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An exhibit of this Hybrid Tea Rose, bred by Wilhelm JH Kordes II (1891–1976), won Gavin Woods first prize in Class 4 A Grade (Large Flowered Rose) at the Society's 2023 Autumn Rose Show. Its blooms are fragrant and the rose grows to approximately 75cm. *Karl Herbst* was introduced in Australia in 1951. Turn to pages 21-24 for Championship and Trophy winners.



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President's Message

April was a particularly busy month for the Rose Society, beginning with the Barossa Flower & Rose Show and followed by the Autumn Rose Show and People's Choice weekend in the Adelaide Botanic Garden and National Rose Trial Ground of Australia.

We also had a "first": a presence at the *Festival of Flowers*, the giant garden club and gardening event, at Angle Park, in late April. The Society had an information booth on both days of the festival. Many thanks to members who volunteered their time at these events.

In an exciting development, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed by the Board of the Botanic Gardens & State Herbarium and the Rose Society of South Australia (RSSA) in relation to "The *Rosa* living collection in the International Rose Garden (IRG) Precinct".

The Mission Statement of the agreement is: *To work together in partnership to revitalise, interpret and maintain the Rosa living collections in International Rose Garden and National Rose Trial Garden at the Adelaide Botanic Garden.*

The initial revitalisation project that we have seen at the IRG was enabled by the support of the RSSA and the Adelaide Botanic Garden Foundation's Annual Appeal. The MOU will enable the further development of the *Rosa* living collection and help retain the "Award of Garden Excellence" for the IRG into the future. Two committees, an Advisory Committee and Technical Group, with representatives of both organisations, have been established for this purpose.

It has also been gratifying that Leonie Scriven, Deputy Director Living Collections, Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium, nominated the RSSA for a 2023 SA Volunteer Award, in the Community Project Award Category, for its volunteer work in the IRG. IRG Volunteer Coordinator, Deb Curtis, Kelvin Trimper and I attended the Award Ceremony, along with the Garden's Andy Hart and Leonie. Unfortunately, we were not a finalist, but it was great to be recognised as a nominee. The title of Leonie's nomination was "Growing the love of Roses in South Australia".



Please join me in thanking your Council of 22-23, pictured with me here (Gavin Woods absent), at the 2022 Christmas Party.

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As this edition was going to print, arrangements were being finalised for pruning demonstrations at Carrick Hill and Adelaide Botanic Garden in late June. A further demonstration will be held at Evanston (Gawler) on 9 July. Details are on the RSSA website.

Another key date for the diary is the Society's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday, 12th July. I encourage you to consider nominating to serve on Council for the coming year. Our Council meetings are held bi-monthly and conducted mainly by Zoom. Please contact the Secretary, John Humphries, prior to the AGM.

The National Rose Society of Australia's National Rose Championships and AGM will be held in Perth from the 20th October. If you would like a registration form, please email president.rssa@gmail.com Coming World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) events include; a Regional Convention in Sweden in 2024, and the 20th World Convention in 2025, in Japan.

Our global sponsorship agreement with FELCO will greatly assist the WFRS. The company is a worldwide leader in the production of high precision professional secateurs and pruning tools. FELCO will be our guests at the RSSA AGM in July.

Please continue to support our mutually positive relationship of over 20 years with Neutrog and its significant benefit to the Society and its members.

I wish to thank members and councillors for their support during the past year, and I would like to particularly acknowledge those Councillors who are not seeking re-election for their dedication to the Society.



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Annual General Meeting

6.30pm

Wednesday, 12th July 2023

Goodman Building lecture room, Hackney Road, adjacent to the State Herbarium and International Road Garden in the Adelaide Botanic Garden. Ample free parking is available.

Business of the meeting will be as outlined by Secretary of The Rose Society of South Australia Inc., John Humphries, in the April, May, June 2023 edition of the Society's *Bulletin*.

The meeting will be followed by supper.

Nominations for RSSA's Council still open

Your Society needs you—can you lend a hand?

There's arguably no better way to learn about and contribute to a society than by joining its governing body. This also gives you opportunities to express the views of members and offer your life and sometimes professional skills to operations and some of the activities of the Society.

Like that of all societies and clubs, a willingness to play a part in the governing body is vital to the long-term sustainability of the society. This is the case with RSSA as some Council members are retiring this July.

You are urged to consider if you can help, but remember that your nomination must be received by the Secretary before the Annual General Meeting.

Please contact: President Diane vom Berg, phone 0416 073 957, or email president.rssa@gmail.com; or Secretary, John Humphries, phone 0478 107 260, or email rssasecretary@gmail.com, to discuss any details or questions you may have about serving members.

The rose: its fruits and its multiple uses

May Member's Meeting

By Paul Flavel

Rose hip/hep jam on toast! If that doesn't surprise you, perhaps a tincture concocted from the roots of a dog rose to treat rabies would?

Each were among examples of the many uses of roses—some of them extraordinary—covered by Kelvin Trimper AM at the Society's May Members' Meeting.



Kelvin and Melanie Trimper with new member Arisa Matsuura

Although stepping in at the last minute when the scheduled speaker could not attend, Kelvin seemed to enthral even the most seasoned of members with a presentation on the multiple uses of the rose and its fruit; with complementary dashes of history and a little botany to provide context. One important “take away” from the latter was that because of the close relationship between the 2500 species in the plant family ROSACEAE—of which there are four sub-families including Amygdaloideae, Maloideae, Spiraeoideae and Rosoideae—roses carry diseases that can be passed onto the broader agriculture sector.

In a night that was “high on my learning curve”, and those of many others judging by the enthusiastic discussion and questions, Kelvin's presentation covered the use of the rose, its blooms, and its hips/heps over 2000 years. We learnt such facts that over that time, roses have been used in Southern Europe and the Middle East to scent water, and they have symbolised good fortune and happiness in China. Roses also flavour drinks, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic, including teas. They are used in salads, biscuits, confectionery and sweets, perfumes and cosmetics.

We also learnt of power-packed rose hips/heps, with high Vitamin C content, the antioxidant and antimicrobial characteristic of extracts, and seed, oil-rich in Essential Fatty Acids, making them popular in “recipes” for skin care products.



However, it was possibly the medicinal uses of roses and their hips/heps that I found most intriguing. The garden beauty has been used for centuries, in many cultures, for treating diarrhoea, menstrual pain and even to encourage lactation.



In Roman times, there were apparently 30 odd medicines that treated illnesses such as stomach and bladder disorders, eye diseases and get this, even cured hangovers—what a wonder of a plant!

In the Middle Ages, the rose was grown in church yards because the religious monks used parts of the rose to treat illnesses. The roots of the dog rose controlled rabies. In the modern era, components are used as an anti-inflammatory to treat such conditions as arthritis, diabetes, or for boils, gastritis, and coughs. In the present era, in China, there are hundreds of medical researchers using roses and its products as a basis of cancer treatments.

The use of rose products and the knowledge of how to use the products has spread as far as China, Japan, Middle East, Southern Europe, Scandinavian countries and the Americas.

If you get a chance to hear Kelvin on the topic—enjoy! You won't be disappointed.

