

Patron Member of the American Rose Society

A Message From Our President

By Ken Huff, kenramona@cox.net



Does it seem a little hard to wrap your mind around the year 2020? Another decade has come and gone and when I stop to think about how I have used it, it's rather scary. So, I say to myself, I have another chance - another chance to take better care of not only my life, but my roses as well. So, as you join in singing the famous New Year's song, "Auld Lang Syne", penned by Robert Burns, remember that it translates to "days gone by." This is the same Burns who penned famous romantic phrases such as "Oh my love's like a red, red rose that's newly sprung in June."

Of course, January 1st is also better known for making New Year's resolutions, and as some say, only to be broken. Some of us make long lists of things we want to resolve to do; others make shorter lists. Maybe we would be better off to make one resolution and stick to it.

I am always reminded of the thought-provoking words written by O. Ray Burgess, when he spoke of his New Year resolutions.

*I now resolve to speak the kindest word
To everyone I meet, the good and bad;
I want to make those weeping dry their eyes;
The ones now steeped in sadness, make them glad.
I want to set the little things aright—
Those small, unnoticed courtesies we miss;
Within the daily grind of human care
I want to soothe the fevered with a kiss.*

*I want to be quite sure the words I speak
That I may hear from others day by day
Will not bring consternation, pain or loss
To those who walk with me along life's way.
I'll crush out slander as a serpent's head
And lock strange tales within a secret well.*

So, as we walk these days together as members of the San Diego Rose Society, let's do everything we can to assist each other in growing the best possible roses. Let's have a marvelous 2020 together!

HAVE A HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

San Diego Rose Society's Annual Rose Pruning Demonstration
Saturday, January 11, 2020 from 9:15 am to noon
Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden in Balboa Park
2525 Park Boulevard, San Diego, CA 92104
(On the east side of Park Boulevard across the street from the
Fleet Science Center and fountain in Balboa Park)

Calling all rose gardeners with gloves, pruners, and loppers! It's time again for the SDRS Rose Pruning Demonstration where you can learn and practice rose pruning methods. January is the best time to do the major pruning of roses in order to bring about a wonderful spring bloom. Our consulting rosarians will be on hand to demonstrate how best to prune all different types of roses, from hybrid teas to miniatures. Several of the existing roses in the Balboa Park rose garden will be used for demonstration purposes.

The Rose Garden Corps has a large role in maintaining the roses in this garden and they are greatly appreciated. In preparation for pruning, they have placed stakes by each variety to indicate the desired height of the variety after pruning and to indicate the type of rose. Red tape indicates a hybrid tea, and yellow tape indicates a floribunda or shrub. Each variety has at least one plant that has been pruned to show the desired configuration of the rose after pruning is complete.

The Rose Garden Corps and the Park and Recreation Department staff plan to begin work to complete pruning of the garden after this demonstration. The Park and Recreation Department staff will remove the top growth down to about three inches above the desired height and haul away the cuttings. The Rose Garden Corps completes the pruning, hopefully finishing in four days. It is a huge effort since the garden has 1700 roses!

Come and enjoy this great learning experience! Not only will you be able to experience the best way to prune roses but will hopefully pick up some other best practices for rose gardening from one of our experienced consulting rosarians.



Program for January: Bob Kittich from Otto & Sons Nursery

By Gary Bulman, gossbulman@cox.net

Our meeting is on Monday, **January 27, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 101** of Casa del Prado in Balboa Park. (Note: This is the fourth Monday of the month instead of the usual third Monday of the month.) We are happy that our speaker will be Bob Klittich from Otto & Sons nursery in Fillmore, CA. Bob is one of the sons at Otto and Sons and is a fifth generation nurseryman who has degrees in horticulture and soil science at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. He is also working on an MBA from CLU in management.

His family started growing roses over 40 years ago. Otto & Sons Nursery was established in 1976 by Otto and Jeanne Klittich and their four sons: Bob, Bill, Scott, and Karl. Prior to starting the nursery, Otto landscaped in the Southern California area as "Landscape by Otto" for 22 years. From a 2 ½ acre property in Chatsworth, the nursery was relocated and has expanded to 28 acres in Fillmore. Valencia oranges grow on an additional 10 acres. The nursery is currently owned and managed by Scott & Cindy Klittich. Scott joined the business in January 1985 after receiving a degree in Ornamental Horticulture from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Since then he has helped the nursery grow and continue its goal of raising high-quality plants for Californians to enjoy. Starting with a modest 1.5 acres they now grow more than 18,000 roses and 1,200 varieties on 30 acres.

Many of you have visited this nursery and know that it is a premier supplier of roses. And their on-line listing of roses which can be ordered is phenomenal! This nursery was one of the stops on one of the recent SDRS pilgrimages. You know the pilgrimage bus was filled with rose enthusiasts when they came home with the compartment intended for baggage filled to the brim with purchased roses in 5 gallon pots!

We hope you all come and enjoy listening to Bob's informative program.



Pre-meeting Rose Care Program with Q&A

At 7:00 p.m., Deborah Magnuson, Consulting Rosarian, will be presenting a short program in the Consulting Rosarian Corner about successfully growing roses. Her program will be followed by a question and answer period to offer attendees a chance to have individual questions explored and solutions offered.

Directions to Casa del Prado, Room 101: The Casa del Prado building is immediately west of the Natural History Museum. Entrances to the Casa del Prado lead to an inner court. The rooms are accessible from the court. Room 101 is downstairs on the east end of the court.

