



Rose Ramblings



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Annual Rose Pruning Demonstration

Come and Learn the Good Practices of Pruning!

January 8, 2022

By Kathy Hunyor, jkhunyor@san.rr.com

The Annual Rose Pruning Demonstration by SDRS Consulting Rosarians is scheduled for Saturday, **January 8, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** in the Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden (aka: Balboa Park Rose Garden). This event is open to the public. Consulting Rosarians and other experienced rose pruners are encouraged to contact Debbie Magnuson at magnusond@sbcglobal.net to volunteer to help with this SDRS Community Education event!! Instructors need to arrive by 8:30 a.m.

Since January is the time to perform the major pruning of our roses we hope everyone can come to this special event to learn the important techniques of pruning. Several rose types will be used for demonstration, including hybrid teas, floribundas, and climbers.

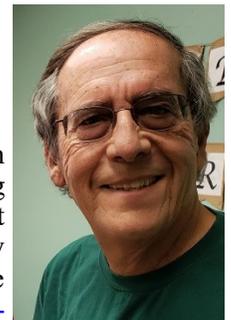
Why do we prune roses? As days became shorter at the end of last year, our rose plants slowed their growth to store energy in their root system, in preparation for the upcoming growing season. Pruning helps our roses to slow down and rest a bit. But pruning is also useful in shaping our roses, keeping manageable height and width, and improving their vigor for the spring season. It is a long established practice, particularly for rose exhibitors, but also for people wanting to maintain hardy rose bushes free of dead or dying canes.

We hope to see you all at this landmark event for our rose society!

SDRS Wants You to Share Your Suggestions for Great Programs!

By Bill Ornelas, 2022 SDRS Program Chair, bornelas1945@att.net

As I take over in my new position as 2022 Program Chair for our society, I would like to know that we are meeting the needs of the members by providing them with the most current and informative programs about roses at our monthly meetings. If there are topics that you would like to learn more about please let me know by emailing me at bornelas1945@att.net.





President's Message

By Deborah Magnuson, magnusond@sbcglobal.net

“Let the storm doors open” were the familiar words of a former local weatherman when he was forecasting much needed rain. We’ve been truly blessed with above average rainfall so far this season with the promise of more soon to come as I write this message. Just before one of our most recent storms I cut quite a few roses for one more bouquet to wrap up the season. While I’ve been pretty diligent since November about letting the rose hips develop rather than deadheading as part of our best practices in Southern California rose culture, I simply couldn’t resist rescuing these roses. The bouquet pictured here consists of blooms of ‘Ring of Fire’, ‘Opening Night’, ‘Ingrid Bergman’, ‘Marilyn Monroe’, ‘Queen Elizabeth’, one stem of ‘Flower Girl’, and multiple stems of ‘Sparkle & Shine’. So perfect for my Christmas table! With this rainfall our roses are getting an important jumpstart, but don’t forget they also need you. Pruning season is upon us, so now is the time to gather and inventory your tools, disinfect, sharpen, and make plans to join me and other experienced rosarians on Saturday, January 8th in the Balboa Park Rose Garden starting at 9:00 am for our annual pruning demonstration. If you are brand new to pruning you don’t want to miss it. If you just want a refresher, or a chance to perfect your pruning techniques we hope you’ll join us. There is always something new to learn.

While I am confident brighter days are ahead as we begin 2022, sadly it will be without the shining light of our dear friend, Master Rosarian extraordinaire, and American Rose Society Past President Bob Martin. It is still hard to imagine being without his wisdom, intellect, energy, humor, and devotion to all things roses. But continue we must for Bob wouldn’t want it any other way. It is within each of us to honor his legacy by letting our own light shine bright as we begin this year anew, honoring our commitments to the San Diego Rose Society while spreading the joy of roses to those whose paths we cross. My hope for 2022 is that, in Bob’s memory, we continue working together and that our society of rose enthusiasts will flourish in all the years to come. In the words of the great Reverend Robert H. Schuller “Let your hopes, not your hurts, shape your future.” I wish you all a very Happy New Year, and look forward to seeing each of you soon.



Basic Rose Arranging Class

By Frank Brines, roseguy2000@aol.com

I am planning to offer a class on basic rose arranging for rose shows. The class schedule will depend on the number of interested members. I am planning for the class to be in February or March in time for the San Diego Rose Show which will be on April 30. Attendees will need to obtain a guide for judging roses. I will give information on how to obtain that guide to those who sign up for the class. If you are interested or have questions please respond to me by email to roseguy2000@aol.com.



Frank with his winning arrangement entry at the 2021 Desert Rose Society Rose Show

Speaker for January Program: Hudson Elliott

By Kathy Hunyor, jkhunyor@san.rr.com

Our meeting is on Monday, **January 24, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 101** of Casa del Prado in Balboa Park. We are privileged to have **Hudson Elliot** as our speaker for this meeting. Hudson has been working for the Armstrong Garden Center in Del Mar for the last thirteen years. He has many roses in his garden and has extensive knowledge of their care.



Hudson was born and raised in Arcadia, California only a few blocks from the Los Angeles County Arboretum. This wonderful garden had a major influence on him during his childhood. He started selling plants at a plant stand in his backyard at the age of seven! His mother passed on all of her extensive horticultural knowledge to him as he grew up. He came to San Diego in 1986 to study mechanical engineering at University of California, San Diego, but decided the outdoors was more fun! He started a landscape construction company in 1990 and he rediscovered his plant passion! He has been a licensed landscape contractor since 1992. He retired from the construction part of that career fourteen years ago to focus on consulting and the nursery business. He is also a California certified nurseryman and UC certified integrated pest management specialist. He does extensive consulting for backyard orchards. We hope you all can come to hear Hudson. It promises to be a lively presentation!