Meeting competition winners were Les Johnson, Joy Johnson and Corina Gul.

Thank you to Joy Johnson and Diane vom Berg for providing supper.

Welcome to our new Members

Steven and Gillian Skinner, Aberfoyle Park	Christine Gowling, Highbury
Tandara Lodge of Penola, Penola	Arisa Matsuura, North Adelaide
Peter Kobelt, St Peters	Margaret Underwood, Tanunda
Susan Hurst, Strathalbyn	Ella Baker, Gawler
Judith Berno, Craigmore	Philip and Sally Farmer, Nuriootpa
Lyndal Ellis and Kevin Solly, Reynella	Julie Brook Smith, Beaumont
	Anne Brooks, Cheltenham

Tell us what you think of the Society's Bulletin

The Rose Society of South Australia's *Bulletin* has evolved over time, to meet changing needs and take advantage of new production technologies, and now we want to learn from you about how you would like it to develop further.



Cast your mind back to previous editions of the *Bulletin*. What did you like or dislike eg the Christmas dinner picture collages?

The type of story content, structure of the publication, nature and treatment of pictures, in fact comment on just about anything about the direction you would like to see your club publication take, is welcomed. It's just as important for you to tell us if you are happy with the *Bulletin* just as it is.

The only practical way of gathering the information we need is to urge you to address a simple survey. Participation is anonymous if you wish. Every comment and suggestion will be recorded and shared with the President. A broad summary, with a sample of comments, will be tabled at a Society Council meeting.

Please answer questions 1 and 2 and address at least one of questions 3 to 6.

1. How long have you been a member? Please tick one.
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Yes ☐ No ☐
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5. What would you like to see and read in the Bulletin?
6. Any other suggestions or comments you would like to make?

There are a number of ways you can provide your answers:

- Email your responses to the Bulletin Editor, Celia Painter, bulletinrssa@gmail.com
- Post your responses to Celia Painter, Bulletin Editor, 86 Grevillea Way, Woodside SA 5244.
- Phone Celia on 0407 557 337 and ask for a survey form to be posted to you.

The survey ends 9 September, 2023. Those who take part in the survey (who provide their name) will go in a draw for a bottle of *Celebrating the Rose* wine.



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The bubbles flowed to "Baptise" *Amber's Gift*

The Mary Frick bred *Amber's Gift*, the new Floribunda that will benefit Australian Lions Hearing Dogs (ALHD), was officially "Baptised" with a gentle "waterfall" of classic *Pommery* French Champagne at the 2023 Barossa Rose and Flower Show.

The cascade, made possible by the donation of the exotic "bubbles" from Sharyn Perrin, is a name-giving ritual common in Europe, witnessed many a time at World Federation of Rose Societies Rose Conventions but rarely done in Australia.

Volunteer Treasurer of ALHD, Megan Butler, who attended the ceremony, told guests of the vital role the charity plays for the deaf, hard-of-hearing, and increasingly, those with diabetes.

ALHD trains specially selected puppies to support these people, keep them safe and live independently. These

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Roses in the Heartland President, Mary Frick, and Australian Lions Hearing Dog Treasurer, Megan Butler, do the honours to name the new Floribunda *Amber's Gift*.

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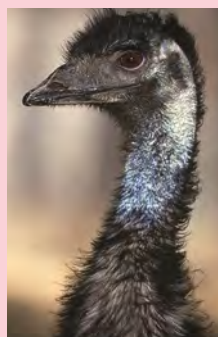
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Amber's Gift named in style in the Barossa

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highly skilled assistance dogs are then provided to recipients free of charge, yet the organisation receives no government funding.

Megan also explained the need to find foster parents for the puppies as they set about training. The hard part is handing these puppies back when the time comes for the puppies to start their “real work”. The ‘star’ who accompanied Megan was



Amber's Gift

six-month-old foster puppy *Pansy*.

Without further ado, Sharyn Perrin then ‘popped the cork’, Malcolm Watson filled the champagne glasses and Megan and Mary poured the champers over a bush of **Amber's Gift**—named after the first Lions Hearing dog—much to the delight of show goers.

Amber's Gift won a Bronze Medal and the Davis Trophy for the Best Australian Bred Rose of the Trial in the National Rose Trial Garden of Australia in 2022. The rose has been donated to ALHD as a fund-raiser.

Amber's Gift grows upright to two metres. It has near black buds that open to mulberry-coloured blooms that fade to mauve. It has a moderately



Australian Lions Hearing dog Pansy won hearts at the Christening of the new Floribunda, Amber's Gift.

sweet fragrance and 15-18 petals. **Amber's Gift** is repeat flowering with clusters of 6-8 blooms per head. The bees love it!

Amber's Gift can be ordered from Wagners Rose Nursery now by phoning 08 8739 3321 or order the Floribunda online at www.wagnersrosenursery.com.au



For more on the Barossa Rose & Flower Show, see Roses in the Heartland's report on pages 38 and 39.

The Society "flew its flag" at a milestone Show

Mt Barker's 150th Show saw The Rose Society of South Australia mount a colourful display of competition blooms despite there being only five exhibitors.

The judges were Gwen Moxham and Penelope Schulz, and steward was Celia Painter.

Gavin Woods won the Champion of the Show (classes 1-30) with a bunch of ***Fire and Ice***. First-time exhibitor, Celia Painter, won Champion of Classes 18-30 with ***Gold Medal*** and ***Elina***.

Celia cited country shows as great opportunities for new or relatively inexperienced exhibitors to "cut their teeth" on preparing roses for the show bench. We hope other "newcomers" will follow suit at Mt Barker and other country shows in the future.

The Mt Barker Autumn Championship was won by Merv & Wendy Trimper, with five exhibits—***Coeur de Neige***, ***Abraham Darby***, ***Red Cascade***, ***Marilyn Monroe*** and ***Merry Maker***.

Prize money was kindly donated by the Society and Gavin Woods.

Thank you to Penelope Schulz, Mary and Ian Frick, Celia Painter and Gavin Woods who generously spent time setting up, answering questions from the public, or packing down at the end of the day.

Wendy & Merv Trimper
Coordinators of the Show

Image—Wendy and Merv Trimper's *Coeur de Neige* (L) behind *Abraham Darby*; *Red Cascade* (R) behind *Marilyn Monroe* and *Merry Maker*.



Champion of Show Classes, *Fire & Ice*, won by Gavin Woods



Diane's love affair with roses goes global 1/3

By Celia Painter

When the 2022–2023 President of Rose Society of South Australia, Diane vom Berg, puts up the blinds of her Clarence Gardens each morning, she cannot help but think “WOW”. A “picture” of colour and form from roses fills her view. And if new buds are opening, it’s even better.

It’s a scene, a garden, that Diane said she could never have imagined before she became captivated by roses about 20 years ago at a garden show at Veale Gardens. It was the grace, subtle hues and intricacies of the “Austins” that won her over.



SA's Diane vom Berg with President of the Chinese Rose Society, Zhang Zuoshuhang, during a recent visit to China.