Oh, What a Wonderful Holiday Party!

By Elaine Ornelas, cornelas1949@att.net

On December 14, 2019 seventy members of our San Diego Rose Society gathered once again at the home of Linda Clark and Ralph Reagan to celebrate the holiday season, and a great year of growing roses. Linda and Ralph had decorated their house so beautifully for this event and they welcomed us into their spectacular home and garden in La Mesa. A full feast of turkey with all the trimmings was served and homemade desserts were brought by several of our members. Yum!

It was so nice to see members we had not seen for a while walk in the door, to hug them and to catch up with family and life events. We often talk about how special it is to belong to our society but this is one of our premier events that makes it even more special.

After everyone was filled to the brim with all of the good food, we held a meeting to install the SDRS board members, to discuss the fertilizer sale and to give out several awards to members. Just in case you were not able to attend, here are a few pictures for you to enjoy.



Deborah Magnuson and Rita Perwich enjoying the feast.



Our gracious hostess, Linda Clark



Carl and Bobbie Mahanay (right), next to Beth Van Boxel, Richard and Zella Burk with Frank Brines on the left



Left: Marty and Bob Kolb



Right: A very photogenic Ann Pease enjoying tasty food.

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*Bob Martin awarded the **ARS Rising Star Award** to Beth Van Boxtel*



*Christine and Rand Allan received the **ARS Bronze Medal** from Bob Martin*



*Patrick Powell received the **Rosebud Award** from Gary Bulman*



*Left: Colette Harper received the **Little Rose Show Novice Trophy** from Bill Ornelas*



*Right: Bill and Elaine Ornelas received the **Little Rose Show Trophy** from Gary Bulman*

2020 SDRS Board Members
(from left to right)

- President: Ken Huff*
- 2nd Vice President, Membership: Kirk Rummel*
- Treasurer: Bill Ornelas*
- Recording Secretary: Sue Streeper*
- Corresponding Secretary: Zella Burk*
- Member at Large: Debbie Magnuson*
- Webmaster/Social Media: Beth Van Boxtel*
- Past President: Dona Martin*
- Member at Large: Frank Brines*
- 1st, Vice President, Programs: Gary Bulman*
- Member at Large: Steve Berry (not pictured)*



Board Members for 2020

By Gary Bulman, gossbulman@cox.net

Here are the approved SDRS Board members for 2020.

SDRS Board Members

Ken Huff - President
Dona Martin - Past President
Gary Bulman - 1st Vice President of Programs
Kirk Rummel - 2nd Vice President of Membership
Sue Streeper - Recording Secretary
Bill Ornelas - Treasurer
Zella Burk - Corresponding Secretary
Members at Large: Steve Berry, Frank Brines, Deborah Magnuson
Webmaster - Beth Van Boxtel

Rose Garden Trust Board Members

Ken Huff - 5 year term
Robert Russell - 4 year term
Gary Bulman - 3 year term
Sue Streeper - 2 year term
Pamela Cawthron - 1 year term

It's Still Membership Renewal Time!

By Kirk Rummel, knrummel@sbcglobal.net

With the holidays nearly over it is time to renew your membership with our San Diego Rose Society. We had a wonderful year with good programs, important information shared, a wonderful Christmas party and above all, good fellowship with our friends. We can expect next year to be as great so renew as soon as possible. To remind you, some of the welcome benefits of belonging to our society include:

- ◆ Nine information-packed issues of our famous *Rose Ramblings* publication
- ◆ General meetings (usually the third Monday of the month) of the SDRS with excellent programs
- ◆ Sharing your common interest in roses with other rose lovers
- ◆ Participation in the SDRS Little Rose Shows to display and learn more about showing your roses
- ◆ Access to the annual rose fertilizer sale
- ◆ Several SDRS events during the year
- ◆ Rose pruning demonstration at the Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden in Balboa Park the second Saturday in January
- ◆ Pot-luck gatherings prior to rose society meetings twice a year
- ◆ An annual rose show held in May when roses are at their prime bloom
- ◆ The annual holiday luncheon held in December gathering fellow rose lovers together; and
- ◆ So much more!

Some renewals are coming in but we need to get straight at the beginning of the year. So, renew now to keep these benefits and if reading this without being a member, please sign up.

We've included a membership form with this edition of the newsletter so print it out, write a check and mail it to our post office box which is PO Box 86124, San Diego, CA 92138 before you forget! If none of your information has changed, you need not fill in the form but send the check marked clearly that it is for MEMBERSHIP. Or bring your dues to the next meeting.

Finally, please give some thought to the level of membership you select. For all the benefits of membership we enjoy, please think about raising the level of your membership so we can feel comfortable with our financial situation.



We welcome **Karen Anderson** as one of our new members. Please be sure to welcome her at the next meeting.



San Diego Rose Society
2020 Membership Application/Renewal

Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

(PRIVACY POLICY: Your information will never be released to entities other than the San Diego Rose Society and the American Rose Society, and will only be used for Rose Society Communication such as newsletters, membership renewal, event and meeting notices, and rose information.)

