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Calendar of Coming Events

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

April 2020

**Saturday 4th
Sunday 5th**

Barossa Rose & Flower Show, Barossa Nursery, Nuriootpa. FREE ENTRY
NRTGA People's Choice, International Rose Garden

Chaffey Rose Club AGM, Hay. Contact Dale Kerin, see page 3

**Wednesday 8th
Speaker:**

Members General Meeting, Burnside City Uniting Church **7:30pm**
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 Bonnett" **Judge:** Helena Lewandowski

Beginners Corner:

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

Saturday 11th

Newman's Easter Rose Weekend

Sunday 12th

Newman's Nursery, Tea Tree Gully

Monday 13th

Saturday 18th

Sunday 19th

Autumn Rose Show, Burnside Community Centre. See advert page 12

Autumn Rose Show; SA Autumn Garden Festival, Clare **10:00am-4:00pm**

Tuesday 21st

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

Sunday 26th

ROE AGM Cleve Hotel 10.30am

May 2020

**Wednesday 13th
Speaker:**

Members General Meeting, Burnside City Uniting Church **7:30pm**
Kelvin & Melanie Trimper 'New Roses Varieties for 2020'

Question Time:

John Bradshaw

Competition

Pre 1900 Old Garden Roses, A, B, C, Grades: **1 Exhibition Rose OR
1 Single Rose (5-8 petals)** Open: **1 Exhibit** **Judge:** Merv Trimper

Floral Arrangers:

"Autumn Basket" **Judge:** Ruth Watson

Beginners Corner:

Preparing Your Garden for new Roses, Kelvin & Gavin **6:30pm**

Tuesday 19th

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

Sunday

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

Sunday 23rd

SE Branch AGM Meeting.

June 2020

**Saturday 6th -
Monday 15th**

WFRS Heritage Convention - Pre Tour, Convention, Post Tour, Belgium

**Wednesday 10th
Speaker:**

Members General Meeting, Burnside City Uniting Church **7:30pm**
Pope Irrigation

Question Time:

John Bradshaw

Competition

Pre 1900 Old Garden Roses, A, B, C, Grades: **1 Exhibit**
Open: **1 Exhibit** **Judge:** Gavin Woods

Floral Arrangers:

Foliage Arrangement **Judge:** Melanie Trimper

Beginners Corner:

Pruning Made Easy, Kelvin Trimper & Gavin Woods **6:30pm**

Tuesday 16th

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

Sunday 28th

Rose Pruning Demonstration, International Rose Garden, Botanic Gardens

Calendar of Coming Events

July 2020

Sunday 5th

RITH Pruning Demonstration, 3 Para Road, Evanston 1:00pm-3:00pm
RITH 8th AGM, 3 Para Road, Evanston 3:15pm

Wednesday 8th

Speaker:

Members General Meeting, Burnside City Uniting Church **7:30pm**

Question Time:

AGM Meeting

Competition

Gavin Woods

Pre 1900 Old Garden Roses, A, B, C, Grades: **1 Exhibit**

Open: **1 Exhibit Judge:** Wendy Trimper

Floral Arrangers:

Interpretative "Colour Combo" **Judge:** Melanie Trimper

Beginners Corner:

Using Mulch Effectively, Kelvin Trimper & Gavin Woods **6:30pm**

Sunday 12th

ROE Tumby Bay Senoir Citizens, 10:30am



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The Council of the Rose Society of South Australia Inc. 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.

Volume 59 Number 1 Amendments

Page 11: the W. H. Ifould Trophy was won by J. McCormick NOT S. Perrin.

Page 12: **The Golden Child** is a Floribunda NOT a shrub

Pages 50-53: All images were taken by Les Johnson

Presidents Report - Autumn 2020

The Seasons

Summer Sunshine, Summer Song, Summer of Love, Summer Romance, Summer Fairy Tale and *Summer Dream* are just some of the rose varieties that are named with summer in mind. I'm guessing that most of these varieties are bred in the northern hemisphere where summer is a little more moderate than our Australian summers. But our summer, if we take out those days over 40 degrees, can be very pleasant and love, romance, songs and sunshine do strike memories from summers past. Now, sitting under the shade of a big old gum tree being caressed by a warm summer breeze, one can only think 'what could possibly be better than this?'

Reflecting on the growing season to date, we really have had little to concern us. Spring produced a bounty of blooms, Summer with a few hot days was generally well tolerated by well-watered plants and Autumn seemed to arrive early. A profusion of blooms is expected in time for our Autumn Show.

Autumn Events

The Mount Barker District Show and RITH Show along with the public voting day for the National Rose Trial Garden as well as the Newman's Rose Display over the Easter weekend will whet our appetite for what we expect as a rose bonanza for our Autumn Rose Show.

These events do need volunteers for rosters, exhibitors and bumping in and out of venues. The show fits between Easter and school holidays and we have a lot of competition with other events and so any assistance and attendance is most welcome and appreciated by the members who organise and do the committee work.

New exhibitors always get an adrenalin rush when they check how well their exhibits have performed and it doesn't really take much effort to exhibit. There is a lot to learn, which is why we have a graded system. New exhibitors start in C grade and whether you are in A, B or C grade any experienced exhibitor will assist and answer any questions you may have. Schedules are distributed to current exhibitors and to anyone who requests a copy.

Rose Society Council

Show Committee

Council has continued to provide excellent management of the Society. However one area that we need more support in is the Show Committee. Aileen Scott and Malcolm Watson have shouldered most of the organisational details but ideas for change and implementation can only be done with a supportive and active show committee. The show happens because many of the members

involved have been volunteering their time for a number of years and setting up and manning stalls, displays and exhibits seems to happen like magic. But it is now time for new blood to become familiar with the systems that work and put their ideas forward and to continue the tradition that is a Rose Show.

Guest Speaking

Council receives a number of requests from various community groups and businesses to speak on some aspect of roses and rose culture. Often the topics are quite broad and leave the presenter with the freedom to answer questions from the audience. The questions usually cover any and all aspects of rose growing. If you would like to become a speaker because you have some expertise in some aspect of roses and their culture, please pass your name onto our Secretary, Pam Kelly. Include your area of expertise and the region of the city or state to where you are prepared to travel.

Approved Rose Pruners

The Society also has requests from the general public for someone to prune their roses. To this end the Society has a list of approved pruners recorded on the website. Often the approved pruner will build up a client list that keeps them busy for the whole pruning season and so request that their name be removed. Cutting to the chase, we need more pruners on the list. If you are active, like to meet new people, like to work outside on a beautiful brisk winter's day and even make a couple of dollars pocket money, then you need to put your hand up and become an approved pruner.

To be an approved pruner you need to meet with two pruners who have been approved and show them how you deal with the various situations you may encounter in your new career move. Once approval has been given, your name goes on the web site and you wait for the phone calls. Like any business you may or may not receive a call.