Fast forward a couple of decades, and Diane is well into the first year of her Presidency of the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) and about to pull the blinds down on the last of three consecutive years of her Presidency with the Rose Society of South Australia. She will continue on Council as Past President, and is as dedicated to SA as ever, and that’s our cue to say “WOW”.

During her time as SA’s President, Diane has shared celebrations with members from the regions and across the seas, undertaken innumerable meetings with partners of the Society, represented members and hosted dignitaries on our behalf, and had countless conversations, with a countless number of people, about all things roses. As President, she also lead the Society through COVID—instituting Zoom meetings with the Society’s Council that helped keep the organisation operating while many community organisations floundered—and at the same time forged forward to garner the support of many to stage the World Rose Convention in 2022, to say nothing about tending to many of the logistics.

With a cheery disposition and quiet resolve, Diane has also juggled the many competing priorities and diverse opinions of the many hundreds of members of the Society. Her dedication to sharing and promoting the rose, and simply her love of the rose, have been the driving forces of this balancing act.

It’s quite a digression from the path she had been on. Diane grew up in Adelaide’s suburbs, in a home with a typical 1960’s front garden with a patch of lawn and strip of roses. Hers was a sporting family, her dad a tennis coach, and Diane was



Pictured at the presentation of a WFRS Award of Garden of Excellence Presentation to Shanghai Chenshan Botanical Gardens: Zhang Zuoshuang, President Chinese Rose Society; Diane vom Berg, President WFRS; Ji Qin, President of Shanghai Chenshan Botanical Garden; Helga Brichet, President Emeritus WFRS; Hu Yonghong, Director of Shanghai Chenshan Botanical Garden; and Shiwei Zhao -Vice President WFRS Far East.



Multiple grafts of different cultivars and Chinese ingenuity with Bonsai captured Diane vom Berg's attention when visiting Nangyang, a city of roses, in China.

encouraged to play tennis and join the club committee as soon as she was old enough to contribute to operations. Volunteering was clearly in the family's blood.

Upon marrying and having her own family, Diane had a garden with about 20 roses, before visiting that fateful garden show at Veale Gardens. A friend then suggested she join the Society in 2001 and after attending one of the Society's first roses shows, she was really bitten by "the rose bug", growing more and more roses, exhibiting and becoming immersed in the Society's many activities.

In 2005, Diane was elected to Council, and as part of her involvement supported the Planning Committee of the very successful 2008 Adelaide Regional Convention. During that time, she commenced as an Assessor for the National Rose Trial Garden of Australia and continues in that role today.

In 2009, Diane also took up the reigns as Council Vice-President, serving in the position until her election as President in 2020.

Her involvement in the many different aspects of the Society, from helping to organise meeting suppers to representing us nationally, saw her honoured with Life Membership in 2019. Yet there was still even more to do. Among her many rose activities, she completed the Judges Training School and was endorsed as an Accredited Rose Judge in 2021.

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Diane's love affair with roses goes global 3/3

Diane's love of roses has also extended beyond the local Society activities. She has attended many National Rose Society of Australia Annual General Meetings as a State Delegate or as an Observer. In 2012, she was elected as Treasurer of the WFRS and held that position until October 2012 when she became President of the WFRS; a position that, just like that of her garden today, she could never had imagined holding when she was a young mum.

Says Diane of her Presidency: "It's exciting. The rose is the world's favourite flower. It's beauty and its fragrance give people pleasure and brings them together. As President, I'm looking forward to working with the Executive and Standing Committees, attending Conventions and events, participating in international rose trials, engaging with member countries and seeking mutually beneficial sponsorships. I'm particularly interested in the areas of education and promotion and exploring how we can develop these to meet the needs of a changing world."

In her capacity as WFRS President, Diane has already visited Nanyang, in the Henan Province in Central China, building upon a record of rose related travel which "took flight" once her children had left school.

"I always said I would never attend a convention until the children had left school, but then I was off and out the door," she chuckles. "I haven't stopped since. Conventions are wonderful. You meet and get to know people from all over the world, share experiences and get to see so many places, including special gardens that are often not open to the public."

Diane is very quick to assure that her local focus will not wain: "It's just so important that we continue our work as a Society," she says. "We are the biggest rose society in Australia, and we have a great deal to be proud of. However, we do have significant challenges—like getting volunteers to help stage events and promotions. This is not unique to our Society, but unlike some, we must persevere and find ways to engage and support each other because roses bring so much joy to people."

A promotional banner for the National Rose Society of Australia 2023 Championships and Conference. The background is a vibrant red rose. On the left is the National Rose Society of Australia logo, featuring a white rose in a circular frame with the text 'NATIONAL ROSE SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA INC.' around it. On the right is the Western Australian Rose Society logo, featuring a yellow rose in a circular frame with the text 'WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ROSE SOCIETY' around it. The text on the banner reads: 'National Rose Society of Australia', '2023 Championships and Conference', 'Friday 20 October to Sunday 22 October', 'Hosted in South Perth by', 'The Rose Society of Western Australia', and 'Details: rosesocietywa.au Upcoming Events'.

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People's Choice competition a family affair 1/2



Roses in the garden inspired Jaedyn, pictured here with mum, Yolanda, and Lahni and Evie, to want to know more about roses and the RSSA.

Young and old turned out for the 2023 People's Choice weekend at the National Rose Trial Garden of Australia, located in the Adelaide Botanic Garden, on April 15 and 16.

Families, grandparents with grandchildren, small groups of friends and many individuals came along to judge roses in trial.

Over 640 people selected their top five roses from those cultivars in flower from the second year of the trial.

The most popular roses selected by the



The National Trial Garden of Australia was, at times, a picture of serenity and contemplation as people made their selections.



Link Chen had a quiet little ramble amongst the blooms, stopping to smell roses that absorbed his attention.



Joy Owen and Amanda Portus found selection challenging but loved the chance to do so at the People's Choice weekend.

People's Choice competition a family affair 2/2



public were numbers 21, 9, 12, 19 and 18. The winning cultivar was a red hybrid tea rose bred by Rosen Tantau in Germany. It was entered into the trial by Knight's Roses from Gawler. The rose is yet to be named in Australia.

The winner of the prize supplied by Neutrog, Garden Grove Nursery, RIAUS and the Rose Society of South Australia selected the top five roses in correct order and is from Woodville South.

Thank you to our sponsors and all the volunteers who assisted over the weekend.

Merv Trimper
NRTGA Coordinator

Picture of winning rose by Les Johnson



John Davis, Pam Kelly, Chris Kelly and Merv Trimper assisted members of the public to vote and gave a few of them a seat.



Sharyn Perrin, Deb Curtis, Joy Johnson and Ros Davis were among volunteers who welcomed and assisted voters.



Improved access to Autumn Rose Show 1/4



The table of Championship winners at the 2023 Autumn Rose Show.

The ability to drive into the Botanic Gardens to deliver roses close to the door of the Noel Lothian Hall proved popular with exhibitors at the Society's 2023 Autumn Rose Show. Feedback about the "one-at-a-time" practice will result in it being considered for the Society's rose shows in the future.