Check one: New Member [] Renewal []

Check Membership Level (Family membership)

Amount Enclosed:

- [] Regular Member (\$20) \$ _____
[] Contributing Member (\$25) \$ _____
[] Supporting Member (\$35) \$ _____
[] Sustaining Member (\$50) \$ _____
[] Patron (\$100) \$ _____
[] Additional Donation, if desired \$ _____

Are you a member of the American Rose Society? Yes [] No []

Are you an active Consulting Rosarian? Yes [] No []

Are you an active Master Rosarian? Yes [] No []

Are you or do you wish to become a member of the Rose Garden Corps? Yes [] No []

(Help with the maintenance of the Balboa Park Rose Garden)

Payment Options: (Use only one option)

- 1. Send this form and a check payable to SDRS to: SDRS Membership, P.O.Box 86124, San Diego, CA 92138-6124, or
2. Send payment via PayPal. See link on http://sdrosesociety.org, or
3. Bring completed form and payment to the next SDRS event you attend.

Thank you so much for your continuing support of our San Diego Rose Society !

To Honor

By Kirk Rummel, 2nd Vice President, Membership, knrummel@sbcglobal.net

For all of us, sometimes small things slip past our radar. For the San Diego Rose Society, we sometimes see monetary contributions submitted by people to honor a friend or family member, or sent in in memory of someone. We felt it is important to acknowledge these contributions and the heartfelt message they send. Here are two of these donations that were received recently.

**\$100 in memory of Ernest and Winona Godyn,
4325 Cindy Street, San Diego, CA 92117-3808.
From Dempsey & Kara Malaney, 14001 County
Road U Perryton, TX 79070.**

\$50 in honor of Andria Sullivan. Donor is M. Sully.

We, of the San Diego Rose Society, thank and appreciate the thoughtfulness of these contributions.

AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY TRIAL MEMBERSHIP

The American Rose Society is now offering a four-month trial membership for only \$10 to anyone who is interested in becoming a member of our organization. Most ARS members are home gardeners who enjoy growing roses and want to expand their knowledge of rose culture.

Four-Month Trial Members receive:

- Free advice from Consulting Rosarians. The ARS Consulting Rosarians program connects members with expert rosarians that provide free assistance with your rose questions.
- Free or reduced garden admissions, a \$25 value after just three uses. With the ARS [Reciprocal Garden Admission program](#), members enjoy free or reduced admission to and discounts at hundreds of gardens, conservatories and arboreta nationwide.
- Four issues of the online newsletter *Roses & You*, edited by Teresa Byington and full of helpful tips and tools of the rose growing trade.
- Two issues of *American Rose* magazine, \$16 value. The only magazine devoted exclusively to roses and rose culture, these bi-monthly, 84-page issues feature informative articles and beautiful color photography for beginners and experienced rose growers alike.
- Discounts of up to 30% at merchant partners. The [ARS Member Benefit Partner](#) program offers discounts at various merchants with new partners being added continuously.
- A four-month trial membership is valued at \$86 for only \$10!

Join Now!

You may [complete our online form](#) or call us at 1-800-637-6534.

SDRS Fertilizer Sale

Hopefully by now you have placed your order for the fertilizer that is part of the fundraising efforts for our society. The fertilizers that we obtain from GrowMore are reasonably priced, incredibly complete and serve as powerful, effective rose food. We are very, very grateful to Ruth Tiffany who serves as the coordinator for obtaining these products. It is a very big challenge....ordering from the vendor, housing the fertilizer in her garage, being available for pickups and managing the fees. And we are also grateful to her husband Tim for his patience while this project is going on at his house.

Because the fertilizer is manufactured after the entire order is placed, no further orders will be received after December 31, 2019. Everyone should have received a confirmation from Ruth that she has received your order. **Fertilizer pickup will be from Ruth's house between January 19 and February 1, 2020.** Ruth will send out directions and times of pickup via email. **Payment will be due at the time of pickup and credit cards are accepted.**

If there are questions regarding the fertilizer order please contact Ruth Tiffany at 619-548-6950 or send her email at ruthsgarden@msn.com.

For information regarding the use of each of the products, please consult Ruth's article in the November/December 2019 issue of *Rose Ramblings*.

Did You Know?

By Elaine Ornelas, cornelas1949@att.net

Look closely at the fur of this jaguar! You will see some ring-like formations that resemble rose-shaped rosettes. They are also found on other cats. They are useful for camouflage, simulating different shifting of shadows and shade. Interesting how our favorite flower is reflected in so much of nature!



January is all about PRUNING and CLEANUP!

From Bill and Elaine Ornelas, cornelas1949@att.net (Residence: Clairemont/Bay Park)

After enjoying wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, in January Bill and I start to ramp up our efforts in the rose garden to ensure a thriving rose garden. Primarily we are going to focus on pruning and cleanup. We have a variety of hybrid teas, floribundas, shrubs, miniatures and minifloras, and Old Garden Roses totaling about 120 rose bushes.

One of the first steps that we take is to evaluate our tools. Are the pruning and loppers sharp enough to make clean cuts on the canes? Have they been cleaned of soil and rust? This will help the cuts on the canes to heal if the tools are clean and sharp. Also, don't forget to wear gauntlet gloves up to the elbow! Investing in these gloves to protect your arms will pay off as this is the biggest pruning effort of the year.

At this time of year we also critically evaluate each bush, looking to see if it struggled during the previous year, or was disease-prone, or if it just didn't turn out to be the rose we thought it would be. Now is the time to decide if you want to dig up the rose and eliminate it from your garden, or perhaps move it to a different spot where it might thrive. This is also the time to start looking in nurseries locally or in on-line listings for nurseries to obtain new or replacement roses.