Subscriptions

A change to the subscription fees has also been made. Even though we are in a sound financial position it is prudent to ensure subscriptions cover the basic cost of funding the Bulletins, NRSA Annual, hall hire, storage of equipment, membership of the national body, honoraria and sundry other recurring costs.

Web Site

The RSSA Inc. web site has an enormous amount of information available to members. If, when viewing the site you see that something is missing or needs updating then please contact our secretary with the details. If you have an interesting rose related photo or photos these can also be posted on our facebook page, again, forward them to our secretary with the relevant

Presidents Report - Autumn 2020 Continued

details. Interest in different roses and where and how they grow is an important part of our role as a Rose Society.

Diggers

One day in May, 24th May 10 am to 2 pm to be more precise, Diggers will be holding a one day 'Rose Master Class'. Check their web site for details, members and non-members are invited to attend. Gavin Woods and I will be presenting the class that covers planting to picking and pruning.

Roses

In searching for details, other than those given by the nursery, for new rose releases I check the American Rose Society (ARS) database, which is the official registration of rose varieties, and the 'Help Me Find' web sites. The 'Help Me Find' web site is far more useful than the official ARS web site by the proverbial mile. Given that the registration requires the registrant to provide a lot of information, one has to wonder what happens to the data as 2 or 3 lines, often incomplete, doesn't really do the rose the justice it deserves. A lack of parentage information seems to be the norm, except for roses registered by Richard and Ruth Walsh (NSW). They clearly appreciate the scientific reasons for providing such information.

In viewing the on-line catalogues it is interesting and welcome to see that Treloar Roses have added the Breeders Code to the information provided. At least 30 new roses will be released this year. Some with impeccable reports and many with the disease resistance that has been driven by rosarian expectations.

Fire

Members of the Rose Society who have had their garden damaged by the summer fires are invited to contact our Secretary with a list of roses they would like to replant in their garden. We will do our best to source and supply the roses at no cost to the member. The intention will be to supply the roses as bare rooted for planting in June/July/August either this year or next. We understand that it may take time before a garden can be re-established.

And...

Why did someone call a rose **Summer Snow**? The only reason I can provide is that the mass of white blooms look like snow from a distance. Though it's not what you would expect to see in a summer garden!

Doug Gregory

President RSSA Inc.



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Jan/Feb/Mar 2021	8 th November 2020	25 th November 2020
Apr/May/Jun 2021	8 th February 2021	25 th February 2021

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SOUTH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNORS AND THEIR ROSES

by Wendy Trimper, Coordinator of the project on behalf of the RSSA

The Society and Government House have been working together on a joint project, instigated by the current Governor, His Excellency Hieu Van Le AC.

The aim is to have all Governors represented in the Government House rose garden with a rose named in honour of each Governor's time in office.

The first part of the project was to have roses of the 4 living Governors planted in 2019. These being **Bordeaux** for His Excellency Hieu Van Le AC; **Twilight Zone** for Rear Admiral (Ret) The Hon. Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR; **The Golden Child** for The Hon. Marjorie Jackson-Nelson AC CVO MBE; **Peach Profusion** for The Hon. Sir Eric Neal AC CVO. All were delighted with their selection.

It was decided to also include **Dark Desire** for Lieutenant General Sir Donald Dunstan AC KBE CB whose widow is Lady Dunstan. A selection for The Hon. Dame Roma Mitchell AC DBE CVO QC has already been made, **Dame Roma**.

On 22nd October a small Dedication Ceremony was held for those dignitaries and some partners including Mrs Le. It was an historic day for them to be all be together and honoured in this way.

The Society was represented by our President, Doug and wife Pamela, Bob Gregory, Merv and I. Gavin Woods, who was President in the initial stages, and gave valuable assistance with selections, was not able to attend.

The second part of the project is to choose roses best suited to the remaining 29 (deceased) Governors of SA and is hoped to be completed within 12 months.



L-R: The Hon. Sir Eric Neal AC CVO, The Hon. Marjorie Jackson-Nelson AC CVO MBE, Rear Admiral (Ret) The Hon. Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, His Excellency Hieu Van Le AC

Rose of the Month

For more information go to <http://sarose.org.au>



January 2020 Chippendale

Classification: Shrub

Awards: 2013 NZ Trial Gardens, Hamilton, Most Fragrant Rose

Available from: Knights Roses, Newman's Nursery and Wagner's Rose Nursery

Image: Rosen Tantau

February 2020 Soul Sister

Classification: Floribunda

Other Name: Koko Loco

Awards: 2013 - Certificate of Merit National Rose Trial Garden of Australia, Gold Medal Rose Hills International Rose Trials, Rose Hills USA, Rose Hills International Rose Trials, Adelaide Gardens Trophy

Available From: Wagner's Rose Nursery, Newman's Nursery, Swane's Nurseries, Treloar Roses, Silkies Rose Farm and Garden Express

Image: Ian Frick



March 2020

Diana, Princess of Wales

Classification: Hybrid Tea

Awards: No major awards, but has won numerous awards at rose shows.

Available from: Wagner's Roses, Treloar Roses, Swanes

Image: Les Johnson



ROSE SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC

AUTUMN ROSE SHOW 2020

BURNSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE

401 GREENHILL ROAD, TUSMORE

Saturday, 18th April 12.00noon to 5.00pm

Sunday, 19th April 10.00am to 4.00pm

Admission: Members Free

OFFICIAL OPENING

3.00pm Saturday 18th April 2020

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Rambling Rosarians - Stunning Gardens in the Adelaide Hills

by Wendy Trimmer

Thirty seven enthusiastic Ramblers saw some stunning gardens in the Adelaide Hills on Monday 17th February.

With rain having fallen in the previous month, every garden was green, fresh and full of colour, quite stunning, and the weather was just perfect! Our thanks to all the garden owners for generously allowing us to visit their piece of serenity.

Lunch was in a private area of Auchendarroch House bistro. The Manager, Michelle Berry spoke generously of the Wallis family and the history of the cinema complex, followed by a tour of the House.



Top: Rambling Rosarian Attendees taken in the Flaxley garden, "Prestige Park" property of Marilyn & Robert Cooper

Above Left: Snows Road, Aldgate garden, property of Rebecca Kennedy

Above Right: Littlehampton garden, "Drouin" property of Sue & Jim Smith

Left: Auchendarroch House, owner Michelle Wallis

2020 New Release Roses

Knight's Roses are one of the largest rose growers and suppliers in Australia. We offer a comprehensive collection of rose bushes to both wholesalers and to the public.

Our family-owned and operated company has a long and proud history in South Australia, dating back over 50 years. We serve as the sole Australian agents for some of the World's most renowned rose breeders from Europe, including Guillot Roses of France, Rosen-Tantau of Germany, Harkness of England and James Cocker and Sons of Scotland.

We also offer a collection of well-known special cause roses such as Winx, Black Caviar and Dolly's Rose.