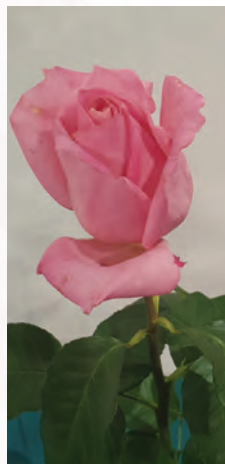
The Show attracted 180 entries and delighted visitors. One, examining the Grand Champion Exhibit, exclaimed the trophy—the resilvered and repurposed former Women's Weekly Trophy—was so impressive that it could be given at Wimbledon! It was "first" awarded in Spring 2022 to Gavin Woods who also won it at the 2023 Autumn Rose show.



Grand Champion Exhibit, *Bride's Bouquet*, Gavin Woods, (A Grade Bunch/Bowl).



C Grade Champion Shrub Rose, *William Christie*, Ross and Jill Kemp.



C Grade Champion Decorative Rose, *Princess Margaret*, Ross and Jill Kemp.



Judges Kelvin Trimper, Les Johnson and Diane vom Berg.



Judges Gwen Moxham, Gavin Woods and Penelope Schulz.

Show brought dashes of colour to grey days 2/4



A Grade Champion Floral Arrangement
(theme Roses in a Trough),
Joy Johnson.



A Grade Champion Miniature or Miniflora
Rose, *Magic Show*,
Gavin Woods.

Congratulations to the Championship winners of the

CHAMPIONSHIP	WINNER	VARIETIES
Open SA State Autumn Rose Championship	Gavin Woods	Irresistible, Playgirl, Silver Lining, Let's Celebrate, Orange Triumph, Dame Elizabeth Murdoch
B Grade SA Intermediate Autumn Rose Championship	Les Johnson	Aussie Magic, Rebel, Vista, Fairy Queen, Black Beauty
SA State C Grade Autumn Rose Championship	Ross and Jill Kemp	Red Gem, Princess Margaret, William Christie, Shirley's Rose
A Grade Champion Exhibition Rose	Gavin Woods	Silver Lining
A Grade Champion Decorative Rose	Gavin Woods	Let's Celebrate
B Grade Champion Decorative Rose	Les Johnson	Black Beauty
C Grade Champion Decorative Rose	Ross & Jill Kemp	Princess Margaret
A Grade Champion Full Bloom Rose	Gavin Woods	Falling In Love
B Grade Champion Full Bloom Rose	Jen McCormick	Marilyn Monroe
C Grade Champion Full Bloom Rose	Joy Johnson	Queen Adelaide
A Grade Champion Shrub or Polyantha Rose	Gavin Woods	Sally Holmes
B Grade Champion Shrub or Polyantha Rose	Les Johnson	Rodhatte
C Grade Champion Shrub Rose	Ross & Jill Kemp	William Christie



B Grade Champion Bunch of Roses, *Madam President*, Jen McCormick



B Grade Champion Miniature or Miniflora, *Hula Girl*, Les Johnson



C Grade Class 25 winner, *Bordeaux*, new exhibitor, Shahid Gul

e Rose Society's colourful 2023 Autumn Rose Show

CHAMPIONSHIP	WINNER	VARIETIES
A Grade Champion Floribunda Rose	Gavin Woods	Playgirl
B Grade Champion Floribunda Rose	Penelope Schulz	Lacy Parasol
C Grade Champion Floribunda or Miniature Rose	Jen McCormick	Madam President
A Grade Champion Miniature or Miniflora Rose	Gavin Woods	Magic Show
B Grade Champion Miniature or Miniflora Rose	Les Johnson	Hula Girl
A Grade Champion Bunch/Bowl of Roses	Gavin Woods	Bride's Bouquet
B Grade Champion Bunch of Roses	Jen McCormick	Madam President
A Grade Champion Three Stems/Cuts Exhibit	Gavin Woods	Irresistible
B Grade Champion Three Stems/Cuts	Les Johnson	Joyce Abounding, Dreamtime, Stacy Sue
A Grade Champion Floral Arrangement	Joy Johnson	
B Grade Champion Floral Arrangement	Penelope Schulz	
C Grade Champion Floral Arrangement	Sharyn Perrin	
Open Grand Champion Floral Arrangement	Joy Johnson	

2023 Autumn Rose Show Trophy winners 4/4

NRSA Medallion	Winner of SA State Rose Championship	Gavin Woods
Grand Champion of the Show	Champion of Cut Flower Champions	Gavin Woods
The President's Trophy	Most successful exhibitor	Gavin Woods
H Charles Thomas Memorial Trophy	Winner of State Autumn Rose Championship	Gavin Woods
Allan Campbell Trophy	Best Champion Exhibition Rose	Gavin Woods
Christine Michell Cup	Best Champion Decorative Rose	Gavin Woods
Jack Moule Memorial Trophy	Champion Miniature Rose, single stem or cut	Gavin Woods
Eric and Myrtle Trimper Trophy	Best Champion Floribunda or Grandiflora, cut or stem	Gavin Woods
The Royal National Rose Trophy No 1	Most successful B Grade exhibitor of cut	Les Johnson
The Royal National Rose Trophy No 2	Best Champion any other type	Gavin Woods
Oliver Travel Trophy	Best exhibit in the SA State Intermediae Rose Championship class	Les Johnson
WH Ifould Trophy	Best C Grade Exhibitor in SA State C Grade Rose Championship	Ross and Jill Kemp
Women's Weekly Trophy	Grand Champion of Cut Flowers	Gavin Woods
David Ruston Perpetual Trophy	Grand Champion of Floral Arrangement	Joy Johnson
A Grade Floral Arrangement Trophy	Champion A Grade Floral Arrangement	Joy Johnson
B Grade Floral Arrangement Trophy	Champion B Grade Floral Arrangement	Penelope Schulz
C Grade Floral Arrangement	Champion C Grade Floral Arrangement	Sharyn Perrin

Rose of the Month

April—*Comte de Chambord*, Portland

This rose was named to honour Henri, the Comte de Chambord (1820–1883), a French king by divine right and the Head of the House of Bourbon. He remained un-throned to the end of his life and was the last legitimate descendant of Louis XV of France in the male line.

Comte de Chambord is a charming Portland rose with true Old Rose character, bred by Moreau-Robert, in France, in 1863.

The classic French old-fashioned blooms are attractive pink-lilac, large and full—up to 55 petals—and sometimes quartered, with a lovely strong damask fragrance. It is similar to its offspring, ***Gertrude Jekyll***.



The strong upright bush is a manageable size growing to 1.5m tall and 1.2m wide with healthy green foliage and thorny stems. Its flowers, foliage and growth habit make it a very attractive plant for garden displays, a herbaceous border or in a container.

The bush has repeat flowering ability throughout Spring or summer months with scattered later blooms. This rose blooms the best during cooler weather.

The world's favourite roses are chosen by popular vote by the World Federation of Rose Societies' member countries and announced at World Rose Conventions. ***Comte de Chambord*** was the Old Rose Hall of Fame winner in 2022.

