following venues to learn how to prune or refresh your skills.

Bring your gloves and secateurs.

- Sunday June 24th 1.00 – 4.00pm at the International Rose Garden, Botanic Gardens, Hackney Rd, Adelaide (contact person 0478 107 260)
- Sunday July 8th 1:30pm, at 3 Para Road, Evanston run by RITH (contact person 0409 096 369)
- July (dates to be confirmed) at Kielpa/Lock run by Roses on Eyre (contact person 0428 862 811)

All demonstrations are free.

Bring your friends!



## NOTES FROM THE TRADING TABLE & GIFT SHELF

Margaret Naughton, Heather Odgers and Sue Rafferty



**Margaret Naughton**



**Heather Odgers**



**Sue Rafferty**



**'Pierre de Ronsard'**

Adelaide will be coming up roses again for our Autumn Show.

We will have an Autumn Harvest of goodies for you - all home grown. The following is just a small sample of what you will find on our tables as you come in to the hall.

Mary-Ann is gaining a reputation for her plum jam (whole plums) and she has also made apricot jam. Mary-Ann will also have other jam with 'rose'.

David's bees (he has added another hive) will be producing their famous honey - members who attend the monthly meetings, have been lucky enough to buy some before the show. David has also made cherry, plum and apricot jam and there should be a few bottles of tomato sauce in time for the show and maybe chutney.

Gill will add a few surprises to her Big Bake - keeping us all on our toes. Gill always makes sure she bakes something for everyone - savoury or sweet tastes.

Pam has made more pretty hangers, always popular for those winter woollies.

Our Rose Cafe use pretty serviettes with their lovely home made's and you can buy them at the Gift Shelf. The rosy mugs are still requested and if you put just a few Haigh's chocolates in them, they make a nice gift for a friend. Make sure you check out the new cards on the stand and look up to see the rosy umbrellas.

If you have been putting off buying one of our throws, these will be the last ones as our wholesaler have given up their business. They are well made, just pop them in the washing machine and put them on the line to dry when they need freshening up.

The ever popular tea towels have designs to suit everyone with many varieties of flowers, including our wonderful roses and for our animal lovers.

We look forward to seeing you ALL at the Autumn Rose Show during the weekend 21st and 22nd April.

# LOOK FOR THESE ON THE GIFT SHELF AT THE AUTUMN SHOW



**David with his famous honey**



**Tea Towel**



**Throw**



**Margaret Norton**

**Heather Odgers**



## NOTICE OF 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### The Rose Society of South Australia Incorporated

Notice is hereby given that the 110th Annual General Meeting of The Rose Society of South Australia Incorporated will be held on 11th July 2018 in the Burnside City Community Church commencing at 7.45pm.

#### Business of the Meeting

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 12th July 2017.
2. Receive the President's report detailing the Council's activities during the past 12 months.
3. Receive the Treasurer's report and approve the Audited Financial Statements.

#### Election of Official Positions:

President

Three Vice-Presidents

Secretary

Treasurer

Six Financial Members who shall act with the above elected officers as the Council of the Society with the Immediate Past President Ex-Officio.

Auditor

Members are reminded of Clause 10.1 of the Society's Constitution that nominations for the above positions (excepting Immediate Past President) shall be in writing and lodged with the Secretary prior to the commencement of the Annual General Meeting.

5. To consider any other business referred by the Council.

Wendy Trimper, Secretary

***The Treasurer's report will be available at the AGM. For members not attending the AGM, who wish to receive a copy of the Treasurer's report post-AGM, an email copy can be arranged by contacting the Treasurer.***



**FOR MEMBERS  
WHO HAVE NOT  
RENEWED**

## RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP

1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019

Single: \$35 ☐ Joint: \$40 ☐ Junior: \$5 ☐

You may choose to access your bulletins on-line from the Rose Society website in lieu of 'hard copy' and accept a discount of \$10 offered by the Society for single and joint memberships. The following fees then apply:-

Single: \$25 ☐ Joint: \$30 ☐

Dr/ Mr/ Mrs/ Ms (full name).....

For Joint Membership add second person

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE Regarding Neutrog Orders



The Neutrog order form is on the centre pages of this Bulletin.

Great news is that 20kg bales of **WhoFlungDung** will be available on the Order Form for the first time. Rose Society members who are trialling this new mulch are already impressed with it.

**Liquid Sudden impact for Roses** is also available.



Those members living in the Mid-North can order their year's supply of Neutrog products. Mr. Ross Kemp's property at Riverton will be your collection point. We thank Ross for generously creating this opportunity for our Mid-North members.

When placing your Neutrog orders please make sure you tick the box alongside your desired collection point on the right hand side of the order form under Collection Details.

The prices on the order form are only available to current financial members.

Orders will only be accepted on the enclosed order form by post, email or fax. **PHONE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE:

**Ignore advice to forward orders to:  
Mr John Humphries RSSA Treasurer.**

**Follow instructions near the bottom of the enclosed order form for the address to forward orders.**

The closing date for orders is Friday 20th April, 2018. Make sure you keep a copy of your order and show your name badge when collecting your order.

The collection dates for Adelaide Metropolitan are:

Friday 18th May, 2018: between 9am and 3pm  
Saturday 19th May, 2018: between 9am and 12pm.

at Banner Mitre 10 Hardware, 2 Fullarton Road, Norwood

If you wish to collect your order from Neutrog, Kanmantoo this can only be done on Friday 18th May, 2018 between 9am and 3pm.