Barock

Nostalgic Climber (Rosen Tantau)

This beautiful large flowered climbing nostalgic rose is disease resistant and has a rich sweet-spice scent. It can be grown as a climbing or tall shrub rose and is suitable for planting to pillars, pergolas and arches. As the generous flower opens, you can witness the colour change from rose to apricot whilst there are also hints of peach.

Flower: 10-12cm diameter blooms

Foliage: Polished bright green

Height: approx 2m-3m



Cumberland

Climber (Harkness)

An intense and rich red climbing rose, with long lasting flowers that open to a large size with plenty of petals. The plant has a lot of glossy foliage that shows the flowers off very well. This can be grown in a big pot or in the ground and can be used for fences, pillars and pergolas. It is best in a position with good air circulation and some direct sunlight and will repeat flower throughout the year.

Perfume: Mildly Scented

Height: 2m x 1.8m wide

Disease Resistance: Very



Follow Your Dreams

Hybrid Tea (Knight's Roses)

The satisfaction that you get from growing a rose that gives you numerous well shaped pink flowers is immense. The long straight stems are ideal to cut and as the bush is vigorous, it will just grow more to replace those you take away. The young leaves are glossy but with age they become less so. Best grown with protection from the coldest winter winds. Use in beds, borders, hedges. And don't forget to follow your dreams!



Manuel Canovas

Shrub (Guillot)

An excellent shrub rose of character! Measuring up to 1.5 metres, Manuel Canovas is a rose with great energy. Its visible vitality is displayed with many well drawn stems, exhibiting beautiful flowers and shown off by the vigorous and robust foliage. The white roses, highlighted by a yellow shade, bloom profusely throughout the year. A lovely and not overpowering fragrance finishes this beautiful rose off and makes it a must have for your garden. Named after the Interior Designer, Manuel Canovas.



Lavender Ice

Floribunda (Rosen Tantau)

Lavender Ice is a compact rose with large, very full flowers with excellent weather resistance. The silvery-lilac flowers are carried in small clusters, 3-6 on stout, short stems. Flowers are very colour stable and spray a slight, spicy fragrance. Petals are retained for a long time and it is recommended to deadhead as soon as flowers have past their best. Foliage is light green and leathery. Lavender Ice makes an ideal subject for growing in containers, as well as in beds or borders.

2020 New Release Roses

Wagner's Rose Nursery have been growing roses for over 60 years and our grower Brain Wagner has had 40 years' experience and is really passionate about roses, from the new to the old fashioned.

For the past 20 year we now farm on over 50 hectares of beautiful soil in Kalangadoo, in the middle of the well-known Limestone Coast, in South Australia.

Wagner's Rose Nursery grows 200,000 rose plants every year of 800 different varieties, to supply garden centres, councils and landscapers all over Australia, and retail customers through our online store. We are very excited about our new releases this year, especially the Australian Bred Roses, bred for Australians.



Miss Unique

Another stunning Australian bred rose, with pink, cupped flowers growing in clusters, and opening revealing yellow stamens. The plant is bushy, vigorous and disease resistant, with a strong fragrance.

Height: up to 100cm tall x 100cm wide



Desdemona

(AUSkindling) Shrub

Pretty peachy-pink buds open to reveal beautiful pure white flowers with an attractive hint of pink in the early stages. The flowers are chalice shaped but open a little wider over time, revealing a glimpse of the pretty stamens. Desdemona forms a strong, compact and healthy shrub with an intense myrrh fragrance.

Height: 120cm tall x 100m wide



Our Amanda

Floribunda - Australian bred

Informal clustered blooms in blended pink and cream, flowering throughout the season with a gentle fragrance.

A medium size bush with dark green foliage; a delight in the garden and perfect in a vase.

Height: up to 110cm



Miss Jane

Floribunda - Australian bred

Soft warm pink, full old-fashioned blooms borne in clusters throughout the season. Intense and sweet fragrance and very disease resistant, it retains its medium green foliage to the end of the season, it grows upright and is good for cut flowers.

Fragrance: Strong

Height: up to 120cm



Custard Cream

Floribunda - Australian bred

The white blooms blend from cream to light yellow tones and at other times are flushed with pink, flowers form in clusters throughout the season. The plant has upright growth with a medium height of 120cm and a width of 90cm, it has semi-glossy foliage and is very disease resistant. This is a great garden rose that is tolerant of extreme heat.

It lasts well in a vase when cut.

Fragrance: Mild



Darling Charlie

Floribunda - Australian bred

Delightful informal blooms of blended orange and pink with cream to yellow reverse, flowering in small clusters, repeating throughout the season. Long stems and few prickles make for suitable cut flowers. This is a healthy and vigorous growing plant reaching a height of 140cm with a width of 95cm.

2020 New Release Roses

Treloar Roses are well known for introducing some of the best suited roses to the Australian climate and their list of new releases for 2020 is definitely following that trend! Six stunning new varieties are being released in 2020, which include a fantastic mix of colour, fragrance and award winning excellence.

SUPPLY DETAILS - Bare Root Orders for bare root rose plants can be placed now, with delivery Australia wide only from May to August 2020.



Adorable

(Korjupvio) Floribunda Rose

Awarded Silver Medal, Most Fragrant Award and the People's Choice Award of 2019 at the National Rose Trials! Magnificent, fully double blooms in a pink mauve that is enhanced by a beautiful rich fragrance. A must have addition to the Parfuma collection with its upright growth and the famous Kordes health. Approximately 80cm high and 50cm wide. Fragrance Notes: This rich and complex fragrance of litchi and apple in the head note. The heart note changes into a creamy-soapy chord of geranium and soft rose with a slightly savoury base. Maximum fragrance in the morning & evening



Beautiful Girl

(Korakucap) Grandiflora

A romantic colour combination of silver and pink that you will fall in love with. Unique in shape, the medium sized blooms have firm petals curving into the centre which sit on long stems, making this a great cut flower. Classed as a Grandiflora, with mid green leaves, this is a stunning novelty



It's Magic!

(Koramsaro) Floribunda

Blooms with a magical burst of red and white stripes and a hint of yellow in the centre. Winner of many international awards, it will not disappoint in health and flowering ability. Light green leaves on an upright bush to 90cm, this rose will be a standout in any garden.



Golden Beauty

(Korberbeni) Floribunda

Gold in every sense. This prolific bloomer is a Gold Medal winner both Internationally and at the National Trial Garden in Adelaide. It was also the People's choice award of 2018. Glowing amber, high centered blooms in large clusters on a very healthy compact bush of dark green leaves. A great performer in hot dry climates with blooms that don't fade. From the classic to the romantic, this rose is a great addition to any garden. Height to 1.5m.



No Surrender

(Korsehendie) Floribunda

Extremely tough and disease resistant with an almost evergreen habit. The dark green leaves frame masses of nostalgic English style blooms in purple red with a gold reverse. Growth to 1m, this variety is a wonderful choice for en-masse plantings in parks and open spaces as well as being a feature for your garden. Named to commemorate the 80th anniversary of The Siege of Tobruk in April 2021. \$2 from the sale of each rose will be donated to the Descendants of The Rats of Tobruk Australia Association Inc.