The meeting will also include a raffle, introductions, and an update on rose society news. We will continue with having a silent auction of five or more roses facilitated by Bill Ornelas.

The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. in Casa del Prado's room 101 in Balboa Park.

Pre-meeting Rose Care Program with Q&A

From 7:00—7:30 p.m. Gary Bulman, Master Rosarian, will be presenting a short program in the Consulting Rosarian Corner about successfully growing roses. His 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.

Please Note: The SDRS monthly meeting for January and February this year are scheduled for the 4th Monday of the month instead of the usual 3rd Monday.

Balboa Park requires that masks be worn inside all buildings regardless of vaccination status. So masks must be worn for this SDRS monthly meeting in room 101.

To further protect our members there will be no coffee service. There will be water bottles available. Hand sanitizer will be available.



Silent Rose Auction at the January SDRS Meeting

By Bill Ornelas, bornelas1945@att.net

Prior to this month's meeting, there will be another silent auction with several roses on own root that I started from cuttings of some of our favorite roses. All of the roses were started in January 2021 and are in one-gallon containers. The own-root roses offered are **'Paul Ecke, Jr.'**, **'Shannon Lanaya'**, **'Ruth Tiffany'**, **'Sunny Sundays'**, **'Strawberry Kisses'** and **'Zion Rose'**. Some of these are not available commercially. Minimum starting bid will be \$10 for these roses.

Come early before the meeting starts and place your bid for these wonderful roses. There will be a sheet of paper in front of each rose with details of the rose along with a photo of the bloom. If you want to bid on a rose, just write the last four digits of your phone number (to preserve the secrecy of this silent auction!) and your bid amount on the sheet of paper. Each bid must increase by one dollar from the last bid. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can give your name, the last four digits of your phone number and your highest bid to a fellow member who would be attending and that person can bid for you.

All proceeds will be added to the SDRS treasury. This should prove to be a fun and competitive event! Come and join in and take home a special rose! If we find this auction to be successful, other roses will be offered in subsequent meetings.



'Paul Ecke, Jr.'

Shrub, orange blend, bred by Tom Carruth, 2004, no fragrance, disease resistant, grows to 4-6 feet



'Shannon Lanaya'

Floribunda, cream or apricot, bred by Chris Greenwood, 2018, grows to 4-5 feet; not available commercially



'Ruth Tiffany'

Shrub, orange blend, bred by Robert Martin; not available commercially



'Sunny Sundays'

Hybrid Tea, yellow blend, bred by John T. Smith, 2013, no fragrance; grows to 6 feet



'Strawberry Kisses'

Mini-Flora, red blend, crimson red with white streaks and flecks, bred by Dave Bang



'Zion Rose'

Mini-Flora, yellow blend with orange-red blend edges, bred by Jim Sproul 2018; not available commercially

The Whys and Hows of Pruning Roses

By Rita Perwich, Master Gardener and Consulting Rosarian ritaperwich@gmail.com



Seize the momentum of fresh energy at the start of this new year and resolve, pledge and vow to prune and care for your roses. Unlike some resolutions, this one is easy to keep for two reasons. First, it is therapeutic, cleansing and enjoyable to tackle a task that helps rid the garden of last year's old leaves and trouble. And second, the task is spurred on by the vision and inspiration of fresh new growth and blooms in the spring. But you need to understand why and how to prune. When you approach a task you don't understand, it can be tedious and even overwhelming. You might even mistakenly consider rose pruning to be an unnecessary chore and one you are unwilling to tackle. On the other hand, when you are comfortable pruning roses and know how to do it, it is enjoyable, uplifting and rewarding, for both you and your roses. In San Diego our enthusiasm for new beginnings is perfectly timed as roses here are generally pruned in January.

WHY WE PRUNE

For the well-being of the bush. Modern repeat-blooming roses do not have the ability to become dormant but the cold weather and shorter days do slow growth. This is a good time to remove diseased leaves, blooms and canes from the rose garden. The pruning of dead, damaged and unproductive canes encourages the growth of new strong healthy canes from the bud union. Pruning opens the plant to air and light which minimizes future disease.

For the Production of the Plant's Best Blooms. We grow roses for their blooms. Pruning roses not only shapes the bush to its best appearance but also rejuvenates the bush to maximize the number and beauty of its blooms.

HOW WE PRUNE.

Examine the Rose from the Bottom Up. Start by looking at the bud union (the base of the grafted rose pictured at right), and assess and keep the best, healthiest and newest (green) canes. Canes that are dead, spindly or damaged must be cut out. Do check before you cut out an older cane to ensure it does not have a newer cane growing from it further up the bush.

Removal of old canes. When we cut out old canes we encourage the rose to put out new fresh canes. These are known as basal breaks. You want to stimulate these basal breaks by sawing old canes with your pruning saw down at the bud union. Removing them at the bud union opens up room for new canes.

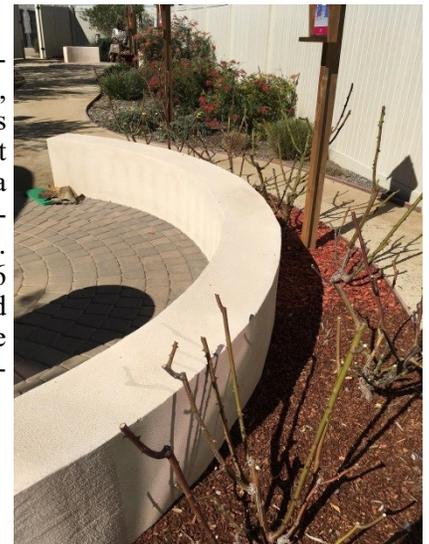
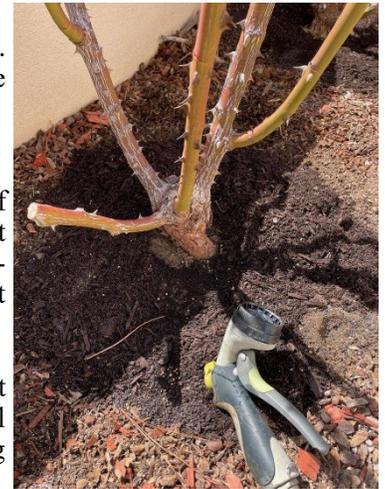
The Right Height. In San Diego we do not need to prune severely. Generally, we don't prune below knee height as they do in colder areas.