Thriving new cane to keep

Old cane to be removed

Diseased cane with die back; needs to be removed to the base

Before pruning, we evaluate each bush to determine our approach. Pruning methods vary for each type of rose. For hybrid teas, we usually cut back one third or sometimes one half of the bush. Some of our hybrid teas that are grafted on Fortuniana rootstock become so large (sometimes over 8 feet tall!), that we prune back more than one half of the bush. Pruning of floribundas is not as aggressive and pruning of climbers has been a challenge since ours have gotten so big. For these we prune out the small leggy stems and other large ones if there are too many. We have also experimented with training the smaller canes in a horizontal fashion since the new growth emerges from these.

For established plants we start removing dead and diseased canes. If there are new canes from last year's growth, we remove older canes since the newer canes are healthier. Cane die-back has been quite a problem for many of us and is usually seen as brownish/yellow color creeping down the cane. These canes must be cut back so that only a solid white/green center of the cane is seen. We cut out growth that has grown toward the center of the bush so that air circulation can occur. We also look for suckers that are growing from the rootstock and remove these from underneath the soil surface.

It is very important to determine where a cut is to be made on each cane. We cut above an outward facing bud eye, making the cut about 1/4 inch above the eye. If a leaf is pulled off you will see a bud eye at the joint of the leaf and the cane. This is where new growth will emerge.

We usually remove all leaves from each plant and discard them to ensure that fungus spores do not remain on the plant. This winter, probably due to the heavier rains, we were hit pretty hard with black-spot and rust, as many of you were. I'm sure you have seen the orange rust spores 'raining' down from under the leaves onto the ground. It is critical that all leaves, pruned branches, weeds, and other debris be removed from underneath the roses. Much of this harbors last year's fungus spores and other diseases. We do not put any of this in our compost bins in order to prevent perpetuating diseases. Finally, we apply a good garden dormant spray to each rose to suppress any fungal growth. Then we apply about 3 inches of mulch to discourage weeds.

We know that this process takes a lot of work, but in the long run you will harvest the investment you make in January. That harvest will be a bounty of beautiful rose blooms and healthy plants. After all your effort, now the only remaining task is to find a new spot for a rose (or two or three!).



Bud eye

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Monthly Rose Care Advice and Practices for January from Additional SDRS Consulting Rosarians

From Sue Streeper, streeper@cox.net (Residence in El Cajon)

Now is the time to prune the roses and clean up the garden. By the end of the month, all the roses should be completely bare of leaves and pruned down to a point where growth should resume. On older plants where both old and newer canes have emerged from the base, remove an old cane completely to make room for new ones. Encourage growth toward the outside of the plant by pruning to outward-facing eyes. On climbers, train long canes horizontally to encourage lots of blooms. Clean up all fallen leaves and petals and remove any weeds. Dormant spray all plants and soil to avoid disease in the coming growing season. Apply mulch about three inches deep between plants.

Having Fun with Photography!

By Elaine Ornelas, cornelas1949@att.net

I am by no means an expert photographer but I like to play around with the different settings on my cell phone camera. Here are a couple of my creative shots. At upper left is a close-up of a 'Lyda Rose' bloom; at right is a photo of a Dave Bang seedling; and the bottom one is a petal of "Dina Gee". Hope you enjoy!



Editor's Picks

By Elaine Ornelas, cornelas1949@att.net

Now that 2020 is here and your roses will soon be pruned and your garden all cleaned up, it is time to consider finding some new roses (if you have space!). There are SO many to choose from! Bill and I often struggle to decide if we should dig up a rose and replace it, or create a new bed and add new ones. It is a challenge. But if you do decide to dig up a rose just because it didn't perform as well as expected, consider moving it to a different location. Many times this does the trick because the rose may prefer the soil or lighting better there. Or if the rose just didn't turn out to be what you thought it would be and you just don't like it, dig it up, place it in a pot and bring it to the next SDRS monthly meeting to place it on the raffle table. Most of the time these roses are 'adopted' quickly and are much appreciated by their new owner. However, if the rose bush has been plagued by disease, please don't bring those roses for the raffle as you don't want to pass on future problems to other folks.

This month, I thought it might be fun to offer up some roses that you might like to add to your collection based on some of the favorites that we have in our garden. We have about 120 roses of all types in our garden and here are some that we really favor, because of the beauty of their blooms, fragrance, disease resistance and overall hardiness. On page 20 of this issue of *Rose Ramblings*, I have listed several nurseries that you might visit locally or look at their online catalogs. Have fun finding some that will become your own favorites!

Hybrid Teas



'Ring of Fire'



'Maurice Utrillo'



'Gemini'



'Secret'



'Dina Gee'



'Lynn Anderson'

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Floribunda

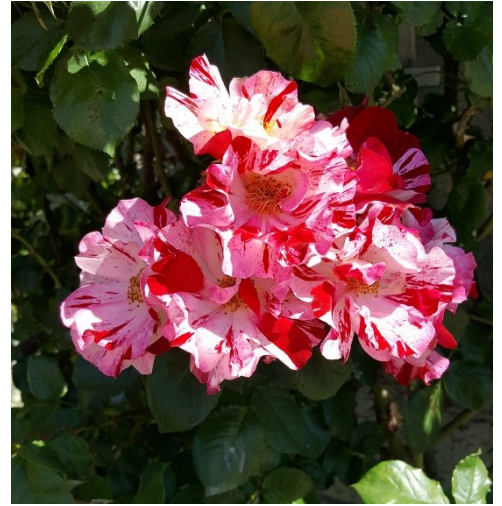


'Sparkle & Shine'