Comte de Chambord now joins the previous 12 Old Rose Hall of Fame inductees



<https://www.worldrose.org/hall-of-fame> on the Federation's website.

This rose is available for order from Wagner's Rose Nursery website at

www.wagnersrosenursery.com.au

Text: Melanie Trimper

Images: Margaret Furness

Rose of the Month

May—*Transplant Australia's Thank You Rose*, Floribunda (KORvodacom)

Transplant Australia's Thank You Rose was bred by Kordes in 1999 and introduced in Australia in 2012.

This impressive floribunda has been named for Transplant Australia as a fundraising rose and a symbol of gratitude. It is ideally suited for any occasion when the words “thank you” are not enough. An award-winning rose, it features clusters of fully double blooms in a rich mauve colour, enhanced by a delicate fragrance.



This rose is suitable as a cut flower and it repeats flowers throughout the season, producing masses of blooms to enjoy. The well-rounded bush grows to approximately 1.2m tall and 1.5m wide with healthy dark green foliage and good disease tolerance.

Part proceeds from the sale of the rose go to Transplant Australia to support those awaiting a transplant

on their journey back to health, as well as donors and their families. For more information on Transplant Australia <https://transplant.org.au>

This popular rose is available from Knight's Roses (bush, patio rose or standard rose), Wagner's Rose Nursery, Garden Express, Treloar Roses and rosesalesonline.com.au

Awards:

Best Floribunda In Trial—National Rose Trial Garden of Australia, Adelaide, 2011

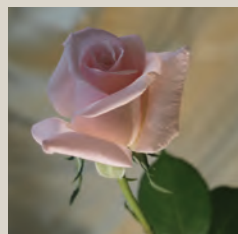
Silver Medal—National Rose Trial Garden of Australia, Adelaide, 2011

Text: Melanie Trimper

Photo: Benedetta Rusconi © Wagner's Rose Nursery

*"A single rose can be
my garden . . . a single friend,
my world"*

Leo Boscaglia (1924–1998)



Rose of the Month

June—*The Golden Child*, Floribunda (Wekjunjuc)

This award-winning rose was bred by Christian Bedard in the US before 2009 and was introduced in Australia by Swane's Nursery in 2014 as ***The Golden Child***. It was also released in the US under the name ***Sparkle & Shine*** and has won awards around the world.

This beautiful, vibrant, canary yellow Floribunda produces clusters of long-lasting ruffled blooms (26-40 petals) with an attractive anise and apple scent.

Deadheading is recommended to encourage quick repeat flowering throughout the growing season. Blooms hold their golden colour well during the season and they can be used as a cut flower.

The bush is well-rounded and upright with healthy, glossy, leathery foliage and excellent disease tolerance, growing to approximately 1.2m tall and 1.7m wide.

The Golden Child is ideal for many landscaping situations and can be used for beds, borders or as a container plant. To make a wonderful floral display, plant a number of bushes approximately 1m apart. As a 90cm standard, it makes a great feature plant, adding height to the garden.

The Golden Child is available from Wagner's Rose Nursery (bare rooted bush, 60cm patio standard and 90cm standard rose), Swane's Nurseries and rosesalesonline.com.au

Awards:

Australia's Rose of the Year—National Rose Trial Garden of Australia, Adelaide, 2013

Gold Medal—National Rose Trial Garden of Australia, Adelaide, 2013

Gold Medal, Rose Hills International Rose Trial, US, 2014

Best in Trial & Best Floribunda Rose—Portland Rose Trial, US, 2013

Text and Photos: Melanie Trimper



Essentials for rose growing success 1/4

Rose growing culture notes for Winter in South Australia

With Kelvin Trimper AM

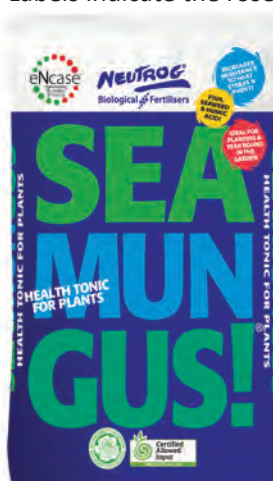
For rose enthusiasts, Winter involves planting new roses, pruning existing roses, removing cuttings and old foliage, and applying a Winter spray, Seamungus and a good quality mulch which serves many purposes.

Watering: have a break but don't forget pots and new plantings

This is the only period in the year when rainfall usually exceeds evaporation. Therefore, there is no need to water our roses. There are two exceptions: roses growing in pots and when planting bare-root roses. Check pots and water weekly.

Planting new roses or transplanting a rose

Plant roses in June, July or early August. Allow ample space around each rose. Labels indicate the rose size.



Recommended by RSSA

Choose an area that receives at least five to six hours of sunlight daily and is free of tree/shrub root competition. Full sun is recommended. If it is a bare-root rose, remove it from its bag, shake off any sawdust and soak it in a bucket of water for at least six hours or overnight. You can add either 20mls of Neutrog **Liquid Seamungus** or Neutrog **GoGo Juice** to the water. If the new rose has been established in a pot, there is no need to shake the soil off prior to planting.

Dig a square hole measuring at least 30cm square and deep. Place a small handful of Neutrog **Seamungus** pellets in the hole and cover with 2cm of soil. Trim or remove any broken or damaged roots. Broken roots can result in suckers (root stock) which can rapidly dominate. Position the rose in the hole so that the bud union (woody knob) is approx. 2 cm above the natural soil level. Ensure you observe where the roots fan out from the base of the plant. Remove the plant label from the plant as the tie can “strangle” a plant as it grows.

Remove the plant and create a mound—inverted cone of soil—in the hole, so when you place the rose back into the hole, at the correct depth, the base of the rose stem rests on top of the mound and its roots “fan out” evenly from the shank of the plant. Back fill the hole to approximately half-full and fill the hole with a bucket of water. Gently wriggle the rose to remove air pockets. Wait until the water drains away and backfill the hole to the natural soil level. The height at which the

Essentials for Rose growing success 2/4

rose is planted is important. The bud union should be 1–2cm above ground level. Roses need six to eight weeks to become established. Therefore, it is essential to not let the soil dry out completely.

Transplanting can be done easily until the rose is about 10 years old. Use a sharp shovel and dig all around the rose at approximately 30cm out from the base to a spade's depth (approximately 30cm). Remove the rose and shake off all soil. Reduce the top of the plant by at least 75%, leaving three or four canes about 60cm long. Remove any broken or damaged roots. Soak the roots in a tub with **Liquid Seamungus** for at least 12 hours. Replant as per instructions above.



Start with quality secateurs and good gloves, preferably gauntlets.

When planting a standard or weeping rose, ensure the support (stake or hoop) is placed in the ground prior to planting. The rose should be tied with stocking or cloth ties. Don't use non-flexible ties as the stem needs to grow.

Rose pruning: stand back, look and think about structure

July is rose pruning time! Start with climbing roses, followed by bush roses. Pruning is not difficult if you use the right equipment and follow a few simple rules. Avoid the temptation to prune too early.

Wear all leather gloves—preferably gauntlets. You will need high quality bi-pass secateurs (like Felco), good quality loppers and a pruning saw. Make sure your tools are sharp. A pruning saw is ideal for cuts over 2½ cm and for removing old canes.