As a general rule, we cut about one-third off the height of our **hybrid teas**. On hybrid teas we want one large bloom per stem so after the basic clean-out of dead, damaged and twiggy growth, we generally get rid of stem-on-stems, also known as

"dog-legs", and then we cut back to an outside bud-eye on a cane that is thick enough to support the desired future bloom. Generally, this leaves 5 or 6 major canes on a regular sized hybrid tea, but you should leave all healthy canes on larger vigorous roses.



Left and right: Hybrid Tea rose, 'Secret', shown in the Sacred Heart Prayer Garden before and after being pruned.



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We cut back only 1/4 of the height on our **floribundas, polyanthas, shrub roses and David Austin roses**. We can leave some branching dog-legs on floribundas and shrubs, but we do need to get to a stem diameter that will support the quality of blooms or cluster of blooms we want.

On **miniature and miniflora roses**, some people prune off the top third with hedge shears and then open up the centers by cutting out twiggy growth with their pruners.

Climbing roses are pruned very differently from other roses. The main canes are not pruned unless they are dead or damaged. Climbers bloom off lateral shoots so train new, flexible canes horizontally as much as possible in order to encourage lateral growth. Your cuts are made at a bud eye on each of the lateral shoots growing off the main canes.

Old garden roses that bloom only once need just a light grooming after their flowering has finished, and very little pruning in January other than the removal of old and dead growth.

Look for an Outward Facing Bud Eye. We purposefully open up the center of the plant to air circulation and light which helps to minimize fungal diseases. There is a bud eye above each set of leaflets on a rose stem. Having figured out approximately how much to cut off, make each cut at about 1/4 inch above a leaf with five leaflets and choose an outward facing bud eye as this prompts the rose to grow in that outward direction and away from its center. When you cut a cane, the pith should be creamy white; otherwise make your cuts further down the cane.

Get Rid of the Old. Strip all the remaining leaves from the plant. Don't let your rose garden start the new year with last year's disease and insects. Clean up and dispose of all clippings, leaves and petals around the base of the plant to get rid of dormant spores of fungi and over-wintering pests

When you attend a pruning workshop, words come alive and your understanding grows. We hope you can attend the San Diego Rose Society's free annual Rose Pruning Workshop which will be held on Saturday, January 8th, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the *Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden* in Balboa Park.



Vigorous, healthy canes on a pruned hybrid tea rose in the Balboa Park rose garden.



Master Rosarian Sue Streeper demonstrates the pruning of a climbing rose at the San Diego Rose Society's pruning workshop at the Balboa Park Rose Garden.



Consulting Rosarian Christine Allan demonstrates how to prune a hybrid tea rose at the pruning workshop.

San Diego Rose Society's 2021 Holiday Party and Awards Ceremony Home For the Holidays!

By Elaine Ornelas, cornelas1949@att.net

What a blessing that for the first time in two years, our society's members have been able to come together again and celebrate the season, and to distribute well-earned awards to some of our members. COVID restrictions have been overshadowing all of our activities and even at this one we continued to practice caution by masking indoors. We celebrated once again at the beautiful home of our gracious hosts, Linda Clark and Ralph Reagan. We cannot express our appreciation enough to Linda and her family for helping us all to celebrate. Linda's brother Allen, with help from her son Joe, worked hard to produce very yummy barbequed beef and turkey. In addition there was salad, macaroni and cheese, beans, as well as pumpkin, pecan and apple pie and other desserts. A feast was had by all! Here are a few photos of members socializing and enjoying the feast!



*Linda Clark and Ruth Tiffany
carving the yummy ham*



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In addition to the delicious food, we had a chance to honor several members with awards and to recognize our hard-working board members. These are the folks that work behind the scenes to keep our society thriving through programs, membership enhancement, rose shows, social media and sound financial management. We owe them our gratitude.



SDRS President Deborah Magnuson presents ARS Bronze Medal to Master Rosarian Frank Brines for his service to our society



2022 SDRS Board Members
(from left to right)

- Past-President: Ken Huff*
- 2nd Vice President, Membership: Kirk Rummel*
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- Recording Secretary: Kathleen Hider*
- Rose Show Coordinator: Linda Clark*
- Members-at-Large: Christine and Rand Allan*
- Member-at-Large: Melinda Bourg (not pictured)*
- Corresponding Secretary: Elaine Ornelas (not pictured)*
- Webmaster/Social Media: Beth Van Boxtel (not pictured)*

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More Awards and Acknowledgments!

Last October, two of our members were honored with special tributes at our monthly meeting. Gary Bulman was awarded the ARS Master Rosarian certificate from Tom Cooney, Pacific Southwest District Consulting Rosarian Chair.

It is a well-deserved honor for Gary who more than adequately exemplifies knowledge of roses and how best to grow them. He has always been willing to share his knowledge with all of us and has served our rose society as one of the best examples of service to others. Congratulations, Gary!

Also, our current Recording Secretary Kathleen Hider, received the SDRS Rosebud Award from SDRS President Deborah Magnuson. This award is given to one of our members who might be fairly new to our society, or new to responsible positions, but who has stepped up to help any way they can. We congratulate Kathleen and thank her for her service!