Climbers



'Gertrude Jekyll'



'Fourth of July'

Shrubs



'Carding Mill'



'Lyda Rose'

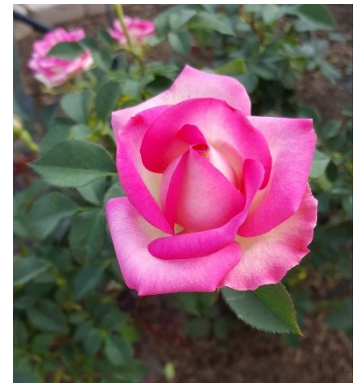
Miniatures/Minifloras



'Bees Knees'



'Dr. John Dickman'



'Joy'

A Walk in Our Garden – 21st Century Hybrid Tea Bankers

By Robert B. Martin Jr., ARS President and Master Rosarian, petrose@aol.com

“A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don’t need it.”

~ Bob Hope

In the last installment I introduced you to the 20th Century hybrid teas in our garden. In this installment we move to the present century and the hybrid tea bankers in our garden.

It is no secret among exhibitors, and those who follow show reports, that there are certain rose varieties that consistently appear on the trophy tables more often than others. Such roses are often referred to by experienced exhibitors as “bankers”. The term is usually applied in the context of exhibition-form hybrid teas, minifloras and miniatures, and less often to the best of the floribundas, shrubs, old garden roses and other types of roses. But it is clear from the show results that all classes have roses that are more consistently winners than others.

Knowledge of the bankers is important in selecting new roses to add to an exhibitor’s garden, as well as the gardens of those who love well-formed roses. Experienced exhibitors are often seen going to great lengths to identify and acquire the hottest new exhibition varieties. But a new exhibitor should not, on observing this activity, leap to the wrong conclusion. Visit the garden of any experienced exhibitor and you will find that most of the roses grown are the bankers and usually in multiples.

It is also true that a list of bankers in one garden may not coincide with a list from another garden. Roses grow differently in different areas. They also grow differently on different rootstocks. That is true of our garden as well where most of our hybrid teas are ones that have proven to grow and show well, and where nearly all are grown on ‘Fortuniana’ rootstock. I pause here to digress on the advantages of ‘Fortuniana’ as a rootstock.

‘Fortuniana’

‘Fortuniana’, also sometimes known as “Double Cherokee,” is thought to be a hybrid of *Rosa banksiae* x *Rosa laevigata*, the latter being generally known as the “Cherokee Rose”. In its natural state, it is a rampant climber with scented double flowers about two to three inches across. It was discovered in Ninghpo, China, by Robert Fortune around 1848 and sent by him to the Royal Horticultural Society in London. And, to give you an idea of its vigor, it is the rose that covers the arbor in Balboa Park (pictured below), started incidentally from two small cuttings by Dick Streeper many moons ago.



‘Fortuniana’ produces a very extensive, vigorous but shallow root system that extends out as much as fifteen to seventeen feet from the bud union. It is this large, vigorous root system that is of advantage in dry climates since it is instrumental in delivering water and nutrients to our roses.

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The use of 'Fortuniana' as a specialty rootstock was initially centered in the Southeast, most notably in Florida. There it proved adapted to the sandy, wet soil that predominates in the region and in particular, more resistant to nematode problems that are prevalent in sandy soils. The popularity of roses grown on 'Fortuniana' has, however, increased dramatically over the last few years and has spread from Florida through the South and Southwest.

Dona was the first to introduce 'Fortuniana' to exhibitors in Arizona. There she started with a dozen 'Fortuniana' bushes in 1998 and planted another fifty in each of fall 1999 and spring 2000. Writing an important article on the subject, she reported that the varieties budded onto 'Fortuniana' rootstock grew at least three times as fast as the best of any other rootstocks planted. At the end of seven months from budding, the average bush produced from eight to twelve large canes from the bud union. After three years, she found it not uncommon for a bush to produce 20 to 30 canes in the spring. She also learned that 'Fortuniana' bushes have a remarkable resistance to heat stress and do not shut down like others do during the hot summer months of Arizona.

Following our marriage, Dona and I grew a large rose garden in Arizona. Although I was previously skeptical of the benefits of 'Fortuniana' for Southwest gardens, I soon learned she was right. And, with our subsequent move to inland Escondido, we have found that 'Fortuniana' is a far better rootstock here as well, particularly for exhibition hybrid teas.

'Moonstone'



Any story of 21st Century hybrid tea bankers must begin with '**Moonstone**', a vigorous upright bush with leathery green foliage, bearing multiple large ivory white blooms with a pink edging, borne mostly one to a stem. 'Moonstone' was bred by Tom Carruth from a cross of the top exhibition white hybrid tea 'Crystalline' × 'Lynn Anderson', a very vigorous pink blend hybrid tea bred by the amateur Joe Winchell. 'Moonstone' is currently ranked as the #1 exhibition rose over the five year period 2014-2018 and has been the #1 exhibition rose 10 times in the last 19 years. Gary Bulman won Queen with it at our 2014 National show in San Diego.