For a **bush rose**, focus on the bottom half of the plant. Ideally, retain strong and healthy, young canes, and remove all dead wood and weak twiggy branches. If sufficient new canes have grown from the base (water shoots), then remove old canes from the base. Also, remove canes crossing over into the centre of the plant. Ultimately, the bush should resemble a cup shape. The outer rim canes should be reduced to 1/3 to ½ of their original height and cut to 3mm above an outwardly facing bud (eye). Remove all leaves.

For **climbers or pillars**, the plant almost “tells you” what to do. First, look at the base of the plant. If it has performed well, there will be a number of new canes (still green with no side shoots) from the base. These will provide the best flowers in the Spring. Therefore, do not remove these.

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Secondly, move up from the base of the plant, following older canes—left following the previous years' pruning. Some will have strong new canes emerging partially along the old stem. Others will only have short stems all along the cane. These would have produced the flowers during the previous year. Determine how



Pruned in mid-Winter. Fresh growth in August.

Moonlight



Post pruning in October.

many stems you require. As a guide most climbers need at least 12 canes to wrap six canes onto a trellis on each side of the plant.

For a Pillar Rose, leave approximately six to eight canes growing from the base. Wrap them onto the pillar, half clockwise and the other half anti-clockwise and tie on.

For beginners, contact the **Rose Society** and attend one of the Society's local **Rose Pruning Demonstrations** and see experts at work.

Pests and Diseases: act now as prevention is best

Winter is a great time to control pests and diseases. This is done after rose pruning when leaves and cuttings have been removed. Fungal spores and eggs will be present on the bare stems, especially in cracks and crevasses. They are also on the ground under plants. As such, they can readily be treated with Winter dormancy sprays, for example oil sprays or Lime Sulphur. Copper Oxy Chloride sprays can also be used; however, these can be detrimental to worms. A Winter spray will ensure significantly reduced problems in Spring.

Fertilising: think of the soil first

Roses are not actively growing in Winter and do not require feeding. However, after pruning is completed and the ground has been cleaned up, roses benefit from

Essentials for Rose growing success 4/4

an application of Neutrog **Seamungus**. This is a soil and plant conditioner, manufactured from seaweed, fish, humic acid and manure. It stimulates the roots into strong healthy growth in late Winter and early Spring.

Pelletised Seamungus is recommended, as pellets will break down with rainfall, enhancing root growth, and should be applied prior to mulching. New members may ask longer established members about the difference this makes.

Mulch: use the highest quality

Apply mulch after pruning when rose stems are bare and after the old fallen leaves and cuttings have been removed. Generally, this should be late Winter and before the roses begin to produce shoots which are fragile and can be accidentally broken off by physical activity, such as spreading Mulch.



Neutrog's **Whoflungdung** is the "Mulch of Choice" for rose growers. An annual application of 5cm of mulch is recommended. While it can be applied immediately around the base of mature roses, three years and older, it is advised not to apply mulch closer than 15cms to new, one or two-year-old plants as occasional damage can occur to young basal shoots.

Whoflungdung comes in 20kg compressed bales which are easy to manage. Apply water after applying the mulch to settle it and reduce the initial odour. Mulch significantly reduces evaporation from the surface in Spring, Summer and Autumn, saving up to 40%–50% of the irrigation otherwise required, cooling the root zone and introducing beneficial bacteria and good microbial activity in the soil.



Consider if a holster may be useful.

Other Winter Tips

Check plant labels are still legible. It's recommended that all roses are clearly labelled and that a map is kept showing where roses are planted.

Visit the Rose Society's Website <https://sarose.org.au> for more information.

Images of roses by Melanie Trimper

Volunteers in the International Rose Garden

By Deb Curtis—Rose Society Supervisor of Volunteers at the garden

Our 2022–2023 volunteering activities in the International Rose Garden (IRG) concluded on a high note in May with the Adelaide Botanic Gardens nominating the Rose Society of South Australia (RSSA) for the South Australian Volunteer Awards.



RSSA member and IRG volunteer, nurseryman (retired) Graham Klose, tidying up Pinkie.

It was wonderful that the work of the volunteers was recognised by this nomination, put together by the Leonie Scriven, Deputy Director, Living Collections Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium of South Australia, and it was also great for me to be able to attend the award presentations, to represent our dedicated volunteers.

While we didn't win "the big one", I trust everyone who has joined me in the gardens to deadhead roses, rake and generally clean up on Friday mornings takes great pride in the fact that our work has been recognised like this.

It was certainly a big season for the volunteers—preparing for visits by assessors from the World Federation of Rose Societies who gave the IRG an Award of Garden Excellence in 2022, as well as preparing for visitors attending the 2022 World Rose Convention. To top it off, we celebrated 10 years of working in the IRG in December.

Another celebration was that of Tate Hancox's PhD "graduation", on our last day for the season, May 5. Tate and his parents dropped in for a special morning tea on day, immediately prior to graduation ceremony.

The group is now in recess for winter after a busy and productive season. Wet weather in Spring limited our activities on a couple of days, as did hot weather on 24th February and 7th April. However, we still managed to contribute 401 hours of "work" from 17 February.

Throughout, Senior Horticultural Curator, Andy Hart, and assistant Lileth Tremmery, looked after us, with Lileth filling in for Andy in April. In fact, we told her she could take May off and she took up the offer, returning to Belgium to see family before heading off to Italy for a holiday!

Our 2023–2024 will start this coming Spring. Details will be published in the next edition of the Bulletin and on the RSSA's facebook page.

Chaffey Rose Club

Text by Dale Kerrin Images by Chaffey Rose Club Members

Autumn rains in our area have been sparse to non-existent until two days ago at the time of writing in late May. We had 12mm of rain which is awesome for us. Our Gardens are very happy at the moment with cooler weather, some rain, and now showing the last flush of colour before the dead of Winter sets in and pruning starts.

Several of our members recently enjoyed a day trip to the Barossa Valley, via Morgan (because of roadworks), enjoying a coffee break at Eudunda before heading to Tanunda and Nurioopta. Members enjoyed a visit to Steve Angel's garden, then had lunch at the Singing Blackbird Café in Tanunda before heading off to the Barossa Rose and Flower Show at the Nurioopta Nursery to enjoy the flower display, catch up with other members/friends of Rose Society of South Australia, and of course enjoy some retail therapy, before heading back to the Riverland and home after a very enjoyable day.



Lorna Taylor and Jill Knight at Steve Angel's garden.

Next it was our Chaffey Rose Club Annual General Meeting held at the home of Jill and Greg Knight in Renmark. Office bearers and the committee remained unchanged. After our meeting and morning tea, we headed to Berri to visit the Plants Plus Nursery, then on to Glossop to have lunch at Bella Lavender Café, and onto visit the lovely garden of Michelle Dominic.

Then it was time for our big fundraiser event, where we combined with the

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Elly Johnson, Di Speight, Jill Knight and Jan Sunstrom at Dominic's garden.