Quick Silver

(Korpucoblu) Climbing Rose

A much sought after colour for the climbing range. The rich mauve blooms are large and darken to the centre. Produced in clusters, they sit amongst deep green healthy foliage creating a striking display. Finished off with a moderate sweet rose fragrance that will fill your garden on warm evenings. Well suited to the Australian climate. 2.5m spread.

Special Cause Roses *by Melanie Trimper*

Since 2008, **Knight's Roses** have formed partnerships with charities to market Special Cause Roses across Australia. These top quality commemorative roses have proved to be a very successful method of fundraising thanks to the generosity of Knight's Roses and their customers.

Knight's Roses have created 12 exceptional Special Cause Roses enabling them to donate over \$200,000 in money and products to the nominated charities. It's Knight's way of giving back to the community.

A commemorative rose in memory of Daniel Morcombe was released in 2014 for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. This rose became relevant and meaningful to consumers nationwide. Social media comments showed a groundswell of support, such as, *"I will be getting one to support this wonderful cause"* and *"the rose is sure to be grown with much love and respect"* and *"what a beautiful way to keep getting the message out there to keep children safe"*.

Knight's Roses is proud to introduce you to their Special Cause Roses which are available for purchase from www.knightsroses.com.au (phone (08) 8523 1311) and selected nurseries. All you need to do is buy a beautiful rose for your garden to help these charities.



Winx - A tribute to the world's best racehorse. This impressive shrub rose is pure white and grows into a compact bush 80cm tall. An excellent groundcover or container plant. This rose has it all – prolific flowering, quick to repeat bloom and healthy foliage. This rose supports the National Jockeys' Trust.



Daniel Morcombe - This magnificent red rose was named to honour Daniel and part proceeds assist the Daniel Morcombe Foundation to create a more secure environment for children. This Hybrid Tea has continuous flowering and performs well in our hot climate. Upright growth to 2m. The flowers last well when used as a cut flower. Gold Medal winner.



Black Caviar - This 1.5m Shrub rose produces clusters of deep burgundy blooms with a lovely vanilla and honey jasmine fragrance. The 'Black Caviar' rose has been a big win for the National Jockeys' Trust which supports jockeys and their families left in hardship.



Always Remember - This internationally acclaimed rose flowers continuously with clusters of yellow blooms on sturdy stems, has a soft spicy fragrance and is easy to grow. It's a 1m x 1m bush with healthy foliage and excellent disease resistance. Part proceeds to the Leukaemia Foundation.



Dolly's Dream - is a very fragrant, burgundy red rose to celebrate the life of Amy "Dolly" Everett. This charming pink rose produces magnificent, large, cup-shaped flowers and repeats well. Proudly supports the Dolly's Dream Foundation to help protect children against bullying.



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Use of Fertigation in Rose Gardens

by Ross Kemp

Fertigation used in home gardens is probably the most efficient and effective way of spreading fertiliser onto your plants, Ross Kemp designed his own fertigation system to stop wastage of pellets.

Benefits of using this system are;

- Fertigation is a system that is able to inject fertiliser in this case Neutrog Sudden Impact for Roses and or other products through the irrigation water.
- Fertiliser applications followed the “watering in” process, allows for a more accurate and uniform approach
- Nutrients are immediately available to the Roses

How does the fertiliser get into the irrigation system? By adding an accessory called a fertigator to the irrigation system that injects liquid fertiliser into the irrigation water prior to delivery to the sprinklers or drippers. Connected to the irrigation main line it treats all irrigation water applied to your Roses. The injector or fertigator can be adjusted to inject at different rates of fertiliser.

A fertigator is basically a venturi. A venturi is a bit like two trumpet horns glued end to end, because it tapers in the middle to a smaller aperture there is a change in pressure meaning a suction effect is caused. By the time it comes out the other horn end the pressure returns to normal. Adding a hole at the narrowest section allows the entry of product.

The finished fertigator was mounted onto a backing board so it's easy to move around the garden using a sack truck.

This fertigator system comprises of mostly plastic 25mm plumbing fittings. Glued to make a loop.

1. An inlet that connects to a garden hose allows mains water into the system
2. A pressure valve to reduce the water pressure to the level of the dripper system and this keeps the water pressure at a constant PSI rate. This stop connections and fittings in the dripper system blowing out and an added safety measure to protect the first couple of roses from getting all the nutrient
3. A T connection either goes to an on/off tap to the fertiliser indicated by the number (2) in the photo
4. An on/off tap to control the volume of water to the irrigation system indicated by the number (1)
5. Tap (2) connects to the venturi tube, the venturi tube is connected to an on/off tap (3)
6. Tap (2) and (3) can be closed to isolate the system and stops back flow back into the twenty-litre drum of diluted product

7. The venturi valve allows product to be sucked into the system
8. The next T connections connects tap (3) to the irrigation system
9. Twenty litre drum has product which has been diluted to 5ml per rose bush that is 100 roses equals 500ml of Neutrog Sudden Impact for Roses to 20 litres of water

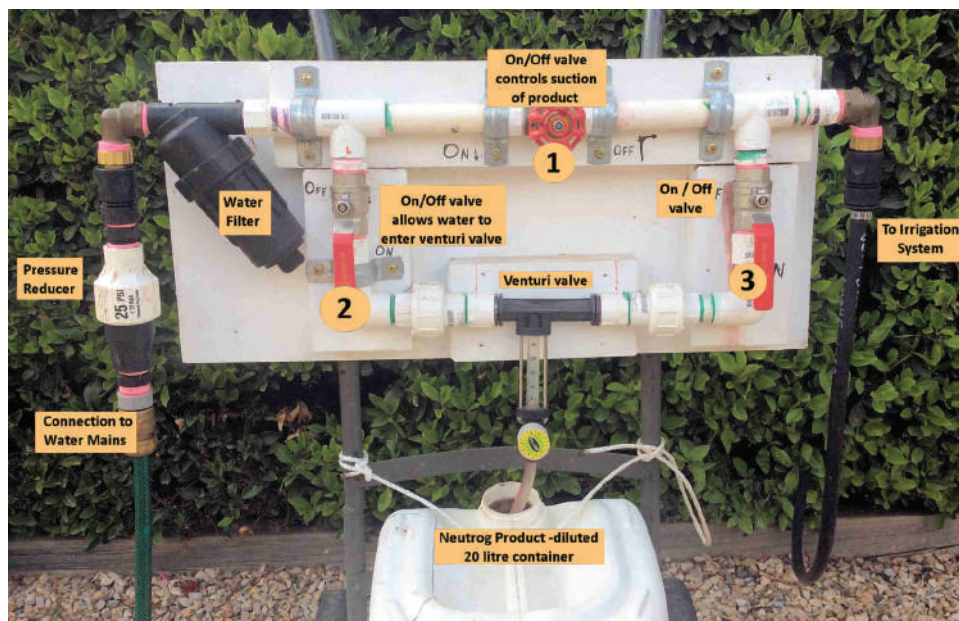
So how does the system work? Mains water is connected via a hose to the fertigator system. Before entering the fertigator the water pressure is reduced and kept to 25 PSI and filtered.