The irony here is that we do not grow 'Moonstone'. I grew it in Pasadena when it was first released. There it proved very productive of blooms but, alas, most of them had muddled centers. Still an occasional bloom would show, including one that won Princess for me at the 2002 National Show in San Jose. Dona and I also grew it in Arizona, and in our first

house in Escondido. In all cases we found that its production of exhibition-form blooms was inconsistent and we have since turned to others of its line that have proven more reliable.

The first of these is '**Cajun Moon**', a sister seedling of 'Moonstone'. This is also a very vigorous bush. It produces blooms abundantly, even in the worst of the heat. The blooms have consistent excellent form and we have found it much superior to 'Moonstone' in our climate. It is also capable of producing Queen, as illustrated by the National Queen shown by Suzanne Horn in Palm Desert in 2009.

The introduction of '**Cajun Moon**' was itself a happenstance. According to Tom Carruth, there were over 1,200 seed in the cross leading to 'Moonstone' and 21 initial selections. Very little color variation was seen – all of the seedlings were either pure white or white edged in varying degrees with pink. Many of the sisters had the ungainly habit of 'Lynn Anderson' so they were the first to go. It came down to two good sisters – one of which was destined to be released as 'Moonstone' and the second was originally marked for extinction.



In its first year, 'Moonstone' was released as 'Cadillac DeVille' by Spring Hill Nurseries, who had purchased the plants coming out of Weeks' seedling multiplication block (where they bud smaller quantities). Budded right down the row from 'Moonstone', was its sister. As it happened, some of those plants were mistakenly dug and sold also as 'Cadillac DeVille'. In time exhibitors noted the difference, following which the second sister was named and sold by Johnny Becnel as '**Cajun Moon**'. The latter bush is less wide, upright and slightly taller in habit than 'Moonstone'. It also has lower thorns, less petals and somewhat broader pink edging than 'Moonstone'. The foliage is nearly identical. Most important the reduced number of petals result in much more consistent exhibition form in our garden.

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An even better rose in our garden is the 'Moonstone' sport, '**Marlon's Day**', discovered by the great exhibitor-breeder Fred Wright and named in honor of his late wife. Introduced in 2008, it is



also a vigorous bush with leathery foliage that produces an abundant selection of well-formed blooms with consistent centers. The color is hard to pin down since about every time I've seen this rose in our garden or on the show table, it is different. Usually the pink is more pronounced and darker, sometimes it is striped, sometimes mottled, sometimes edged in pink, sometimes more white, but nearly always it has excellent form. We won District Queen in 2012 with one that looked exactly like 'Lynn Anderson' (pictured



above left), and a second District Queen in 2016 (pictured above right) with one that was a light pink blend.

I have come to suspect that the color variation of '**Marlon's Day**' may be actually related to the fact that 'Moonstone' itself has a tendency to sport quite often with color variations and improved form. In fact, I think this may be the reason that so many report as I do that 'Moonstone' itself often shows muddled form, while others win Queen with it consistently. Those who have seen my program on judging may recall a slide where I juxtapose photos of six different specimens of '**Marlon's Day**', all which had won Queen and no two of which look alike. And, to make it even more interesting one of our bushes routinely produces reversions to 'Moonstone' which we show as such.

'Moonstone' is also the seed parent of '**Falling in Love**', bred by Tom Carruth and introduced by Weeks Roses in 2007. A cross with the top show rose, 'Marilyn Monroe' (discussed below), the soft pink blooms have form but tend to be somewhat short of petals and have the holding power of neither parent. It also inherited Marilyn's vicious thorns and the rugged foliage of 'Moonstone'. Still, I have seen awesome specimens, one of which won Queen locally by my friend Ron Gregory over my also awesome '**Randy Scott**'.



'**Randy Scott**' is the best of the offspring of 'Moonstone' and quite possibly the best exhibition hybrid tea in our garden. A cross of 'Crystalline' x 'Moonstone', it was introduced in 2007 by the top exhibitor-breeder John Smith, and named after a prominent Virginia exhibitor, who passed away much too soon.



'**Randy Scott**' has high-centered pure white blooms of exquisite form framed by leathery foliage, on an exceptionally vigorous bush. And, to top it off, it has wonderful fragrance. Ranked as the #5 exhibition rose over the five years 2014-2018, it has also proven to be a good garden rose and was the winner of the ARS Member's Choice Award in 2014.

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'Randy Scott' leads to my favorite hybrid tea, **'Dona Martin'**, which I introduced in 2012. It is a lavender/pink sport of **'Randy Scott'** with all of its qualities, including long stems and beautiful foliage. The color is variable, from pink to mauve. It is a Queenly rose I felt appropriate for the name of the rose of my heart, Dona Martin, who always laughs at the line in the Johnny Cash song we love: "A flower not fading, nor falling apart." We were both delighted when our good friend Cindy Dale won national Queen with **'Dona Martin'** at Gettysburg in 2017.



More for the Bank

Moving on from **'Moonstone'** and its progeny, we turn to **'Gemini'**, introduced in 2000. It is a vigorous upright rose that produces many blooms of coral pink with a cream reverse. The blooms have classic hybrid tea form and come one to a stem



but more often in clusters if not disbudded. It refrigerates well and lasts a long time as a cut flower. The leathery, disease-resistant foliage is well placed on the stems and frames the blooms well. Perhaps the only negative is that the creamy blooms tend to spot with rain or moisture, a condition that can be avoided by cutting the blooms tight and allowing them to open in the house.