Renmark Garden Club members, to hold a Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea at the Renmark Hotel Function Room. It was a very successful event and a great team effort by all. Everyone enjoyed home cooked goodies for morning tea, raffles and a lucky door prize. Our guest speaker

was our Regional Breast Care Nurse, Rebecca Semmens, who is based at the Berri Hospital. Rebecca did a PowerPoint presentation about the Jane McGrath Foundation, the Pink Test and other fundraisers such as the Biggest Morning Tea and how monies raised help fund breast care nurses throughout Australia to assist and support patients on their cancer journey in country areas. Our fundraiser raised \$1259 through ticket sales, a raffle, a lucky ticket and donations. We had amazing support from the management and staff of the hotel, members of each club and the community. A big thank you to all.

Coming Events for the Chaffey Calendar: we are hoping to reschedule our garden visits and lunch outing to Murtho in September.

October is the Riverland Rose and Garden Festival, Friday 20th - 29th October.



Jay Fischer and Elly Johnson at Dominic's garden

2023–2024 Office Bearers

Elly Johnson returned as President

Dale Kerin returned as Secretary

Jill Knight returned as Treasurer

South East Branch

By Ione Saint

Once again, it was an enjoyable afternoon at the meeting of the South East branch. With voting finished for our Annual General meeting, positions remained unchanged, except the welcome addition of Kelly Hillstone who joined the committee. Marjory Todd was unanimously voted in to remain as our President.

Benedetta Rusconi from Wagner's Rose Nursery was our inspiring guest speaker. As a travelling journalist and photographer, Benedetta has written for various publications and magazines. She spoke of just a few of her amazing adventures when travelling alone. Hiring a car, she drove through the northern desert region of Chile, exploring its ghost towns—remnants from their mining boom which ended in the 1930.

In India, she travelled by train, varying from first to second to third class. As a photo journalist, this was a great opportunity to meet local people and communities. With a sympathetic eye, Benedetta captured portraits and images of her fellow travellers. One trip was from Delhi to Calcutta, and another from Delhi to the northern region of Ladakh, in the Himalaya's. High up into the mountains and 4000m above sea level, she traversed along a frozen river for a number of days, falling in twice and becoming accustomed to the sound of the creaking ice and watching the cold water rushing underneath. She quit her job as a journalist for a television channel and chose to visit this remote, frigid region as a place to challenge her limits and find herself. With a breathtaking PowerPoint display, Benedetta was able to show us, with her amazing photographs, a small glimpse into local Buddhists' lives and the spectacular and harsh scenery.

Brian Wagner also attended and told us how he was gifted some catalogued seed from the late Bruce Brundrett, by Bruce's daughter. These were sown in early April and he brought them along for us to have a look at. There were four varieties and he is most excited to see what may eventuate from them.

Our next meeting will be Sunday 27th August 2023 at the home of Judith and Wayne Lemmon, 8 Waring Street East, Tarpeena, starting at 1pm. Afternoon supper will be provided and it will be a fundraiser for the Royal Flying Doctor Service. The Branch will be making a donation and members attending can also donate if they so choose. Bring along your own chair. (Please note: Waring Street East is on the East side of the Riddoch Highway.).

Roses on Eyre—Spring Meeting 1/2

Text and images By Karen Miels



**Top: Cummins Community Garden and mosaic
L: Lyn Miller with Rose Society of South Australia
Roses on Eyre Regional Representative Aileen Scott.**

The Autumn meeting and Annual General Meeting were held on April 23rd at Cummins. Despite low numbers, it was an interesting day with a visit to a private garden, the local hospital and a talk by a community member about how the community garden surrounding the CWA building was established.

The meeting began with a minute's silence to remember Trevor Kemp, a long-time and valued member of Roses on Eyre. Trevor was always willing to share his vast knowledge of growing Roses, and he was an avid poetry writer. Trevor is survived by his wife, Rose.

The branch's Rose Society of South Australia regional representative, Aileen Scott, and her husband, attended.

Aileen spoke of the success of the World Rose Convention, largely due to the hard-working committee, and the next World Convention, to be held in Japan.

Aileen congratulated the club on continuing to function so well, despite the difficulties of the COVID interruptions and the huge distances many members travel to attend meetings and garden visits. Aileen conducted the election of Roses on Eyre's election of officers.

2023–2024 Office Bearers

Sandy McCallum returned as President

Rex Crosby Vice President

Karen Miels returned as Secretary and Publicity Officer

Joy Crosby returned as Treasurer

Lyn Miller is Competition Convenor





The colourful mosaic brings cheer to the Cummins Hospital garden.



Wicking beds used to grow vegetables for the public.

We learnt the community garden visited was established with funding from “Mentally fit” projects. It is a wonderful space for the public to relax in an outdoor setting, pick herbs from the garden, or take some seeds. There are vegies grown in numerous wicking beds. The cottage garden in the front features roses and salvias.

The visit to the hospital was to view the lovely garden, tended by residents, and a mosaic created by the community mosaic group. There are many mosaics featured in Cummins if you are ever over this way. It has the most decorated public toilet in Australia I think!

The private garden visited had been demolished and replanted over the last four years. The roses have been difficult to establish due to large gum trees, but the owners have noticed the difference once shifted. Many Leucodendrons and hardy plants have taken the place of the roses.

The next meeting will be held in Kimba, in the Senior Citizens building on July 2nd.

Open Day at Knights Roses

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Melanie Trimper ph 82896511 or email
ktrimper@bigpond.net.au**



Roses in the Heartland 1/2

Text by Mary Frick, Images by Paul Flavel



A colourful corner of Show Champions drew the eye of a record number of visitors to the 2023 Barossa Rose and Flower Show at Barossa Valley Nursery.



Member for Schubert, Ashton Hurn MP, with Roses in the Heartland President, Mary Frick and Australian Lions Hearing Dogs Honorary Treasurer, Megan Butler.

Colour and perfume brought “light” to the showing shed at the Barossa Rose & Flower Show held on 1st and 2nd April at the award-winning Barossa Nursery. It was an amazing sight and records were broken: there were more entries overall and visitor numbers increased on previous shows.



Seeking petal perfection: Dorothy and John Bradshaw, during staging.

On the bench, rose entry numbers were down, but that was to be expected with the strange growing season we have experienced. However, Dahlias, Cut Flowers, Floral Arrangements and Children’s exhibits were well above past show levels. There were over 500 entries. The sight of them all was a credit to each person entering an exhibit.

Another “first” for this show was that a Floral Arrangement entry was selected as the Champion of Champions from all the Grand Champion exhibits.



Daniel Barsch from Barossa Nursery, Megan Butler and Peter Korndorfer from the Lions Club.

The fun started with the Children’s Workshop—held in the Barossa Nursery pavilion on the Friday afternoon prior to the show—attended by 16 children of various ages. It was absolute chaos and the children had a ball making their exhibits for the show bench. These children need to be encouraged and



Grand Champion Rose, *Golden Eye*, exhibited by M & W Trimper.

nurtured to continue to use their creative minds.