All dates and times will be strictly adhered to.

If you are unable to collect your order during the above times, please arrange for someone to collect it on your behalf.

**ORDERS NOT COLLECTED FROM BANNER WILL NOT BE RETURNED TO NEUTROG FOR COLLECTION.**

## OPEN GARDEN



**Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th November 2018**

**“Trimper Downs”**

**27 Downers Road, Oakbank (Adelaide Hills)**

**Save the date and plan to attend one or both days**

**More details in future editions.**

**A fundraiser for the 2021 World Rose Convention in Adelaide**

### **Rose Culture Articles**

Whilst every attempt is made to publish articles in the month to which they refer, this may not always be possible due to space constraints. For a list of rose culture articles back to October 2014 refer to the “About Roses from Recent Bulletins” list which will appear in the Bulletin at regular intervals. - **Editor**

### **ROSE CULTURE Questions and Answers**

Forward your question to the Editor:

Email: [db.vivian@bigpond.com](mailto:db.vivian@bigpond.com)

Mail: Don Vivian, 10 Glenwood Road, Newton 5074

I will endeavour to get an answer from one of our RSSA experts for the next edition of the Bulletin.

## Exclusive Rose Society Offer from Banner Mitre 10 Hardware

**NEUTROG®**  
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Offer only valid on Neutrog product collection dates  
(Friday 18th & Saturday 19th May, 2018)

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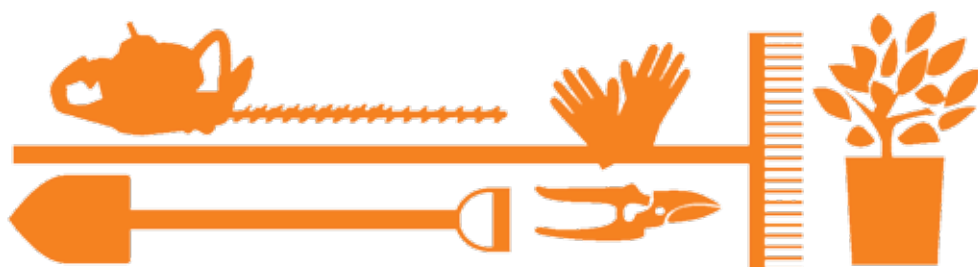
To make supporting Banner Mitre 10 Hardware even easier, here is an exclusive offer for Rose Society members to take advantage of upon collection of their Neutrog product order:

It is with great generosity that Banner Mitre 10 Hardware in Norwood provides Neutrog and the Rose Society of South Australia with a central collection point for the Rose Society orders of Neutrog product.

We are very fortunate to have the support of Banner Mitre 10 Hardware and to show our appreciation, it would be great if we could all support them in any way possible.

# 15% OFF Garden Products

Includes fertilisers,  
garden tools, plants.



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## ROSES ON EYRE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY MEETING

### Trevor Kemp



The meeting was held in the North Shields at the Wheatsheaf Hotel with 62 people registered, including 12 visitors.

Aileen Scott was most welcome and outlined for us the Rose News & coming events in the Rose World.

Time was then given to discussions about the field days site and the need to decide if we will continue to attend the Field Days in Cleve from the 14th to 16th August 2018. This

is a large event on the Peninsular and we need people to prepare, to build, and take down the display.

Thanks expressed to Ken & Mary LeRaye who have been the coordinators and have done a magnificent job of work preparing the site. They have reluctantly had to give it away this year.

There was ongoing talk about the benefits of a corner site, as the sites are only 3 metres by 3 metres.

The Speaker for the day was Stephan Ebert from the Kallinyalla Nursery in Port Lincoln. He outlined some of the products that are available to home gardeners, including Soil PH tests and he donated a Soil Testing Kit to the Club.

After a lunch we visited the home of Mrs. Shirley Fuller to see her garden. This lady lives right on the seafront and her garden was inundated with sea weed blown across the road into her garden. With help from friends she was able to clear this away and we were amazed at such a large garden in a harsh environment. Well done Shirley and friends. It was also noted that some members had travelled over 500 kilometres to attend the "Roses on Eyre Meeting"



***Shirley Fuller in her garden***





**ROSE SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC**

## **AUTUMN ROSE SHOW 2018**

**BURNSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**401 GREENHILL ROAD, TUSMORE**

**Saturday, 21st April 12.00noon to 5.00pm**

**Sunday, 22nd April 10.00am to 4.00pm**

**Admission \$5.00**

**Members: Free Entry**

**OFFICIAL OPENING**

**3.00pm Saturday 21st April 2018**

**by**

**Mr Kelvin Trimper AM**

**President of the World Federation of Rose Societies**

**Guest Speakers: Saturday 1.15pm &**

**Sunday 1.00pm and 2.00pm**

**Visit our website for more information:**

**[www.sarose.org.au](http://www.sarose.org.au)**

## THE SOUTH EAST BRANCH REPORT

Elizabeth Newell



South East Branch Members met at Millicent for the first meeting for 2018. Our meeting was held at McCourt's Garden Centre and Florist, and our Guest Speaker was Christine Agnew, the owner of the business.

Christine has had the Nursery for twenty years and set up the business in an old stone church in the centre of Millicent. Later she bought the stone cottage next door which had been owned by a local midwife.