'Gemini' is also the best hybrid tea for the garden. Its garden credentials include being a 2000 All-America Rose Selection as well as the winner of the ARS "Member's Choice" award in 2005, given to the best-performing rose in the Roses in Review survey. And, to make my continued point about good garden roses being good exhibition roses, **'Gemini'** is also the #3 exhibition rose over the five years 2014-2018 and has finished four different seasons as the number one ranked exhibition rose, performing well in every part of the country.

'Gemini' is a cross of **'Anne Morrow Lindbergh'** × **'New Year'**, the latter an orange blend Grandiflora hybridized by the late Sam McGredy IV in 1976. **'Anne**

Morrow Lindbergh' is also the mother of many of my roses and will be discussed in a later installment.

'Gemini' in turn begat **'Snuffy'** a cross with the outstanding red show hybrid tea **'Veterans' Honor'**. **'Snuffy'** was hybridized by John Smith, the breeder of **'Randy Scott'**. Introduced in 2008, it has dull orange blooms with excellent form and adequate size. The bush is tall, producing many candidates on strong straight stems. The blooms tend to move too quickly but cut tight can win, as illustrated by the fact that Linda Clark won National Queen with it in 2012 in Los Angeles.



Another banker in our garden is **'Marilyn Monroe'**, bred by Tom Caruth and introduced by Weeks Roses in 2002. **'Marilyn Monroe'** is a superb hybrid tea with light apricot blooms that have consistent excellent spiral form – perhaps a little flat – and thick petals that are impervious to thrips. It blooms abundantly on a vigorous bush with disease-resistant foliage and numerous vicious prickles.

'Marilyn Monroe' is a cross of the apricot hybrid tea **'Sunset Celebration'** × **'St. Patrick'**, the latter discussed in the last installment. **'Marilyn Monroe'**, like its parent **'St. Patrick'**, loves heat and proved the best exhibition rose for Arizona. It has also performed exceptionally well in our Escondido gardens and is ranked nationally as the #6 exhibition rose over the five years 2014-2018.



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I conclude our 21st Century bankers with **'Deidre Hall'**, a versatile rose that performs uniquely well in our garden. A yellow blend hybrid tea bred by Eddie Edwards of Louisiana and introduced in 2006, **'Deidre Hall'** features strong, upright growth with leathery foliage and long-stems that produce abundant beautiful, round, wide-petaled blooms of great substance. It can win Queen on occasion, as it has done for us. It also has a beautiful bud and makes a stunning open bloom. This makes it an excellent candidate for the cycle of bloom in a rose show, as illustrated by the fact that we won the Kirk National trophy for a cycle of bloom in 2012 in San Ramon. Then for good measure it also has a strong fragrance that can win that class.

This concludes our tour of 21st Century hybrid teas. In the next installment we will look over the horizon at some of the hybrid tea newcomers in our garden which have the potential of becoming bankers in the future.



'Deidre Hall'

San Diego Rose Society and Social Media

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List of Nurseries for Roses

Here is a list of nurseries which some of our rosarians commonly use to obtain roses.

Some of these are local and some are some distance from San Diego or are for on-line ordering only.

LOCAL:

Armstrong Garden Centers	www.armstronggarden.com
Walter Andersen	www.walterandersen.com
Kniffings	www.kniffingsnursery.com
El Plantio Nursery	www.elplantationnursery.com
Hunters	www.huntersnursery.com
Evergreen	www.evergreennursery.com

NOT LOCAL OR ON-LINE ORDERING ONLY:

K and M Roses	www.kandmroses.com
Regan Nursery	www.regannursery.com
Wisconsin Roses	www.wiroses.com
Palatine Roses	www.palatineroses.com
For Love of Roses	www.forloveofroses.com
Angel Gardens	www.angelsingardens.com
Laguna Hills Nursery	www.lagunahillsnursery.com
Plant Depot	www.plantdepot.com
Rogue Valley Roses	www.roguevalleyroses.com
Green Thumb	www.greenthumb.com
Cool Roses	www.coolroses.com
Otto & Sons	www.ottoandsons-nursery.com
Heirloom Roses	www.heirloomroses.com
Burlington Roses	www.burlingtonroses.com
Antique Rose Emporium	www.antiqueroseemporium.com
Roses Unlimited	www.rosesunlimitedsc.com

Exciting News: Dave Bang Roses

By Elaine Ornelas, cornelas1949@att.net

Many of you have been seeing roses recently on Facebook or Instagram by a hybridizer Dave Bang. We met Dave at the 2014 ARS Convention here in San Diego and he has been able to produce some of the most beautiful roses, many of them with a stunning striped pattern. We were able to obtain one of his roses at the CCRS auction and now it has been named 'Strawberry Kisses' and it is winning prizes at shows quite a bit.

Dave sent some of his rose cuttings to Richard Anthony at For Love of Roses but the plants have been difficult to obtain from there. Recently Dave has established an arrangement with Jim Mills of K & M Roses. Many cuttings of his roses have been recently sent to Jim for grafting on Fortuana or establishing them as own root plants.

Take a look at Dave's roses on Facebook as he has supplied detailed information about each one, especially that so many of them are powdery mildew resistant. Since the cuttings have only been recently sent it will be at least summer of 2020 before the rose plants are available for purchase from K & M Roses.

Here is a picture of the 'Strawberry Kisses' that we have and enjoy so much. We look forward to the day when other Dave Bang roses will be available!