Gary Bulman receiving the ARS Master Rosarian Certificate



Kathleen Hider receives SDRS Rose Bud Award

Our Last Roses of the Year

By Elaine Ornelas, ornelas1949@att.net

I consider it such a gift to walk out in our garden on December 31st of any year and harvest an armful of beautiful roses! Our climate here in San Diego is so accommodating for this. We had bouquets for our Thanksgiving and Christmas tables this year for which we were very grateful. Here are a couple of photos of roses I harvested today, the last day of 2021. We are looking forward to another rose bounty in 2022, a year that we anticipate will be filled with health, hope and promise!



'Irresistible', 'Powerhouse', 'Sam Trivitt', 'Bees Knees', 'This Is The Day'



'Black Magic', 'Paradise', 'Signature', 'Ketchup & Mustard', 'Mango Blush', 'Veterans Honor', 'Firefighter', 'Col Phil Ash', 'Maurice Utrillo', 'Lanvin', 'Teasing Georgia'

What To Do In the Rose Garden for January Advice From Our Consulting Rosarians

Robert and Kristine Russell

Residence: 'End of the World Garden' in Crest, CA

Looking forward to the 2022 growing season



I trust that your holidays have been a blessing, celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah or however you celebrate this time of year. I hope that this time has been restful and peaceful for you and your families and friends, and that you are looking forward to a fresh start for the new year. As the new year quickly approaches Kristine and I have been making a lot of changes at our 'End of the World Garden' as we are preparing to receive another resident back in the barn. We will soon be the proud owners of two horses! A lot of work has been done revamping the barn and arena, readying them for the expected arrival of Caledonia, my daughter Jessica's dressage horse. As we have been down there getting ready I am excited and am rethinking my methods of gardening, storage



and work stations, and I have pretty much taken up residence with all of my stuff! There has been a lot of purging going on at the direction of my daughter, so let's just say that I might be a little bit more organized this coming growing season of 2022!

Meanwhile back to the garden. After much deliberation and going back on the totals of fertilizers and what I still had in stock I finally was able to get my fertilizer order to Ruth yesterday. I have also been working on this short addition for *Rose Ramblings*. I am redesigning some of our garden down at the 'End of the Rainbow'



section and will be removing some of the climbing roses on the trellis. I will be planting a few added roses there that I have been diligently collecting over the last year that are ready to be put into the ground. All of this began by stopping our fertilizing in October, and no dead heading has been done since that time



also, to try and give our plants a little bit of a rest as much as we could. Considering our mild climate, a dormant period here is, I am pretty sure, laughed at by others in other parts of the country. Next on the agenda we will begin on January 15th by doing our winter pruning. By pruning on this date I am predicting (and who can actually 100% predict?) when our spring bloom will arrive. The last 3 years I have been logging the pruning times, and the start of bloom times and 80%-100% bloom times in hopes to get the timing correct for the rose show at the end of April and our rose show the beginning of May. Hopefully, this will be depending on our growing season this new year.

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Winter pruning for all plants in the ground that have been planted for over two years will be topped off to about midhigh height, all spindly canes cut out, all foliage completely stripped and all damaged or dying canes will be cut from the plant. All filters within my watering systems will be cleaned out. All of the individual watering rings around each plant will be assessed and changed out to larger rings if the plant is needing it and all watering lines will be examined before being covered up again with a layer of mulch in February. After everything is finally cut, I will spray each plant with a dormant spray including a copper fungicide. Then I will amend the soil with the John and Bob's smart soil solutions, timing it before a good rain to let it get soaked into the soil. I will start removing existing plants that will need to be removed and start planting others sometime around the beginning of February. So it looks like a nice casual start to the new year!

Christine and Rand Allan

Residence: Mt. Soledad, CA

Jaunting into January

Yes, it is pruning season in January. This is very important for your rose garden to promote healthy roses bushes. When pruning, be sure and remove canes that are dead, have cane blight or cankers. Hybrid tea roses need to be pruned to thigh/hip-high and interior and crossing canes need to be removed. Grandiflora, Floribunda, Climbing, and Miniature roses have their own specifications for pruning. Roses are generally quite forgiving when it comes to pruning. If you feel you would benefit from more instruction, you'll have a great opportunity to observe consulting rosarians demonstrate pruning techniques in the Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden in Balboa Park on Saturday, January 8 from 9-11 a.m. Be sure and bring your pruners, loppers, and gloves!

We usually prune our roses about mid-January. With approximately 50 roses in our garden and "aging bodies", it usually takes us about a week to fully complete our rose pruning. We try and time the prune during a cooler rather than warm period, and also look ahead to the annual SDRS rose show to hopefully coincide with the bloom cycle. This is also a challenge as a lot of this has to do with the weather and in particular rain as well as warm temperatures. Since this is our "rainy" time of year, irrigation of your rose garden will be a variable based upon the weather. For now, we have turned off our irrigation system with successive storms. Also, pruned roses do not require as much water as those in full foliage/bloom. This also depends upon your location in San Diego County. Also, make sure you have plenty of mulch in your rose garden.

January is also an exciting month as that's when rose gardeners and others who love roses can make bareroot selections of new roses for their garden. Of course, first you need to select the locations for these new roses and also determine if you need to "shovel prune" any of your existing roses that are struggling in your garden or no longer bring you joy.