Many customers have told her that they were born there! It is now a lovely café where South East Branch Members enjoyed their afternoon tea. In 2016 they started a florist business as well, which complements the nursery. Christine buys rose plants from Wagner's, Treloar's and Knight's Roses and said that she is now selling more potted roses as opposed to bare-rooted plants.

Romantic roses are making a come-back and scented roses are the most popular, no-one wants a rose without perfume. Members were interested to hear about some of the new release roses which will be available this year and eagerly jotted down the names.

Our next meeting will be our AGM on Sunday the 27th May, at 11am at Chardonnay Lodge, Coonawarra. Members are advised that they will have to RSVP to the Secretary as the lunch will be booked.

**Marjorie Todd and  
Guest Speaker Christine Agnew**

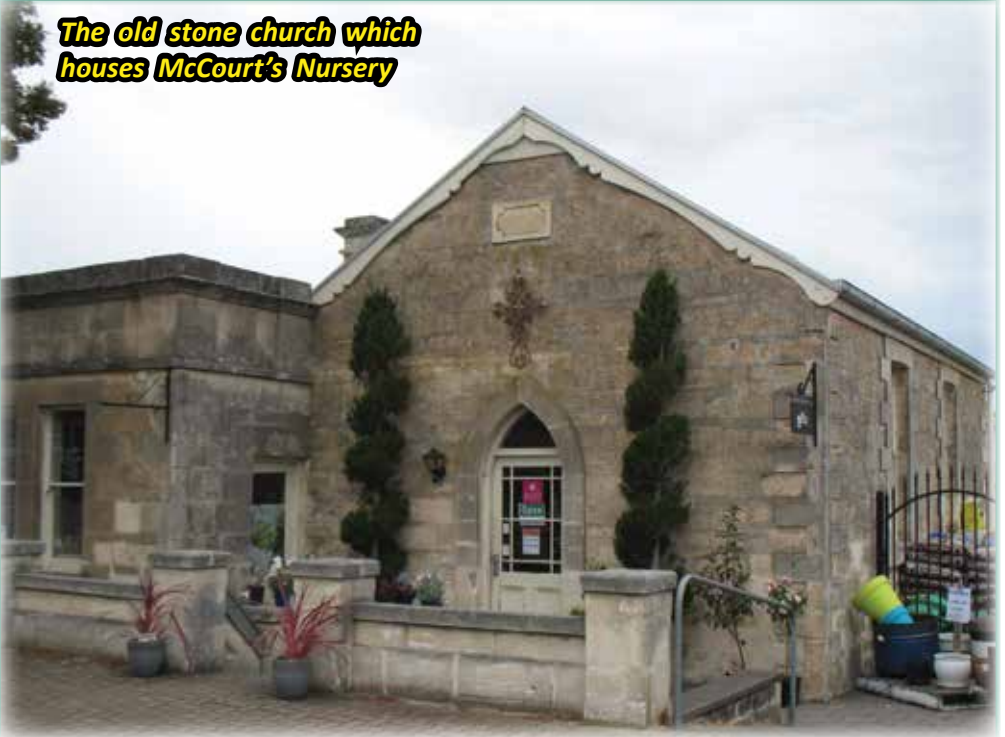




***Jane Hood, Colleen  
Fox and Betty McKee***



***The old stone church which  
houses McCourt's Nursery***





# **NATIONAL ROSE TRIAL GARDEN**

## **PEOPLE'S CHOICE WEEKEND**

**2018**

**SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> & SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> April**

**10.00AM – 4.00PM**

**You are invited to vote on your favourite rose**

**NATIONAL ROSE TRIAL GARDEN,  
ADELAIDE BOTANIC GARDENS**

**Best entry via Conservatory Gates**

**Free Event - All Welcome**

More information

[botanicgardens.sa.gov.au](http://botanicgardens.sa.gov.au)

[nationalrosetrialgarden.net.au](http://nationalrosetrialgarden.net.au)



**Strike Back for Orchids**  
Ideal for the all potted flowering and fruiting plants – not just orchids.  
**20kg bag \$30**



**Strike Back for Orchids Liquid**  
Ideal for all potted flowering and fruiting plants – not just orchids.  
**1L bottle \$10**



**Sudden Impact for Lawns**  
Ideal for new and established lawns, along with other non-flowering plants such as palms, ferns and conifers, as well as leafy vegetables and herbs.  
**20kg bag \$30**



**Upsurge**  
Ideal for turf - improves soil structure and increases earthworm activity, root growth and resistance to pests and disease.  
**7.5kg bag \$16**



**Rocket Fuel**  
Specifically developed for growing healthy, organic fruit and vegetables. 100% organic and ACO registered.  
**15kg bag \$13**



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## NOMINATIONS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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The nominations, together with a written citation are to be lodged by Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 with the Society Secretary.

## CULTURAL NOTES FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE

**Gavin Woods**



The cooler weather of Autumn produces the finest blooms of the year from our Hybrid Tea roses. Colour is more intense, blooms are larger with greater substance and the flush is predictable, based on the trimming date of our plants in March. This is the only time of the year that timing of our plants can be manipulated to any degree. Floribundas produce larger, brighter individual blooms but the clusters usually contain fewer blooms than with the Spring flush.

Miniature and Shrub Roses generally follow the lead provided by the Floribundas with smaller clusters and single stems of bloom.