Taps (2 and 3) is turned on and tap (1) controls the amount of suction into the system, allowing more water sucks less nutrient product etc from the drum, turning the volume of water down induces more suction of product from the drum. Tap (2) allows water into the venturi tube which sucks liquid out of the twenty-litre container of product via an 8mm tube. The water with the added product then goes past tap (3) into the irrigation system.

To flush the irrigation system open tap (1) and close taps (2) and (3) mains water goes to the irrigation system and cleans all the pipes of residual product.

People should be cautious about designing and implementing their own system and that products should be diluted in the twenty-litre drum so not to overdose your roses.

However, this is only part of a larger fertilising scheme for this garden. During winter when there is rain about, Ross distributes pellets onto the garden, the rain dissolves the pellets saving water.



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SOUTH EAST BRANCH FEBRUARY 2020 REPORT

by *Ione Saint*

We had a great attendance for our picnic lunch meeting at the historic Petticoat Lane, Penola. The National Trust grounds include four original cottages built from 1850 to 1878. It received its name as in the founding years it was the only lane that had women living in it. The original occupants of Sharam Cottages had 15 children in 25 years. The eminent poets Adam Lindsay Gordon and John Shaw Neilson were also regular visitors to the area. A working herb and vegetable community garden alongside were started 12 years ago and contribute to at least ten percent of the local National Trust income through the sale of surplus produce which helps to maintain the cottages. It is all managed by a team of dedicated volunteers.



Merna & Ralph Zwar attended the SE Branch meeting

Our member Sue Zwar is also a member of the local National Trust and a member of the Heritage Rose Society who realised an opportunity to display roses by creating a heritage rose garden also on the Trust land. Here she has created a stunning display of old pre war hybrid tea roses and China roses. The Heritage Rose Society gave her a grant of \$2,500. In 2016 she sprayed the ground and started planting and edged with red gum sleepers in keeping with the historic era. On the perimeter she has planted a hedge of *Mutabilis*, an old China rose 1894, which she grew from cuttings. It has multi-colour blooms of coppery yellow that change to a pinky crimson. Brian Wagner has been a generous supporter and donated some roses and Sue has grown others from cuttings. It is an evolving garden with self sown annuals adding pretty colour and charm to the beds. It is an absolute credit to Sue Zwar for her dedication and hard work to create this picturesque yet historic garden which adds to the interest and appeal of Petticoat Lane.



Part of this precinct has a superb display off twenty *Spirit of Penola* roses which were bred by esteemed rose breeder George Thomson and donated by the South East Rose Branch to celebrate 150 years of Penola. He bred it in 1970 with a cross from *Maria Callas* and *Eleanor*. It is a good strong healthy plant with large vibrant cerise pink flowers. Sue also gave a talk on the rose *Rosie Cushion*, which she

L-R: Evelynne Bowden, George Thomson & Sue Zwar looking at a rose George bred called 'Spirit of Penola'

had propagated to then give away. It is a light pink with white centre single rose bred in the Netherlands in 1979 and continually has prolific flowers which have no scent growing on a rounded bush of about 120cm.

George Thomson concluded the afternoon with a budding demonstration by budding a ***Mrs David McKee*** rose, which is named after a distant relative to three of our members, onto Dr. Huey rootstock. We were all in awe of George's skill and knowledge.

Our next meeting will be our AGM on Sunday 31st May 2020, 11.30am start and to be held at the William MacIntosh Motor Lodge, in their Highlander Restaurant, 20 Stewart Terrace, Naracoorte. It will be \$35.00 for a two course meal including tea and coffee. Our guest speaker will be George Thomson.



George Thomson demonstrates budding a rose onto rootstock

Roses on Eyre February 2020 Report

by Karen Miels



L-R: Raelene Harradine, Peter Willis, Aileen Scott & Sandy McCallum

Thirty four members from Roses On Eyre met at North Shields (near Port Lincoln) for the February meeting. The coordinator of the newly formed South Australia Bushfire Garden Revival Project spoke to the group about the collection of pots, plantings and distribution of the plants. The project was initially for the Adelaide Hills and Kangaroo Island regions, but Port Lincoln and Yorke

Peninsula will be included as well.

Special guest was RSSA Vice President Aileen Scott who spoke on the forthcoming 2021 World Rose Convention. Aileen also judged the competition.

The gardens have certainly responded to the recent rains!

Competition Winners:

Floribunda, First, ***Playtime***

Full Bloom, First, ***Best Friend***



Section of the competition blooms

CHAFFEY RIVERLAND BRANCH REPORT FEBRUARY 2020

by Shann Hausler



*L-R: Lorna Taylor, Jill Knight, Di Speight,
Shann Hausler, Elaine Schier.*

It is with pleasure Chaffey Rose Club members offer their congratulations to our hard working Treasurer, Jill Knight; who was awarded the Renmark Paringa 2020 Citizen of the Year on Australia Day. The Renmark Rose Festival, Friends of the Renmark Rose Festival, the Renmark Garden Club and the Chaffey Rose Club, were among the many community activities Jill has been involved.

Roses in my garden to constantly be in flower, despite very hot weather are

Shady Lady, Saint Patrick, Iceberg, Pink Iceberg and Burgundy Iceberg.

After our recent Executive and Committee meetings, we are pleased to present to members our program for the year.

3rd, 4th & 5th April

AGM at Hay, NSW. Stay at Cobb Inlander Motel. Car Pool. RSVP to Dale and Shann

9th May Saturday

Sunraysia Garden Club Autumn Flower Show, Irymple Masonic Hall. Car Pool
RSVP to Dale on 24th April 2020

14th June Sunday 12 noon

Soup and Sweets Long Lunch Trading Table and Raffle at Dale's place, Kokoda Ave. RSVP Dale 24th May 2020

19th July Sunday 2 pm

Pruning Demonstration and Working Bee at Renmark Hospital, Philby House gate. Bring gloves, secateurs and a plate of food. RSVP Dale 14th June 2020

1st & 2nd August Saturday & Sunday

Catering for HRIA pruning morning and afternoon teas at Ruston's. Volunteer pruners welcome. RSVP Dale 6th July 2020

11th August Tuesday 6:00 pm

Dinner and Raffle Ticket Selling at Renmark Club RSVP Dale 6th July 2020

13th September Sunday 1:30 pm

Two Monash Garden visits RSVP Dale 24th August 2020

16th – 25th October Renmark Rose Festival

24th October Saturday

CRC stall at Renmark Hospital Fete RSVP Dale 21st September 2020

29th October Thursday - 2nd November Monday

Bus trip to Griffith NSW RSVP to Shann & Dale by 6th April 2020, to establish accommodation and bus size

15th November Sunday 2 pm

Mystery, relaxing social event

4th December Friday 6 pm

Christmas break up at Elly and Anton Webb's on Murtho Road, Paringa BYO platter, wine glass, chair, Kris Kringle to the value of \$10. RSVP Dale 12th November 2020

2020 Citizen of the Year Award

Congratulations to Jill Knight on receiving this years "Citizenship of the Year" award for her voluntary work in the Renmark Paringa and Riverland community.