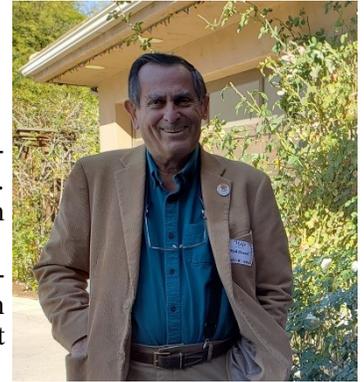
Lastly, we hope you all ordered your fertilizer for the year through Ruth Tiffany and the SDRS's annual rose fertilizer fundraiser. We will be picking up our fertilizer at the end of January/ beginning of February. Be sure and use it as directed, as it won't do any good sitting in your garage. Using Ruth's recommendation, we plan to do our first fertilizer application of the season on Valentine's Day. This will include the Bio-Start, and then the Magnum Grow/seaweed extract/fish/JumpStart concoction we dissolve in a two-gallon bucket of water and apply to each bush.

Membership News!! January 2022

By Kirk Rummel, Membership Chair, knrummel@sbcglobal.net

Well, here it is at the end of the year and what a year it has been! Our social activities may have been curtailed but our enthusiasm about caring for our roses has not. From our June rose show to our reactivated monthly programs our society is alive and in full gear. We capped the year off with our annual holiday party.

The year has been good for our membership. While we thought last year participation was great at 79 new members to our society this year has been even better with **104 new members!** We are now at **316 members** strong and growing, one of the largest rose societies in the country.



Our newest members and the last for 2021 are:

Leni Boe
Susan Walker
Jeannine Wall
Penny Westfall
Cherri Bailey
Katie Martello

Renewals from existing members are also holding up well and we expect many more will be renewing when they pick up their fertilizer. We were trying to encourage everyone to pay their dues before December 31st so we could get a head start on our new Membership Directory but it seems that request has not gotten through to everyone and we still have nearly 200 folk who have not renewed. For those of you who love your roses, keeping your membership current is an invaluable way to take advantage of all of the programs and the monthly newsletter describing best practices in growing roses.

So... please make an extra effort and either mail your check to our PO box or pay on PayPal at our website. If you are not sure if you paid email me at the address above.

The membership form can be completed and payment submitted using this online link:

<https://www.sandiegorosociety.com/join>



Notes for Novices

By Elaine Ornelas, Consulting Rosarian cornelas1949@att.net

Editor's Note: Several years ago, our own Master Rosarian Bob Martin, who sadly passed away on November 27, 2021, began to forward a series of articles to me to be published in this newsletter. It was entitled 'The Rookie Rosarian'. I was thrilled to be able to share these articles with our members as they are filled with Bob's unending body of knowledge about roses. In particular they were suited to the new rosarian with lots of information about how to begin to grow roses to their fullest potential. I am republishing this article which I first published in January of 2016. I think Bob would be honored that his legacy continues to live on in this way.

Elaine Ornelas, editor

The Rookie Rosarian - January

Planting and Pruning

By Robert B. Martin Jr., petrose@aol.com

January is the time to plant and prune roses. While rosarians in colder climates are sitting by the fire reading rose catalogues, we who live in Southern California have work to do. You can start pruning just about anytime after Christmas and that is usually when the bareroot roses begin to arrive in the local nurseries. You can both plant and prune throughout January and through about Valentine's Day.

Pruning

Pruning time normally sends rose growers back to their books and out to pruning demonstrations and lectures to refresh their memories on the principles of pruning. There they will encounter numerous instructions on proper pruning technique, some of which are contradictory, and much of which scares them into thinking that if they don't do it exactly right, something terrible will happen to their roses. Don't believe it. You can't screw up the pruning of a rose. (Actually you can, but this would require you to cut under the bud union, which is something I have actually seen done, so let us just say that it is very hard to screw up the pruning of a rose.)

In an effort to bring some order to this confusion I once developed ten simple principles that provided guidance on pruning large roses – hybrid teas and grandifloras. I no longer believe two of them – or maybe it's because I've gotten older and more economical – so now there are eight. These I describe below. And, with minor modifications, mentioned at the close, these eight principles also apply to pruning floribundas, shrubs, miniature and miniflora roses. Climbers require a somewhat different approach that I will also describe at the end.

As with any project, the place to start is with a plan. Thus the first rule is:

1. Plan Your Pruning From the Ground Up.

Most rose growers start the pruning process from the top, standing over their roses and nibbling away with pruning shears as if they were barbers giving their roses a trim. This wastes time; it is also ineffective. The purpose of pruning is to select the strong, healthy canes that will support this year's growth. The stuff at the top is last year's history. Get down on your knees (sit down if it's more comfortable) and look at the bud union and the canes that come from it. Think about new growth and turn to rule number



Miniature before and after pruning



Hybrid Tea before and after pruning



Floribunda before and after pruning

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2. *If It's Too Old To Cut It, Cut It.*

Identify the newest canes. They are the ones that are the greenest. Then identify any older canes. (If your bush is young--say two to three years old--you may not have much in the way of older canes.) Like people, they are the ones that are craggy and gray. This is not the time for nostalgia. The old gray ones usually have weak spindly growth on them and are in the way of brand new canes that are now only a gleam in the bud union's dormant eyes. Use your loppers or handy pruning saw and cut the old buzzards off flush with the bud union. When this is accomplished, turn to rule number 3:



3. *If It's In the Way, Cut It Away.*

New growth needs room and the ideal plant grows out from the center. Identify any canes that cross directly over the center and cut them off with your loppers or pruning saw flush with the bud union or, as is more generally the case, flush with the cane from which they have decided to grow in the wrong direction. Also, identify any canes that are seriously crowding each other. If they are not too close you can wedge them apart with a piece of stem cut from the plant. If not, cut them out with your loppers or pruning saw, again flush with the bud union or the cane from which they are growing. The remaining canes are now your bush and are ready to be pruned back – leading to the next rule:

4. *The Height Is As Simple As 1-2-3.*

The relative merits of severe versus light pruning are debated at length in the rose literature. Most proponents of severe pruning are from areas that require winter protection for their roses. Since the cold is going to kill back long canes anyway this makes sense. The proponents of very light pruning are either too faint-hearted, or have an inordinate love of bushy foliage and small blooms on short stems. In our Southern California climate, neither approach makes sense. Mentally divide the cane into three equal parts and prepare to remove the top one-third. Before you do, however, proceed to rule number 5:

5. *For All You Do, This Bud's For You.*

If you are unusually lucky, exactly 2/3rds of the way up the cane (or 1/3rd down depending on whether you have now stood up) will be an outward facing bud eye. Bud eyes are found at the intersection of the cane and a leaflet of five. They will also develop from what looks like an expanded band on the cane. Sometimes they are obvious; other times less so. There should be several and the generally preferred ones face out. But it is not necessary to be slavish to the outside eye rule. Where the canes come out at a 45-degree or greater angle, a cut to the outside facing eye can often result in a horizontally spreading bush with canes that fall of their own weight. This is particularly true of bushes that tend to naturally grow horizontally. A cut to an inner facing eye in such cases will usually produce a cane that goes straight up, the best way for roses to grow. What if there are no properly placed bud eyes? Find one and work with what you've got. If you haven't got any, double check your eyesight and if there are really no eyes of promise conclude that God didn't intend the cane to live anyway. This brings us to a very important and seemingly heartless rule:



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6. When In Doubt, Cut It Out.

Many rose growers are somewhat squeamish about pruning, for fear they will harm a plant that produces such beautiful and delicate blooms. Don't let the blooms fool you – a rose bush is one tough cookie. How else could the rose have survived without the loving care of rosarians for hundreds of millions of years? The bush will take care of itself, so if you're puzzling about whether to leave that little stem that, although unpromising, might do something – cut it off. This takes us to rule number 7:

7. Leave No Leaves.

Strip all the remaining leaves. They too are last year's history. You want new leaves that can get a good start without catching fungus infections or facing attack from the bugs hanging around the old leaves. After this, your bush should be looking pretty bare and you can wrap up your work with a little advice that sounds like it came from Mom:

8. Clean Up After Yourself.

Gather up all the canes, stems, leaves and miscellaneous stuff you've generated, bag it up and throw it away. While you're at it, yank the weeds from around the bush and get rid of all the dead leaves and dried up old petals lying around. All of last year's fungus and insect problems are lying around in this stuff waiting for the new blooms. And don't bother to compost it. Rose canes don't decompose well and the spores, eggs and other things in the mess will survive composting efforts quite well. Finally, lay down some new mulch to make things look real neat. Your Mom will be proud of you and will love the roses that bloom in the spring, *tra la*.

As mentioned, the above rules also generally apply to floribundas and shrubs, however the trick here is to prune more lightly and to not worry about leaving thin stems. The rules also generally work on miniatures, minifloras and polyanthas; however, since they are usually growing on their own roots, you can leave a lot more canes. In fact, careful pruning can get rather tedious so some growers simply prune off the top third with hedge shears like a shrub and get pretty good results.

Climbers make long canes and typically bloom from lateral stems coming off those canes. So you don't want to cut back the long canes. Instead, the objective is to train them (the fancy term here is "espalier") so that the canes are as horizontal as possible. This encourages the lateral growth and the resulting blooms. So the best thing to do with climbers is to wrestle with them and tie them up so that they will grow as you want them to grow. You can remove the leaves and all the scrawny stuff that is not going anywhere.

Planting

Roses that arrive in the local nurseries generally do so as bareroot roses, even when not sold as such. Some nurseries still follow the old-fashioned approach of selling bareroot roses in sand or sawdust, but this has become somewhat rare. Many simply obtain the roses pre-packaged from the wholesale supplier; others receive them bareroot and pot them up on arrival. Consider them all bareroot roses unless you know they have been in the container for a while.

At the beginning you should take a 32-gallon trash can and fill it nearly to the top with water. If you are a believer in magic – or just want to do something magical that might make a difference -- add a tablespoon of Jump Start. You could also grind up eight aspirin tablets and throw them in as well. I sometimes throw in other magical ingredients depending on what I believe at the moment. Then remove the bareroot rose(s) from their package or container and place them in the trash can with the water covering them if possible. You can get six or eight roses in a trash can; just be careful in shoving them in that you are not breaking canes and roots.

The roses should be kept in the water for a minimum of 24 hours and ideally 48 to 72 hours. I'm not sure what the outside limit is but can tell you I've kept roses in water for over a month without adverse effect.

You should note from this advice that you cannot buy roses at the local nursery and plant them the same weekend. Mail order roses generally arrive midweek and should be promptly removed from their packages and put in water. Mail order roses and those in packages tend to be more dried out so they should get at least 48 hours in the water.

I start all of my roses in containers and it has been many years since I have planted bare root roses directly in the ground. A container, however, is simply a moveable hole and since most rookies will want to get their roses in the ground I will describe the planting as if the hole is in the ground.

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The first thing to do is dig a hole. “How big?” you ask. I have seen precise measurements given for rose holes but the answer is that it depends on the size of the root system of the rose that you intend to plant. The objective is to have a hole that is plenty large enough to accommodate the root system without having to bend the roots or trim them. There are occasional long heavy roots that may need to be trimmed but this is unusual; preservation of the root system is your objective.

The next thing to do is to select and prepare a planting mix. My soil in Pasadena and Arizona was heavy clay as is much of the soil in Southern California. Clay soils hold water and need to be amended to permit drainage. On the other hand, my soil is Escondido in decomposed granite that drains like crazy. It needs to be amended to promote water retention. So you’re going to need to know what your soil is and how it drains. If you’re not sure, then dig a hole and fill it with water to see how fast it drains. If the water is still there the next morning, you have clay soil and need to improve drainage. If the water is all gone in an hour or two, you need to improve the water retention of the soil.