A very light trim of some remontant types of Old Garden Roses will stimulate a repeat flush, albeit usually less spectacular than seen in Spring. Once flowering types are best left alone to develop plant structure in preparation for the Winter trim.

New foliage will return with vigour in April, leaving the tired and scorched leaves that survived the Summer hidden in their glory. The new reddened growth is a joy to the Rosarian's eyes.

If pelletised Sudden Impact was not applied in March, it should be done at the earliest convenience in April. The boost to growth it will provide will not be wasted; strong vigorous plants are a joy to prune. The use of Liquid Sudden Impact should be undertaken fortnightly. Keen exhibitor Tony Hanna has trialled the latter product for a few years and is full of praise for the benefits. I also recommend foliar feeding which mostly sees response in the leaves, so vital in winning top awards. An orchid growing friend, recently told me of the wonderful results received from foliar feeding his plants with Neutrog's Strike Back for Orchids. He sees lush growth and increased flowering. This product might be worth trialling on the roses.

It is very difficult to over-feed roses; gross feeders, the plants will lap up the nutrient and respond accordingly.

After a hot Summer and irrigation with Murray water, one often sees signs of nutrient deficiency and raised pH in our plants. Correct the deficiency as the new growth develops; failure to do so early in April will result in weak growth and poor flowers.

Now is your last chance to remove plants that have failed to perform and take valuable space in the garden, which could be better utilised by "something new". Unfortunately if you have procrastinated on a plant until now and expect to replant

in Winter, a lot of work is ahead of you! Remove the offending bush and along with it as much root- containing soil as is possible. This will ideally involve the removal of a wheelbarrow load of soil. Do not be concerned about neighbouring plants; their roots on the perimeter not disturbed will sustain them. "Rose soil sickness" is thought to be generated by dying roots that remain in the soil of the removed rose, so as many of these as possible must be manually removed. I have never been a fan of the "planting in a cardboard box" method sometimes advocated, and in fact have demonstrated time and again in my own garden that the simplest and surest method of replacement is to remove the old plant 10-12 months prior to replanting. There is then no need for removal of soil or chasing roots metres through the rose

bed. These all rot away if given enough time and with some basic soil improvement your new rose will prosper!



If, however, like most of us, you wanted to give the poor performing plant "one more chance" (I have dozens of those!) and have decided to finally wrench it from the soil in April, some vigorous and sustained soil replacement and improvement will need to be undertaken. Here, Seamungus and Go-Go Juice prove invaluable in stimulating soil microbial activity.



Water remains the most important factor leading up to the April flush of blooms. If you want big plants with beautiful, bold flowers, water is the vital ingredient. I am not sure that you can overwater roses but certainly you can underwater. Twice weekly deep watering is ideal. Forget about rain. I rarely watch the forecast as it leads to gross disappointment! Our Autumn rains usually moisten the mulch and that is about it.

Spraying for pests and disease is a contentious issue, with every Rosarian proclaiming their own regime. If as forecast we are in for a warm and dry Autumn (but who can believe the forecast?) then there should be little fungal disease to contend with. I am in the fortunate position that Yorke Peninsula is generally warmer than Adelaide, has less rainfall and we are captive to windy conditions daily. These factors I believe help minimise fungal disease, to the point that I gave spraying away five years ago.

If you are game enough to throw the sprayer away, you might just find benefits of improved growth and health of your plants! For those not so brave, remember to alternate the fungicides used, as some groups of fungus can develop resistance to these poisons with repeated exposure. The main pest in Autumn are the cursed thrips! There is no preventative measure that I am aware of. To spray once an outbreak occurs will be ineffectual – the damage will be done. The only fail safe

## CULTURAL NOTES FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE (cont)

Gavin Woods

measure to combat thrips is to grow a contingent of red roses; the damage done by this pest does not show on this colour. Earwigs, caterpillars and beetles can, on occasion, rear their heads; a bright LED torch is a useful device to check your plants in the dark of night. The thumb and forefinger are the best management devices for small populations of these pests. WARNING – do not let your neighbours see you creeping around, it will only reinforce their suspicions of your rose obsession!.

The glorious rose blooms produced by the sweat of your labours need to be enjoyed. If picking roses for the home or more importantly for a Rose Show, cut early in the morning before the sun reaches the plants and plunge the stems into a bucket full of water. Remove the roses to a dark, cool place in the house or shed and allow them a few hours to condition prior to arranging them for the house or sorting them for exhibition. Floral preservative products added to the water might be beneficial in extending the life of the blooms; however clean chlorinated water works almost as well.

May is a month of relaxation in the rose garden. Little water will be required by the plants. Cooler weather and the end of the Autumn flush of blooms sees little stress placed on the plants. For those keen on dead-heading you should have plenty to occupy you. I encourage everyone to observe the benefits to your plants by simply removing the dead flower at the weakness that naturally exists within the stalk just below the flower. This can easily be done with thumb and forefinger (but perhaps not the hand used for earwig eradication), with the debris collected in an accompanying bucket. The benefits to your plants gained by the extra foliage retained cannot be under-estimated.

If you dabble in rose hybridisation, May is a good time to gather and process your seed pods (hips). It is also an ideal time to take hardwood cuttings of all types, particularly Miniatures. Again there are as many techniques as there are Rosarians; all will have some degree of success.