- Joined the **Chaffey Rose Club** in 1996 holding many positions including Committee member, Vice President and Treasurer.
- **Opened her garden** for many different causes, including the Renmark Rose Festival
- Provide storage for the **distribution of Neutrog products**
- **Renmark Rose Festival Committee** for 18 years, 3 years as Vice Chair and 6 years as Treasurer
- **Friend of the Rose Festival**
- Member of **Renmark Garden Club** Committee since the late 1980's, also holding treasury role
- Convened the rose section of the **Renmark Show**
- **Mothers and Babies** committee member and Treasurer
- **Renmark Pre-School** committee member
- **Renmark Primary School** committee member
- **Renmark Junior Netball** Team Mother
- **Renmark Visitor Centre** volunteer
- **Renmark Tintra Tennis Club** committee member and treasurer
- **Renmark Badminton Club** committee member



***Jill Knight with Renmark Paringa
Lord Mayor Mr Neil Martinson***

Cultural Notes for April, May, June

by Gavin Woods



April is the month in our rose gardens that we work all year towards.

With plants suitably trimmed and fertilised in February, April's cooler days and longer nights sees the best roses of the year produced. It is a time of rose shows, rose displays at nurseries, open gardens and most importantly time to sit back and enjoy our own roses.

Our State Show is normally held over the third weekend in April. Our forebears determined long ago that Adelaide's best roses were produced on the third weekend in October and April respectively. To help your plants reach their potential for April, you will have "summer trimmed" them in February, fertilized heavily at that time and lavished them with water during the following 8 weeks.

Autumn roses are bigger with more intense colour. The downside is that cluster flowered roses (ie Floribundas, Grandifloras, Shrubs, Miniatures etc.) tend to have much smaller clusters of bloom. Most roses of the types that produce small clusters in spring will only generate single stems of bloom in autumn. This unfortunately limits the chances of many varieties on the show bench at this time of the year.

Water shoots will continue to be produced through autumn. These new growths are the life-blood of the rose and should be treated with special reverence. *Water-shoots* come from the bud-union of a grafted plant or from the base of an own-root grown rose and look very different to a *sucker*, which comes from below the bud-union. Water-shoots are usually robust and culminate in a candelabra of bloom. The sucker, if allowed to develop, will exhibit spindly growth with flowers representative of the root-stock rather than the variety that has been grafted. Water-shoots should be staked and protected whereas suckers should be clenched with both hands and ripped from plant followed by ceremonial burning!!

April is the last chance to remove plants that have out-lived their usefulness, time to "Shovel Prune" as the Americans say! Poorly performing varieties should not be tolerated; there are plenty of great roses out there that will meet any need. Remove the plant along with as many roots as can be accessed. You can either then choose to remediate the hole quickly in order to re-plant in winter or use my preferred option of leaving the area empty for 12 months to allow the vagaries of *Rose Replant Disease* to dissipate. Previous *Cultural Notes* has explored this issue; I will not repeat it here.

Water remains the key ingredient in autumn as for every other season of the year. Plants are at their largest; hence the demands for water and nutrition are at their greatest. It is too late to apply granular *Sudden Impact for Roses*. Granular fertiliser at this time of the year will convert to soft growth leading into the winter dormancy at a time when the opposite is desired. This is a time to apply foliar feed, ***Liquid Strike Back for Orchids*** being ideal. Weekly

applications leading up to the autumn flush of bloom will enhance the quality of both blooms and plants. Continue with monthly applications of **Go-Go Juice** both to soil being prepared for planting and to the soil of established beds. As we now know bio-activity of the soil is vital in maintaining the health of our plants. Chemical applications to soils by and large destroy microbes. Earthworms are particularly susceptible to both chemical additives and soil disturbance. Conversely, organic additives in recommended doses do not upset the soil life, rather encouraging their proliferation.

Earthworms are a visual clue indicative of the bio-activity within the soil as unless you have a microscope, you are unlikely to see most of the other "goodies".

"Double Spit" digging was formerly promoted as the standard for preparing new areas of ground. I will let you Google the meaning if unsure suffice to say it involves a LOT of hard work. I have grown dahlias for 44 years and in that time have grown in only 3 different gardens. Dahlias require complete removal of the dormant tubers each winter to allow preparation of the soil for the following season's plants. Formerly lots of digging was involved, rotary hoes were employed to bring the soil to a consistency of powder. This was thought to be ideal. In later years I have rethought this whole process and now I do not deep dig at all. A green crop is dug into the top 10cms of soil or simply cut off at soil level and allowed to break down. Dahlias are planted into the unturned soil with earthworms in abundance. The best dahlia plants and blooms have been produced with this method, the soil integrity is maintained and my back is far better for it! I recently prepared a large bed for perennials (including a few *Hulthemia* roses) over a 12 month period. Importantly all humus and manure was added to the surface of the soil, no digging at all was undertaken. The result now 8 months after planting is remarkable. Large annual and perennial plants are producing masses of bloom for the enjoyment of all who walk or drive past our garden.

Once the autumn flush has finished, deadheading will encourage one last crop of bloom for the year; often in late May to July. There is something special about being able to pick a vase of flowers whilst pruning in July.

Fungal disease will begin to rear its head during the latter stages of autumn. In high risk areas a preventative spray might be required early in April, particularly if exhibiting at our state show. The appearance of fungal disease after this event is hardly worth bothering about. Black Spot and Mildew will invariably abound and the only appearance of Rust for the year will appear on susceptible varieties during May. A good clean up during the winter prune will help eliminate carry over disease, which in my view is preferable to spraying fungicides.

Aphid may return after a period of summer dormancy, the methods of control are many and varied. Pressure applied to two bricks with the aphid strategically placed in-between is my preferred method but plays havoc with



Cultural Notes Continued

both rose buds and fingers! Thrip are thankfully not usually a problem in autumn. Other pests many and varied can be controlled biologically, chemically or simply left to take their share.

Catalogues from the major nurseries make it to our mailboxes in May. Selections, particularly of new varieties should be confirmed early, many popular releases sell out quickly. There is little worse than selecting a prime location for a favoured new rose, only to find in July that it is not available. Glossy colour photographs in catalogues are a lure for the unsuspecting; better to see the rose growing or at least sight blooms from someone growing it in a similar climate. Some roses transcend borders and even countries; others perform better in specific climates. I allow a new rose 3 years to settle and assess, but interestingly often the very first bloom on a new plant will be the best you ever get from it!