'Strawberry Kisses'

Event Calendars and Web Sites

San Diego Rose Society Calendar of Events

2020

January 7, 2020, 7:30 pm: SDRS Board Meeting at Ken Huff's house

January 11, 2020, 9:15 am—noon: SDRS Annual Rose Pruning Demonstration; Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden, Balboa Park; (see details on page 2 of this issue)

*January 27, 2020, 7:30 pm: SDRS Monthly Meeting

February 4, 2020, 7:30 pm: SDRS Board Meeting

*February 24, 2020, 7:30 pm: SDRS Monthly Meeting

March 3, 2020, 7:30 pm: SDRS Board Meeting

March 16, 2020, 7:30 pm: SDRS Monthly Meeting

May 2-3, 2020: SDRS Annual Rose Show, Ronald Reagan Community Center, 195 E. Douglas Ave., El Cajon, CA. (more details to follow)

*Note: The January and February meetings are held on the 4th Monday of these months because of the holidays. All other meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of the month. No meetings are held in July & August.

National Events

2020

June 17-21, 2020: ARS spring National Convention & Rose Show; hosted by Pikes Peak Rose Society, Hotel Elegante, 2886 South Circle Dr., Colorado Springs, CO; contact: Diana Kilmer originalsbydiana42@verizon.net

Other Local Gardening Events

2020

San Diego Floral Association Calendar <http://www.sdfloal.org/calendar.htm>

San Diego Botanic Garden Calendar <https://www.sdbgarden.org/events.htm>

Local/Regional Rose Events

2020

February 1, 2020, 10:30 am: Annual Rose Auction; hosted by Pacific Rose Society; Ayres Hall, Los Angeles Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia CA 91007

February 22, 2020: Consulting Rosarian School/Seminar; hosted by the Phoenix Rose Society; Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, AZ; contact: Gerry Mahoney at xrose3@cox.net or Dave Mahoney at space.man@cox.net

April 11 & 12, 2020: Horticulture Judging Seminar and School hosted by Pacific Rose Society; Lecture Hall, Los Angeles Arboretum, 301 N. Baldwin Ave, Arcadia, CA 91007 (more details to come)

April 18, 2020: Las Vegas Valley Rose Show; hosted by Las Vegas Valley Rose Society;

April 24-26, 2020: 65th Annual Pacific Southwest District Convention & Rose Show; hosted by the Pacific Rose Society; Monrovia, CA; contact: www.pacificrosesociety.org

May 2, 2020, 1 pm to 4 pm; South Valley Rose Society Rose Show hosted by the South Valley Rose Society; University of Nevada Extension, 8050 Paradise Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89123; contact: Judith Kafantaris judithkafantaris0625@gmail.com

June 5—July 5, 2020 (closed Mondays): San Diego County Fair; Flower Show exhibition dates: June 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30, July 3

Useful Websites and Links

San Diego Rose Society (www.sdrosesociety.org)

American Rose Society (www.rose.org)

American Rose Society Pacific Southwest District (www.pswdroses.org)

Help Me Find (roses) (www.helpmefind.com/rose)

Rose Show Results (<http://www.roseshow.com/results/>)

New Process for Contacting Consulting Rosarians

By Elaine Ornelas, cornelas1949@att.net and Beth VanBoxtel, SDRS webmistress

The listing below for consulting rosarians is also listed on the San Diego Rose Society's website, including phone numbers and email addresses. Our website is a public domain and can be viewed by everyone and is intended to be that way so that the public can harvest useful information about growing roses. However the email address can be accessed by 'web crawlers' and can be used to receive spam emails and spam phone calls. Listing emails and phone numbers is not a good idea with today's data breaches. So our board has decided, at our webmistress' encouragement, to not post emails and phone numbers.

So the new procedure for contacting consulting rosarians is to use a generic contact email address, listed below. Once the user accesses this email the message goes directly to the webmistress who will forward the email on to the appropriate consulting rosarian. Hopefully this will prevent any adverse conditions which might have resulting from having the emails and phone numbers posted readily.

New SDRS email address: sandiegorosesociety@gmail.com

Consulting Rosarians for San Diego Rose Society

Name	Area	County Location
Christine Allan	La Jolla	W
Steve Berry	San Diego	C
Frank Brines	San Diego	E
Gary Bulman	Escondido	N
Linda Clark	La Mesa	E
Frank Hastings	El Cajon	E
Ken Huff	Escondido	N
Bob Kolb	Sunset Cliffs	W
John Lester	Tierrasanta	C
Deborah Magnuson	Clairemont	W
Carl Mahanay	Imperial Beach	S
Dona Martin, Master Rosarian	Escondido	N
Bob Martin, Master Rosarian	Escondido	N
Soledad "Rita" Morris	San Diego	C
Elaine Ornelas	Clairemont	W
Bill Ornelas	Clairemont	W
Rita Perwich	Coronado	W
Jim Price	San Diego	C
Dwyn Robbie, Master Rosarian	Del Mar	W
Robert Russell	Crest	E
Sue Streeper, Master Rosarian	El Cajon	E
Ruth Tiffany, Master Rosarian	San Carlos	E

In Our Thoughts and Prayers....

Please keep Carl Mahanay in your prayers as he continues managing a long illness that has physically challenged him. He has shown us what courage looks like as he has adapted his life to still be able to enjoy his roses.

We were very sad to learn of the unexpected passing of Dona Martin's sister, Debbie, at her home in Escalante, Utah. Please keep Dona and her family in your prayers as they pass through this difficult time.

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