Make sure your orders are submitted to the nurseries for new plants. Many new release roses sell out, to avoid disappointment order early. Of course one can only properly critique the catalogues in the company of a really good Cabernet or Shiraz. I can at this point thoroughly recommend those offered by Patricks of Coonawarra, generously offered as a fundraiser to the NRSA for our 2021 WFRS Convention in Adelaide.



So to June.....the ideal month to plant new roses. Sometimes it is difficult to get orders from the rose nurseries this early, but if you can so much the better. Plants home propagated and plants you have been holding in pots can go into the ground this month. Some Seamungus pellets in the planting hole will help stimulate the plant into growth. I also always recommend soaking bare-root roses for at least 24 hours prior to planting. The entire plant can be covered in water, it will assist in rehydrating the plant and encourage it to move into immediate growth once planted. I also try to water newly planted roses EVERY DAY for the first few months of growth. Again, do not rely on rain to carry them through. They will need more moisture than that provided by your irrigation system, remembering that the root system is initially non-existent and even weeks later very under-developed. Again too much water is hardly enough! Do not feed these new roses until well into Spring.

Another flush of roses will appear early in June, the fifth crop for the year. What an amazing plant the rose is. If we consider the effort required to produce hundreds of blooms per year for many years; the work of hybridisers long past is to be revered.

The final task for June is to apply Seamungus to your entire rose garden. Rains in July will carry this to the soil and a June application is ideal.

Finally do not be tempted to start pruning, remember the Rosarians dictum:

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## ADELAIDE'S NEWEST ROSE GARDEN OFFICIALLY OPENED

**Melanie Trimper**



The Adelaide – Qingdao Rose Garden, situated next to Veale Gardens on South Terrace, was officially opened on Sunday 25 February, 2018. The rose garden celebrates the relationship between the City of Adelaide and Sister City Qingdao in the People's Republic of China. Since the Sister City agreement was signed in 2014, the bonds of friendship between these communities have flourished on both an economic and cultural level.

The idea for the garden was first raised by Past Presidents of the Rose Society of S.A., Gavin Woods and Kelvin Trimper, who were at the time providing advice to The Right Honourable, the Lord Mayor of Adelaide Martin Haese and the City of Adelaide. Councillor for the City of Adelaide, Priscilla Corbell-Moore, was delighted when her proposal was accepted by the Council in 2016.

The garden was officially opened by Siping Cai the Consul-General of the People's Republic of China, the Lord Mayor Martin Haese, Councillor Corbell-Moore and other dignitaries. In his speech the Lord Mayor praised the warm and sincere friendship between both cities. He also spoke about Adelaide being the city of roses

### ***The Official Opening***







***George Thomson with his rose  
'City of Qingdao'***

with "approximately 15,000 roses, consisting of over 350 varieties, throughout our parklands and streets" and again reinforced the connection with roses, confirming Adelaide will host the World Rose Convention in 2021, which will be another opportunity to showcase the City of Adelaide.

A beautiful statue, Song of the Wind, was generously donated by the Qingdao Municipal People's Government, to form the centrepiece of the garden. The original



***Song of the Wind statue***



***'City of Qingdao'***

## **ADELAIDE'S NEWEST ROSE GARDEN OFFICIALLY OPENED**

**(cont)**

### **Melanie Trimper**

version of this sculpture stands in the Little Qingdao Park in the City of Qingdao. The young girl, holding an ancient Chinese harp, plays the symphony of the city and the sea. The two statues symbolise the strong bonds of friendship between Qingdao and Adelaide.

In China, red roses symbolise "life and celebration" and so it was fitting that a magnificent new red shrub rose was selected and named 'City of Qingdao'. The rose was bred in 2005 by George Thomson, a renowned South Australian rose hybridist, and donated to the City of Adelaide for planting around the statue. This classic shrub rose produces large, deep crimson rosette-shaped blooms with attractive, leathery foliage. It is a vigorous and healthy shrub growing 900 mm x 900 mm and repeat flowers extremely well. There is a pleasant mild fragrance.

Mr. Thomson advised the 'City of Qingdao' rose is a new release this winter and is available from Knight's Roses, Wagner's Rose Nursery and Ross Roses. Gavin Woods said, "I have grown and trialled this rose for a number of years and I have been very impressed with its performance and quality of blooms. If you are looking for a good shrub rose, this one comes highly recommended".

## **PREPARING YOUR SOIL FOR NEW ROSES**

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Brian recommends that you first ensure the area for your roses is weed-free. He prefers to dig up any existing weeds and root matter rather than using chemical sprays that might leave residue in the soil.

Second, incorporate some organic matter in the ground. Something like pelletised blood and bone is ideal, and won't burn the tender new shoots of your newly-planted roses.

Remember, it's important to lightly dig the fertiliser into the soil; don't just spread it over the surface.

Third, give your rejuvenated soil a deep watering to soften the ground and encourage beneficial bugs and microbes to do their invisible work in the ground.



## VICTORIA STATE ROSE GARDEN - WERRIBEE PARK



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*'Daybreaker'*



# INFORMATION FOR ROSE EXHIBITORS

## Gavin Woods



Continuing a series of articles explaining the Standards, this edition discusses the Floribunda type.

What the Standard says/explanatory notes:

A Floribunda rose is a type of rose that normally blooms in a cluster. These are roses registered as Floribunda, Climbing Floribunda, Grandiflora or Climbing Grandiflora. It is important to remember that roses registered as Grandiflora or Climbing Grandiflora may also be exhibited as many other

types also (eg Exhibition, Decorative etc.) and if these are to be exhibited within this class, would need to resemble Floribunda type.