In selecting a planting mix you want organic matter such as composted tree parts. What goes with it depends on your soil. Peat moss holds water, as does clay. Vermiculite is a clay that is closely related to bentonite, which is better known as kitty litter. Perlite and sand provide for drainage and air spaces. Do not use a planting mix in a clay soil that contains vermiculite. Don’t add sand or perlite to a sandy soil. Read the label on your planting mix. If your natural soil is halfway decent, you should throw some in the wheelbarrow with your planting mix. I use about 1/3rd natural soil and the rest is a planting mix augmented sometimes with vermiculite (remember - I have fast-draining soil.)

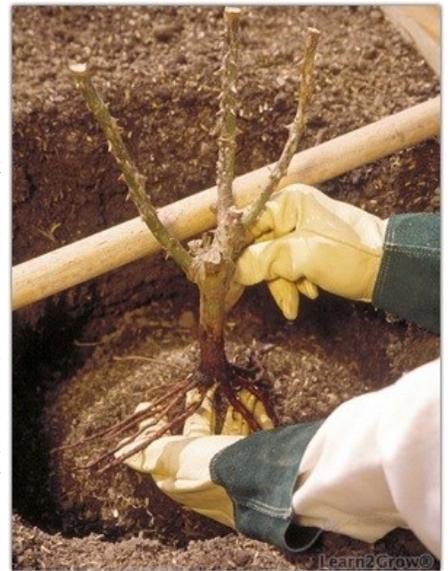
Put some of the planting mix at the bottom of the hole and then add a handful of triple super phosphate or a 1/2 cup of bone meal. Put it in piles or mounds; do not mix it in the mix or just scatter it around. Then cover it with more planting mix and build a mound in the center of the hole.

Remove the rose bush from the water. Examine the root system and cut off any broken roots. Then examine the canes. Remove obviously twiggy growth and any broken canes. Hopefully you’ll have remaining the three good canes a #1 rose is supposed to have. Examine each cane to find an outward facing bud eye or ribbed growth area and cut just above it at a 45° angle with the angle away from the bud eye.

Set the rose on the mound and determine where the bud union is in relationship to the surface of the ground. (The bud union is the big knob where the canes are attached to the rootstock.) Laying a yardstick or other straight edge at the level of the hole will help with this. You will want the bud union to be about an inch above the ground’s surface. Since a rose will settle, it is best to see that the bud union stands out about two inches above the surface of the ground. Build up the mound with additional soil until the rose is at the right level. The roots should then be spread on the edge of the mound and not folded back.

Then fill in the hole with your soil and firm it with your hands. (Do not use your feet to firm soil around a new rose.) Fill the planted hole with water (the water from your trash can will do) and allow it to drain; this will cause the soil to settle. Add additional soil to complete the hole and then keep adding until you have built a mound that covers the bud union. Gently water the rose with a water wand but be careful not to wash the soil off the bud union.

Thereafter keep the mounded soil moist and water regularly. After several weeks when new growth emerges you can begin to slowly wash the mound off the bud union. There is no reason to be in a hurry about this and it will happen in time anyway.



A Celebration of Bob Martin

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On Friday, November 26, 2021, the light in a rose garden was lost. Our dear friend and mentor, Bob Martin, passed over to a brighter field of roses and those of us who remain here celebrate his life as a profound gift from God. On December 11th we gathered in the Martin garden for Bob's celebration of life ceremony to listen to many people who also have been touched by Bob in so many ways. There were family members of Bob and Dona, as well as members of the San Diego Rose Society, the American Rose Society and members of the Mormon faith.

For my husband and me, as long as we have known Bob, we have been somewhat intimidated by his extensive knowledge of roses. In our minds, he was a walking encyclopedia of 'all things roses'. But we have always been grateful to him for his untiring willingness to share that knowledge with us. He loved roses but he loved people that grew roses even more!

I remember an instance when we were fairly new to exhibiting roses at the San Diego County Fair in Del Mar. I had a really tiny bloom of 'Popcorn' no bigger than a pea that I wanted to float in a bowl for that category. But unfortunately it would not stay in the center of the bowl but kept floating to the side. I complained about this to Bob as he wandered by and I said "Could I secure it to the bottom with a string?" He smiled and said, "Well it would be disqualified because no foreign substance is allowed in the container." I said "I think I will try it anyway". And Bob proceeded to help me tie a small string to the stem of the bloom with the other end of the string tied to a small pebble. We dropped it in the bowl and lo and behold! It stayed in the center of the bowl! Long story short....the entry was, indeed, disqualified by Dick Streeper, and Bob and I both laughed about that! But it is a fun memory.

Another time, Bob was attending one of the open garden events at our house. I so much wanted him to see a seedling climber of 'Fourth of July' because it was our first successful seedling. He stood for a long time evaluating the small single, striped bloom and then, after quite a while, he said "I think this is a going to be a nice miniature climber and I like it." I was overjoyed!

All of us have similar stories to tell about Bob and our experiences with him. At his memorial service we got to hear many of these and I will always remember them. I am attaching a few photos of the service for those of you who were unable to attend.