Megan Butler, Honorary Treasurer of Australian Lions Hearing Dogs, officially opened the show and the Member for Schubert, Ashton Hurn MP, presented prizes to the winners. Rose Society of South Australia and World Federation of Rose Societies President, Diane vom Berg, assisted, as did Malcolm Watson who was Master of Ceremonies.

The “Baptising” of ***Amber’s Gift***, was another highlight of the opening ceremony (see pages 13 and 14).

2023 Show winners

Champion of Champions, Rosie Sherwood with Floral—As You Like It; Junior Champion of Champions, Grace Sherwood with Floral—Floating Flowers & Candles; Grand Champions, Rose M & W Trimper with Golden Eye; Dahlia G Alchin; Cut Flower H. Hage; Floral R. Sherwood and Junior Floral G. Sherwood.



Barossa Rose & Flower Show Champion of Champions, Floral—As You Like it, by Rosie Sherwood.



WINNERS: Roses in the Heartland member, the 2023 Show's Champion of Champions, Rose Sherwood, with her granddaughter, Grace Sherwood, winner of the Junior Champion of Champions, also from the Floral section.



Roses in the Heartland member Penelope Schulz with Floral Judge Helena Lewandowski.

My View: Gavin Woods—Our place in the evolving world and roses 1/3



Gavin Woods

I have had cause recently to spend some time reflecting on the real value of membership. I am talking formal, structured membership of organisations such as ours.

As part of a presentation that I am giving to a national conference of specialist flower growers (non-rose), I have developed a slide which represents the structure of organisations within the rose world. I consider our members to be fortunate to be part of a large and strong network which has the ability to meet almost all their

needs (relating to roses, that is!). Let me explain.

As individuals, we might initially join a regional branch. South Australia has four, covering all corners of the State. Each branch holds meetings which allow rose lovers to meet and discuss local issues. Culture of our roses varies slightly within different regions; some branches hold Rose Shows or support Agricultural Shows; some hold pruning demonstrations and meet regularly for garden visits and other wonderful social events. In South Australia, members of our branches automatically become members of the State body.

The Rose Society of South Australia (RSSA) has the largest membership base of any of the state organisations. This is understandable as Adelaide is the “Rose Capital of Australia” after all! With size comes strength; a strong financial position and numerous volunteer members enable us to achieve wonderful things. Our State management Council is continuously working on projects and ideas to better promote the rose. We have a large reservoir of expert administrators and growers who are well equipped in responding to any requests relevant to our charter; *“To Provide Excellence and Innovation in the Promotion of the Rose”*.

All state organisations are members of the National Rose Society of Australia (NRSA); an organisation developed by our forebears just over 50 years ago to better integrate communication and friendship between the state organisations. Five state bodies exist (Tasmania having unfortunately folded some time ago) with the national organisation probably more active in the current era than it has ever been. Annual Meetings and National Shows rotate between states as does the Presidency, a well-considered concept that ensures equity and a constant flow of fresh ideas. There are no individual members of the NRSA; states elect delegates to represent their views at meetings and in written communication, a

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

State Societies

- 5 State bodies
- **RSSA, RSV, RSNSW, QRS, RSWA**
 - None NT, Tasmania
 - "Regionals" within some states
 - Special interest groups
 - Councils elected as per each State's constitution
 - Own judges' training

National Body

- **National Rose Society of Australia**
- No individual members
- (represent 2500–3000)
- States pay "capitation" + publication levy
- Produces Annual publication
- President fixed rotation, AGM and National Show rotates with President
- National Standards for judging
- Interest in National Training Program
- National Rose Trial Garden

World organisation

- **World Federation of Rose Societies**
- 40 Member countries
- Registered charity
- Triennial Conventions—annual Regionals
- Many sub-committees
 - Judges Awards Conservation, Classification Breeders etc
- Decisions at different levels
 - Executive
 - Council
 - "Friends" Group

Information taken from Gavin Woods' slide presentation, referred to in this article.

concept that has stood the test of time.

Our ultimate body is the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS), an organisation consisting of 39 member countries. Australia has been an active contributor to this group since inception and we have supplied three Presidents, an Executive Director and a Treasurer to the body's management. The WFRS members stage triennial Conventions and Regional Conventions, and they work diligently via its Vice-Presidents and various committees to produce real outcomes for every facet of rose culture and diplomacy. Members at the grassroots level might feel that WFRS has little to offer them, however much of the work of the WFRS has practical application to everyday rose growing and enjoyment!

It is clear to see that these organisations; from the regional groups to the WFRS, have much to offer members. The question then is "why are our memberships in general decline?". My sense is that in this age of digital technology and instant gratification, many believe that belonging to a club is unnecessary and unhelpful. Formal gatherings might be seen as antiquated and don't meet the needs of a younger demographic. We all know that a dozen internet searches will produce 13 different results and in relation to rose growing, these results

if followed, may produce negative outcomes. The challenge as I see it is to provide sound, reliable information via electronic means to our *members*. Live streaming and exciting, interactive face-to-face events available to members or offered on a fee-for-service basis, would ensure that we are promoting good advice whilst meeting the needs of Generation Z.

I am delighted to be involved in a project with the NRSA which involves all state Presidents (and others) which is examining ways to maintain our membership numbers and importantly, to develop strategies for succession planning. This will, ideally, see our viability and strength continue well into the future. I am keen to review the results of this working party and will eagerly share them.

Happy pruning!

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BACK COVER PHOTO *Magma*

An exhibit of this rose won Les Johnson First Prize in Class 16 B Grade (Large Flowered Rose) at the Society's 2023 Autumn Rose Show. Turn to pages 21–24 for Championship and Trophy winners.

Magma is a Hybrid Tea, almost thornless, bushy yet upright, and growing to 120cm. It was bred by William Kordes III in 1997. It was introduced to Australia in the late 2000s.

Calendar of Events

July

Sunday 2nd July	Roses on Eyre meeting. See ROE report.
Sunday 9th 1 to 3pm	Roses in the Heartland's pruning demonstration, 3 Para Road, Evanston.
Wednesday 12th 6.30pm	Rose Society of South Australia Annual General Meeting, Goodman Building, Adelaide Botanic Garden.
Tuesday 18th 7pm	Rose Society of South Australia Council Meeting (Zoom)
Saturday 29th	Knight's Open Day

August

NO MEMBERS' MEETING IN AUGUST

Sunday 27th 1pm	South-East Branch meeting. See South East report.
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September

Wednesday 13th 6.30pm	Rose Society of South Australia Members' Meeting, Goodman Building, Adelaide Botanic Garden
Tuesday 19th 7pm	Rose Society of South Australia Council Meeting (Zoom)

October

Wednesday 11th 6.30pm	Rose Society of South Australia Members' Meeting, Goodman Building, Adelaide Botanic Garden
Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd October	National Rose Society of Australia Championships and Conference, South Perth Community Centre, Western Australia
Saturday 28th 11am to 5pm Sunday 29th 9am to 5pm	Spring Rose Show at Garden Grove Supplies, 1150 Golden Grove Road, Golden Grove SA 5125. Volunteers needed.
	International Rose Garden volunteering for 2023–2024 likely to start this month. Details in next edition.

Magma