The most desirable Floribunda cut is one having the optimal number of fresh open and partly open flowers, characteristic of the cultivar, gracefully arranged on the main stem. Clusters containing few buds and blooms are as acceptable as larger clusters providing that is characteristic of the variety. We here reference the importance of judges understanding the habits of the varieties they are judging. Judges are ideally looking to award clusters containing all stages of development ie buds, full blooms and partly open blooms. Judges are often faced with Floribunda exhibits benched as "Stems" (ie one bloom with no buds). Whilst some varieties registered as Floribunda will routinely produce "stems" they are not representative of the Floribunda type and should be severely penalised. This is more prevalent at Autumn shows where all Floribunda's produce much smaller clusters.

Freshness and brilliance of colour are important. Brilliance relative to the variety is required. If the variety is normally dull in colour, blooms displaying a true version of

the colour for that variety, would be highly regarded. Foliage should be clean and undamaged. Taking the time to ensure that foliage is clean and to tidy up any minor damage will be appreciated by judges. It is far better to remove or tidy up any faults in this area than to present an exhibit with damage. Faded blooms may be removed but untidy removal will be penalised. Untidy removal can refer to a length of stalk which formerly held a bloom remaining on the exhibit. A central bloom or bud is often



**Floribunda**  
**'Golden Child'**



removed in the garden from the cluster; take care to ensure that any remains of stalks are carefully removed prior to benching the exhibit.

Serious defects include clusters with poor outline, blooms irregularly placed, crushed tightly together or so widely spaced as to show gaps, a high proportion of unopened or aged blooms, hips or stalks of spent blooms left showing, faded and damaged blooms, lack of open flowers. There is no requirement for clusters to be circular in shape. Symmetry can be recognised in clusters that are triangular, square, oval etc. Likewise the cluster could be linear (blooms carried down a length of the stem), and blooms can be at several levels on the stem (not held in a single plane). Symmetry and balance are two terms NOT used in the Standard but apply to cluster flowering type roses.

The pointing criteria are:

Condition: 4 points - We are looking for clusters that show the freshness and brilliance as described above. Many Floribunda roses are Single or Semi-Double in form. If stamens are showing there should ideally be no browning of these. There are secrets known by top exhibitors to delay stamens browning, please refer to your nearest A-Grade exhibitor!

Overall Beauty: 3 points - Here we consider the symmetry and balance of the Floribunda; also it's attraction with regard to colour and brilliance. Strength and purity of colour will attract points here.

Stem and foliage: 2 points - A relatively large number of points is allocated; attention to clean and undamaged foliage is important as well as a balanced and proportionate, straight stem. As a general rule balance will be lost with a large cluster that is displayed on an overly lengthy stem.

Presentation: 1 point - Almost every exhibit should be able to attract the full point in this area. All clusters have a "front" which should be facing the judge. The cut should be well plugged or supported in its container so that it cannot move.



*An old woman was sipping on a glass of wine while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says "I love you so much I don't know how I could ever live without you." Her husband asks "Is that you or the wine talking?"...She replies, "It's me ...talking to the wine."*

## TIPS FROM SILKIE GARDENS ROSE FARM

### WATERSHOOTS

You can trim a WATERSHOOT as it travels upwards! Obviously, do it before the flowers set and it will branch out a little lower down in line with the rest of the rose bush.

You could also put taller stakes in and when a watershoot like the one in the picture has already established and you missed giving it a trim, you can lightly tie the stem to the stake to preserve it in case of high wind.



### YELLOW LEAVES ON THE LOWER PARTS OF ROSE BUSHES IN SUMMER

This is very natural at this time of year and should not cause concern or any need for spraying. During very hot periods, the water rises from the roots first to the very top of the plant. A vacuum created in the leaves due to transpiration needs to be filled first. The lower leaves, which are not very active anymore, are neglected in the water supply, turn yellow and eventually drop off – the rose stems have thickened and the attachment of the leaves is gradually severed. A bit like we lose hair and skin every day!