Bagged, bare-root roses begin to appear in stores in May. The message is simple **DO NOT BUY THEM!** None of the reputable retail rose specialists forward their products to customers until mid-June. June through to August is the ideal time to plant, with the last week in June being my preferred option. Planting in June allows me to undertake the task prior to the busy time of pruning. It also gives the plants longer in the ground to establish. Most nurseries dig all their roses within a short time frame and whilst when stored correctly by the producer, it makes little difference to the plant produced. I believe it is advantageous to allow the plant to begin root development prior to launching into full top-growth. Water you new bare-root plants daily unless rain is sufficient. The mechanics of removing the growing plant from the nursery field and savaging their roots to a point where shipping is possible is a huge assault on the rose. The fact that ANY roses grow after this is testament to the hardiness of our chosen flower.

June sees the beginning of the end of the rose year. Plants slow down and enter winter dormancy. DO NOT be tempted to prune, wait until the plants are completely dormant in July. Better to spend the time to plan for the coming pruning season, ensure your tools are sharp and ready to go. It is also a great time to broadcast *Seamungus* prior to the winter rains. A soil conditioner which does not stimulate plant growth, *Seamungus* is a vital component of the rose gardens nutritional programme. If applied before the prune it will be broken down and into the soil before pruning and raking your rose garden, being less likely to be removed again with the clean -up.



June is also great time to take a break from the chores of gardening and to dream of the possibilities that more roses will create. I strongly advocate that all this is undertaken with the accompaniment of a glass or two of fine Patrick's wine.



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In addition to the usual outstanding attractions over the weekend, we are working towards having a display table featuring some of the new release roses.

The assistance received from members over the Show weekend is most sincerely appreciated - thank you. I look forward to seeing you there.

Aileen



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Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th November 2020

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A fundraiser for the RSSA

Roses in the Heartland

by Mary Frick

Happy new Year and welcome to 2020.

The last few months for RITH members have been quiet with time to relax after a busy 2019.

The year of 2019 ended with extreme heat conditions and bush fires that destroyed land, homes and gardens over a wide area. Our thoughts are with everyone, especially Rose Society members, family and friends who have been affected by the devastation the fires have caused as they rebuild their lives.

The **Firestar** roses planted along Menge Road have once again put on a magnificent display. A few months ago, because of a large round-a-bout to be built, we were asked to remove a number of plants and transplant them on the other corner of Colorado Vines vineyard along Vine Vale Road. These plants have not looked back, looking very healthy and flowering well.

As I write this report in mid-January the weather is much cooler with 'rain' expected. Ian and I have been planting seeds and seedlings in preparation of having other flowers as well as roses for the bench for the Barossa Rose & Flower Show.

You would have seen in the last edition of the Bulletin the advert for the forth coming Barossa Rose & Flower Show to be held on the 4th and 5th April 2020. The RITH committee are excited to be holding its first ever autumn show which, also for the first time, will also incorporate the Dahlia section.

Further, we are privileged to be staging the show at the award winning Barossa Nursery. Entry into the show is free due to the generosity of Barossa Nursery's Erica and Daniel Bartsch. A local church group will be organizing (and available for purchase) a barbeque and other refreshments (tea, coffee, afternoon tea etc). The nursery is amazing and you can certainly take care of any retail therapy.

Rosie Sherwood will be holding a 'Children's Workshop' on the afternoon of Friday 3rd April at Barossa Nursery at 4.15pm to enable children to prepare their exhibits for the show.

Schedules are available from Barossa Nursery, Nuriootpa, myself or can be downloaded from the RSSA website.

The RITH Pruning Demonstration will be held on Sunday 5th July 2020 at the home of Lyn Williams, 3 Para Road Evanston commencing at 1:00pm until 3:00pm. At the conclusion of the pruning demonstration the RITH 8th AGM will be held. All positions are declared vacant. If you can assist at the BR&FS or becoming a RITH committee member please contact RITH Secretary Sharyn Perrin. For further information Sharyn's details are page 3 of the Bulletin



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- 2020 National Rose Show - Palmerston North
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*'Pride of Palmy' named by Rob Somerfield for 50 years of rose trials in Palmerston North. Its first release will be at the National Show
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Volunteers in the International Rose Garden (IRG), Botanic Gardens, Hackney Road

by Deborah Curtis

Our team has been slowly growing with a few more volunteers joining. We had 20 working on 7th February and clocked up 59.25 hours that Friday morning! We'd love to have a few more volunteers so we get more of the roses deadheaded each week. If you can spare an hour or two once a week, fortnight or month, we'd love to see you.

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 and 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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Written out of history – The ‘Other’ Rose Growers and Gardeners

by Trevor Nottle

South Australia was settled in 1836 and the English settlers were very aware of the importance of establishing fruit and vegetable gardens and planting vines and growing cereals as quickly as possible in this new land, there was no super market around the corner! So, too the German settlers.

Today we still have the original Mulberry tree planted by the English on Kangaroo Island in 1836 by Charles Powell, gardener on the first English settlement ship the 'Duke of York' which is well documented. This happened while the early-bird arrivals awaited the official party in a temporary encampment near Kingscote. Charles Powell, though the official gardener appointed to the new colony, soon found the role dis-satisfying, grew bored and pursued other, more agreeable, work. If we look a little further afield we can find old grapevines, pear, walnut and Johannesbrot trees (St.John's Bread) also known as Carob trees, which were planted by the Old German Colonists who arrived not long after.

By 1838 with the financial support of George Fyfe Angas, the Duttons and other English squires many German migrants arrived in South Australia. The German people who came were mostly familiar with working the land and so very quickly, as they took up farming areas, they started their vegetable gardens with cuttings, tubers and seeds, some had been brought with them or obtained from earlier settlers. Unfortunately, the seed wheat, rye and barley that were transported from the homeland contained plant seeds that often became weeds in their new homeland running wild and we can still see the herbs so vital at the time, growing feral; plants like Fennel, Wormwood, Horehound, and Euphorbia.

Gradually flowers were introduced to their gardens. The German migrant women enjoyed the colour and liked to have Myrtle and roses especially. Marigolds, Hollyhocks and Dandelions were popular, and some could be eaten!

In the 1910 period Adolph Schulz encouraged stands of Carob Trees to be planted in the main street of Tanunda, and other places in the Barossa. The people of the time were grateful that the carob had provided fodder during the great drought that they had experienced.

I write here of some of the German folk that have left us a wonderful gardening heritage.

The first German person in South Australia to be acknowledged as a gardener seems to be Johannes Menge (There is a cartoon sketch of him in W.A. Cawthorne's book "Menge the Mineralogist" written in 1859.)