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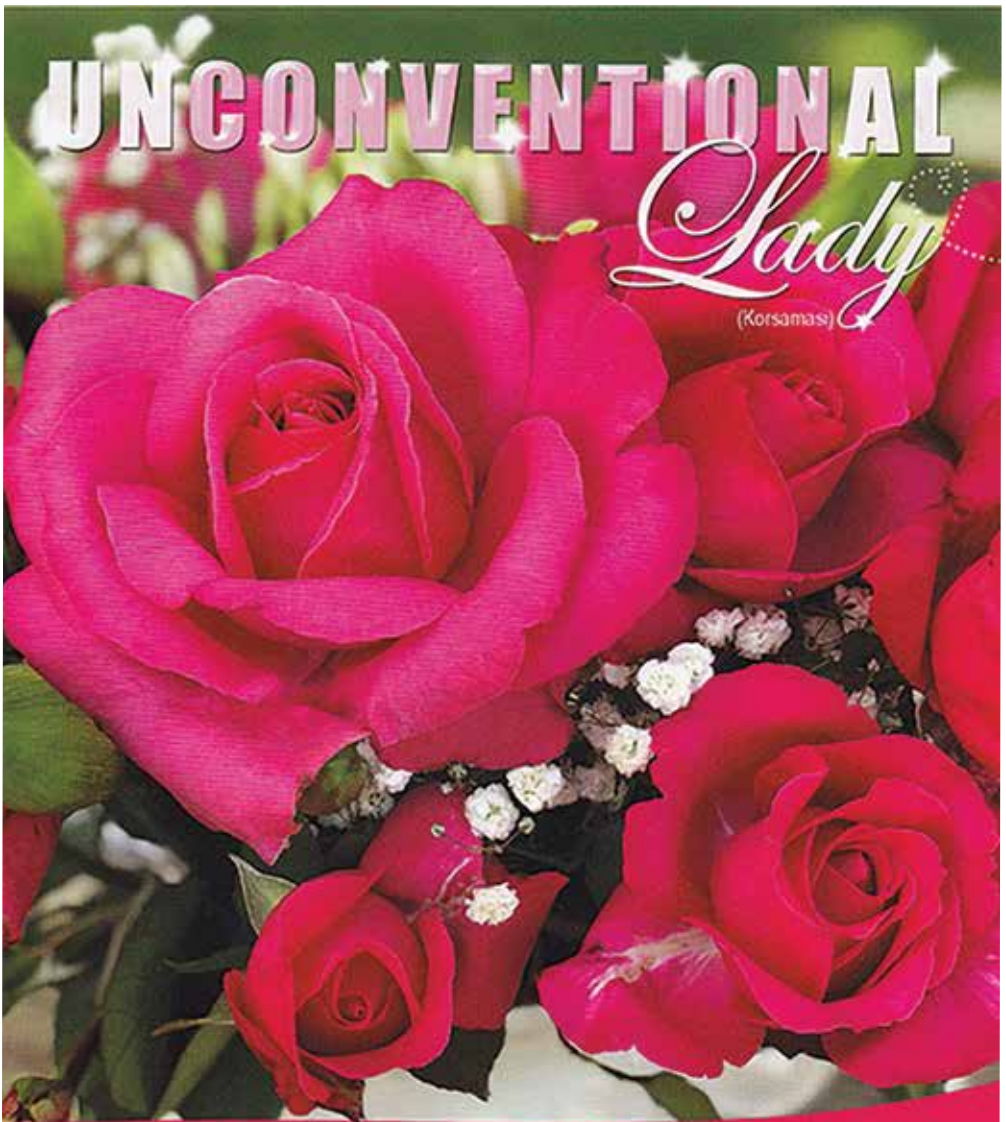
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Rose plants delivered bare root from May to August 2018

## OUT & ABOUT WITH ROSES IN THE HEARTLAND

Mary Frick



Hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year. The RITH have had a well earned break after a very busy 2017.

On January 24th Penelope, Sharyn, Deb, Julius, Ross, Ian and myself deadheaded the FireStar roses on Menge Road, Tanunda, ready for their next flush. We will be meeting Colorado Vines owner, Tim Hower, on 5th March 2018 for

morning tea, so that should be exciting and to put a face to a name.

In this edition of the Bulletin you will find the Neutrog Order Form. Please ensure you mark the box where you wish to pick up your order. Orders received by Neutrog without a designated pick up place, will automatically go to Adelaide.

For members further North, there is now a delivery point in Riverton at the home of RITH President, Ross Kemp. I believe this is a once a year delivery, so order enough Neutrog products to last 12 months.

Diary Dates for events coming up in the next few months are:

21st & 22 April 2018 RSSA Autumn Rose Show.

29th April 2018 Clare Garden Festival. Please contact Sharyn ph: 0409 096 369 if you can assist. We will have bareroot roses from Knight's Roses for sale.

20th May 2018 Roses in the Heartland's AGM to be held at the home of RITH President, Ross Kemp, with guest speaker RSSA Past President, Gavin Woods. See advert for further details. The AGM is earlier this year due to some members going to the WFRS Rose Convention in Copenhagen.

8th July 2018 The pruning demonstration will be held. More information in the next Bulletin.

Until next time, happy gardening and don't forget to stop and smell the roses.



**'Summer Romance'**



**'Dwarf Fairy'**



**'Bright as a Button'**

# **Roses in the Heartland**

## **6<sup>th</sup> AGM**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

**1:30pm**

**at the home of**

**RITH President Ross Kemp**

**35 Masters Street, Riverton**

**Followed by  
Guest Speaker  
RSSA Past President**

***Mr Gavin Woods***

**Further Information PH: 0409 096 36 9**



**Roses in the Heartland**



## ROSE OF THE MONTH

**JANUARY 2018 - 'Summer Memories'**, a Shrub Rose (Registered as Floribunda) was bred by Tim Hermann Kordes in Germany in 1992 and was introduced in Australia by Treloar Roses in 2011.



Named Best Shrub and Silver Medal winner in 2010 at the NRTGA Awards and with many Gold and Silver Awards internationally, this rose is a proven top performer. It has been highly acclaimed for its quick repeat flowering, dense bushy growth, fragrant old-fashioned style blooms and excellent disease resistance.

Rose Breeders around the world have concentrated on breeding healthy shrub roses in response to a growing demand for nostalgic looking roses, which combine the qualities of old world roses with the repeat flowering, wide colour range and improved disease tolerance of modern roses. These shrub roses continue to increase in popularity around the world.