George Fife Angus
Approximately 1875
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Johannes Menge
1826-1852
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Johannes Menge was born in 1788 in Steinau, Hesse. He came from a poor family, his father Nicholas was a wheelwright. Menge had little formal education but possessed a passion for science and languages. In his early years he travelled throughout Europe, to Iceland and Siberia collecting natural history specimens for wealthy and aristocratic collectors.

He was employed by a lawyer, Carl Cäsar von Leonard to collect mineral specimens but he also gained great knowledge of soils and plants. At Menge's base in Lubeck he met an evangelist, Dr. Geibel, who influenced him in his religious beliefs which were to guide him for the rest of his life. Menge married in 1810 and had 3 sons who later became Anglican missionaries in India.

When his wife died in 1830 he moved to England where he met George Fife Angas who had established the South Australian Company.

Angas employed Menge to check soils collect minerals and identify quarry areas, and water availability, on Kangaroo Island, in the new colony of South Australia and to find a suitable area for the proposed German migrants from Silesia to settle.

Menge had developed some very different and eccentric ideas and he was dismissed from the company later in 1838.

Water was scarce on Kangaroo Island so Menge decided to look elsewhere and finally decided on an area on the main-land owned by George Fife Angas near Jacob's Creek. This area became known as "New Silesia" in what is now the Barossa Valley.

He made his home under a rock overhang in Jacob's creek, on land owned by the Gramp family. This became known to the locals as "Menge's Cave" and can still be seen today.

He energetically established a garden and watered it by diverting water from the creek through channels he dug. He was interested in irrigation and fertilizers. The garden was soon flourishing with fine vegetables. He wrote back to England predicting "the valley would soon flourish with vineyards, orchards and immense fields of corn." Of course, he was proved correct.

When his plants matured, he collected the seeds of his pie melons, watermelons, pumpkins, maize, wheat, barley, oats, onions and other plants which he would give to the newly arrived settlers.

His immense knowledge of Minerals, nature and language earned him the honorary title of "Professor of Mineralogy at the University of Lubeck" in 1821 before he arrived in South Australia. The Colonists usually addressed him as "Professor Menge".

He died at the age of 64 years in Bendigo, Victoria, after walking to the diggings. He was buried at the foot of a quartz hill in 1852. Unfortunately, no one knows exactly where. A hard life had taken its toll. He was an exceptional man.

A less known German botanist was Johann Ludwig Preiss. Preiss was born in 1811 in Herzberg am Harz. He attended University in Hamburg and received a Doctorate. He immigrated to Western Australia arriving at the Swan River Colony on board the Britmart in December 1838 and remained there until 1842 when he travelled to London. During his time in England he became a British Subject.

He collected over 200,000 Flora and Fauna specimens, all meticulously catalogued, which made them very valuable. Although he did not travel to South Australia personally, he was very interested in this state and had numerous specimens sent to him from German correspondents in S.A. When the Perth Government declined to buy part of his collection it was sold to museums around the world. Preiss returned to Herzberg am Harz in 1844 and settled there. He died in 1883.

He is commemorated in the names of about 100 species of plants including plants in the genera *Acacia*, *Allocasuarina*, *Grevillea*, *Hakea*, *Melaleuca*, *Santalum*, *Xanthorrhoea* and *Callitris*. *Callitris preissii* is the beautiful native "pine" tree so familiar to us especially throughout the Flinders Ranges and many other areas of SA, WA and NSW. Commonly known as the Rottnest Island pine, Murray pine, maroong [aboriginal], and slender cypress pine *C. preissii* is widespread. The subspecies *murrayensis* is also called mallee pine.

A better known German gardening family were the Newmans. Carl Vincent NEUMANN and his wife brought their 4 children to South Australia from Bremen in 1844 on the ship *George Washington*. They settled in Hope Valley. In 1850 they acquired 24 acres of land adjoining Black Hill Road, Houghton, SA.

Carl Neumann anglicized the spelling of his name to Newman around this time.

His son Charles, who had been born in Hamburg in 1834, joined the Gold rush to Victoria. He had little success as a digger and came to live with his family in South Australia and, in 1854, acquired the 68 acre section which was named Water Gully because it had a natural spring. He cleared the gully of its heavy timber and laid out a garden and orchard. By 1855 Charles Newman had built a house on his property, situated in what is now the Anstey Hill Conservation Park.

Two years later in 1857 at Trinity Church in Adelaide he married 19 year old Mary Ann Bales, daughter of the licensee of the Tea Tree Gully Inn where she helped her father run the hotel.

Later he bought more land and by 1857 Water Gully had become The Model Nursery and the Newmans had begun to exhibit exotic flowers in floral and horticultural exhibitions in Adelaide. In 1877 at the Jubilee Exhibition his entries won two "First Orders of Merit" - the highest award.

The Model Nursery became the show place of the Colony and visitors came from all over the world. Hothouses had been built by 1870 and Newman had an extensive range of Orchids, some varieties of which he had hybridised himself. He had three shade houses with half height stone walls and a fernery with the largest collection of ferns in the Colony. Sadly, in 1883 a bush fire devastated part of the nursery but recovery was made. There was a wonderful Rosary with over

400 varieties of roses and 90 acres of orchard where he grew his trees by grafting and budding the fruit trees and vines he imported from around the world. Newman also set up a nursery in Western Australia.

Through a family shop in Rundle St. Adelaide he sold his plants and the contents of his extensive catalogues. In the mid Victorian times native plants were not so popular the people preferred the ferns and exotics. Charles Newman and his wife were also very successful florists.

Charles and Mary Ann had 17 children, many were involved with the nurseries and associated businesses.

Mr. Newman was a councillor and Chairman of the District Council of Highercombe for many years. Sadly, in June 1899 Charles Newman was killed in a fall from his horse while riding home from a council meeting. Mary Ann continued to run the business with the help of her 6th son Frederick Newman. Her eldest son ran the Western Australian business.

Disaster struck in October 1913 when a tremendously severe rain storm over Anstey Hill destroyed the Model Nursery. Within 20 minutes 2 inches of rain fell over the gully site creating a flash flood; nearly every pane of glass in the hothouses had been smashed and all of the plants destroyed. Their years of hard work had been washed away. Almost their entire production was lost and many stock plants used for cuttings and budwood were very badly damaged or washed away by the raging torrent of water, mud and tree branches.

The nursery never really recovered from this disaster, and the crumbling remains can be seen by walking in the Anstey Hill Conservation Park. The family kept the nursery and carried on with the floristry side of the business until the death of Mrs Newman in 1932, when Water Gully was sold.

Shifting their operations to a safer, more accessible, commercial position at Tea Tree Gully the Newman family still run the Tea Tree Gully Nursery as a very successful business specialising in camellias, roses and conifers located in a very tranquil, pleasant creek-side setting that stems from a strong German heritage.

In December 1985 Suzanne Mary Hall (nee Newman) retired and the business was divided between her sons. Jon and Dianne kept the Retail sector and began a refurbishment with a master plan to include tea rooms.

Thirty four years later the business is in a transition period with the next generation taking on the challenge.



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