'Summer Memories' has large, creamy white cupped flowers (40 to 50 petals) with a light fragrance, produced in clusters of 4 to 6 blooms per stem. The bush has upright growth to 1.2m tall and 0.80m wide with healthy, semi-glossy, leathery foliage.

Available from Wagner's Rose Nursery and Treloar Roses or order from your local garden centre.

TROPHY	Gerald Meylan Trophy for Best Shrub in Trial	Adelaide	2010
SILVER	National Rose Trial Garden of Australia	Adelaide	2010

Text: Kelvin Trimper

Photo: Melanie Trimper

**FEBRUARY 2018 - 'Sweet Intoxication'** is an attractive lilac Floribunda rose bred by renowned Hybridiser Dr. Keith W. Zary in the USA in 2008, using the Gold Medal winning rose 'Perfume Perfection' as one of the parent plants and Melody Parfumée™. This rose was introduced in the United States by Jackson and Perkins in 2010 as 'Sweet Intoxication' and in Australia by Swane's Nurseries in 2012.





## ROSE OF THE MONTH (cont)

‘Sweet Intoxication’ produces rich magenta blooms with a deeper colour in the centre, fading to lavender on the reverse side of the petals. This sweetly scented rose has an alluring, spicy clove fragrance – hence its name. The bush is tall and upright growing to 1.35m to 1.5m with healthy, glossy medium green foliage. A versatile rose, ideal for garden beds, mixed borders, flowering hedge or use as a cut flower, as the blooms are medium to large (average 10 cm diameter and 26-40 petals) formed in clusters of 6 to 10 per stem and have a long vase life. It is also suitable to grow in a large tub or patio container e.g. 60cm pot and it is great as a standard rose.

Available from Swane’s Nurseries (NSW), Treloar Roses (Victoria) or order from your local garden centre.

### AWARDS:

PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARD National Rose Trial Garden of Australia Adelaide 2008

TROPHY Rose Hills Trophy for Best Floribunda of the Trial Adelaide 2009

TROPHY Governor of Gifu Award Most Fragrant Rose of the Trial Adelaide 2009

SILVER National Rose Trial Garden of Australia Adelaide 2009

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**MARCH 2018 - ‘Troilus’** is a Shrub rose combining the exquisite flowers and rich scent of Old World Roses with the repeat-flowering, disease resistance and wide colour range of Modern Roses, “English Shrub Roses” have become internationally renowned for their charm and fragrance. First launched onto the market 50 years ago, the collection of David Austin English Shrub Roses now numbers over 250 cultivars, rightfully taking their place among the world’s most popular roses.



Introduced in 1983, Troilus is highly recommended for its large attractive blooms and unusual creamy-buff colouring. It is well suited to our climate as it thrives in very warm conditions and is reliable and healthy.

Troilus produces classic pointed shaped buds, opening to a very full, flat rosette formation with a strong, sweet, myrrh fragrance. It grows into an even, upright bush 1.5m x 1.5m with attractive dark green foliage and good disease resistance.

Troilus is an all-round good performer. It is easy to grow and makes an excellent

## ROSE OF THE MONTH (cont)

choice for group plantings and borders, try planting it in a grouping of three for more impact. It creates a wonderful display of roses from the first spring flush through to the end of autumn.

A good cut flower for arrangements. Its vase life is reasonable for a shrub rose, with blooms lasting 3 to 4 days.

Available from Treloar Roses and Ross Roses.

Text: Melanie Trimper

## VOLUNTEERS IN THE INTERNATIONAL ROSE GARDEN (IRG) Deborah Curtis



The hard working band of volunteers in the IRG have been given a couple of Fridays off in January and February due to the temperature being over 35 degrees.

We start at 0730 and go through till around 1200 with a coffee break, depending on the weather. We are quite flexible time-wise with start and finish times varying. 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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## EDITOR'S PAGE

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR BULLETIN ARTICLE CONTRIBUTORS



Our members have a wealth of knowledge about roses which can be shared through the Bulletin. If you are aware of an article that our rose-loving members would appreciate please email it to the editor for consideration for inclusion in a future Bulletin.

Maybe you have an idea, or a resource you have found, something you have tried that works. It can be short and sweet, or longer in length.

I would like to see some articles about your rose growing experiences with possible subjects being:-

- How do you prepare your soil before planting roses?
- Do you have any special pruning plans/techniques?
- What methods do you use to treat pests and diseases?
- What procedure do you follow when planting a rose in a position previously occupied by a rose?
- Which are the most popular types of roses grown in your district and why is this so?
- Do you plant for colour - what roses do you use?

Closing dates for future Bulletins:

QUARTERLY ISSUE	RESERVE SPACE BY	or	PROVIDE MATERIAL BY
Jul/Aug/Sep 2018	15 May 2018		1st June 2018
Oct/Nov/Dec 2018	15 August 2018		1st September 2018
Jan/Feb/Mar 2019	15 November 2018		1st December 2018

If you have reserved space, if needed, consideration may be given to extending the "Provide Material by" date.

As a guide a Bulletin page can hold approximately 450 words. An A4 word document fills approximately 1½ Bulletin pages.

Articles should preferably be less than 1000 words and can be supplied by email attachment, CD, DVD or USB stick in pdf, doc or docx format. Microsoft Publisher files cannot be accepted.

Photographs must be supplied in their original file size in jpeg format.

If the article includes photographs as part of the layout, the photos must be provided as separate full size jpeg files also.

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