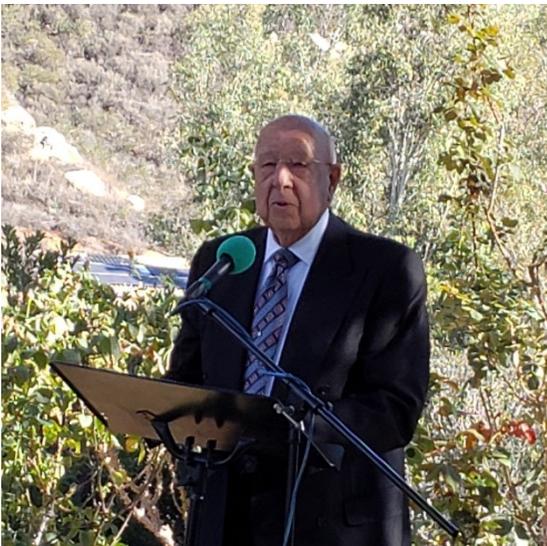
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Dona's family members



American Rose Society's Executive Director Jon Corkren



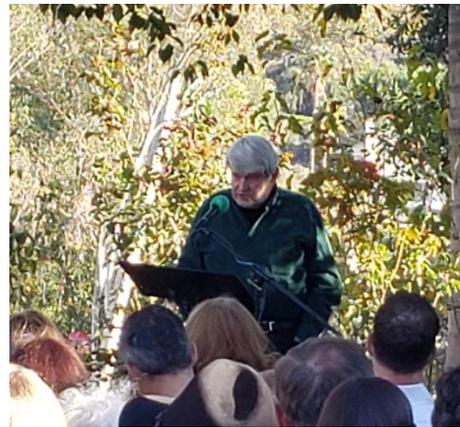
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Bob's daughter Elysia



Bob's brother Jack



*Grace to you, Bob, and
Peace, as you tend to the
roses of Heaven.*

Forever in Roses: Remembering Bob Martin

By Rita Perwich, Master Gardener and Consulting Rosarian ritaperwich@gmail.com

Bob Martin accomplished so much in his life and he touched so many of us with his passion and love for roses, his service to the ARS, our rose society, and to each and every lover of roses throughout the nation. Bob's prolific writings are full of his huge wealth of knowledge, his wit and his wisdom. We are so fortunate to have them.

I attended Bob's memorial service in his and Dona's beautiful garden and I felt his presence strongly. The following day, as I admired Linda Clark's glorious rose garden at our annual Christmas party, I again felt Bob's presence greatly. He will always be with us, he will always be missed and he will always be associated with beautiful roses. This time of loss has had me recall the memorial service of Dick Streeper, another great rosarian who left a huge legacy. Many of us gathered to celebrate Dick's life in the Balboa Park rose garden. I remember that Bob rose to pay tribute to Dick. He spoke of how Dick had encouraged him and many other rosarians, and he labeled him a "rose enabler". This expression has stuck in my mind. It was true of Dick, and it is true of Bob Martin. It takes one to know one.

Bob Martin paid me a huge honor and asked me to be the editor of *Roses & You* during his presidency. It took me a few days to respond affirmatively as this was unfamiliar territory to me and I needed to deliberate on whether I felt I could perform the task. But Bob had faith in my abilities, and this opportunity he gave me was a gift to me and enabled me to serve the ARS and the rose.

My September/October issue of the *American Rose* was delayed. It arrived in my mailbox together with the 2021 Annual on November 27th, the very day I heard that we had lost Bob. I opened the Sept/Oct magazine and read Bob's opening words,

Hello, I Must Be Going

Hello, I must be going.

I cannot stay, I came to say

I must be going.

I'm glad I came, but just the same,

I must be going.

Tears in my eyes, I opened the 2021 *Annual* and read Bob's opening words from Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream*:

I know a bank where the wild thyme blows,

Where oxlips and the nodding violet grows,

Quite over-canopied with luscious woodbine,

With sweet musk-roses and with eglantine.

Bob Martin often referenced the famous quote of Reverend Reynolds Hole: "He who would have beautiful Roses in his garden must have beautiful roses in his heart". Bob grew beautiful roses in his garden because he had beautiful roses in his heart.

I feel Bob's presence in my rose garden. My 'Bob Martin' rose was in bloom the day we lost Bob, and it is still blooming. I know Bob is in that special place where sweet musk-roses and eglantine will always bloom. Bob always had beautiful roses in his heart. He will always have beautiful roses in his spirit.



'Bob Martin'

In Our Thoughts and Prayers.....

Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers as they have been recovering from illness, injury or are recovering from surgery.

- ◆ Sue Streeper
- ◆ Carl Mahanay
- ◆ Bobbie Mahanay
- ◆ Margie Curtis
- ◆ Maria Mata
- ◆ Geri Minott



Sadly we lost some of our SDRS rose family members last year and we continue to keep their family members in our hearts and lift them up in our prayers.

Event Calendars and Web Sites

San Diego Rose Society Calendar of Events

2022

January 4, 2022, 7:-00 p.m.—SDRS Board Meeting; this will be a virtual Zoom meeting

Saturday, January 8, 2022, 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.:
Rose Pruning Seminar; Inez Parker Grant Balboa Park Rose Garden

January 24, 2022, 7:30 p.m.—SDRS Monthly Meeting in room 101, Casa del Prado, Balboa Park; Speaker: Hudson Elliott

April 30-May 1, 2022: San Diego Rose Society Rose Show with CCRS Save the Roses! Auction; Ronald Reagan Community Center, El Cajon, CA

Other Local and Regional Gardening Events

2022

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

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

Useful Websites and Links

San Diego Rose Society (www.sandiegorosesociety.com)

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/>)

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 generate 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 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.

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, Master Rosarian	San Diego	E
Gary Bulman, Master Rosarian	Escondido	N
Linda Clark	La Mesa	E
Ken Huff	Escondido	N
Bob Kolb	Sunset Cliffs	W
Deborah Magnuson	Clairemont	W
Carl Mahanay	Imperial Beach	S
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
Natalie Stout	Kensington	C
Sue Streeper, Master Rosarian	El Cajon	E
Ruth Tiffany, Master Rosarian	San Carlos	E
Beth Van Boxtel	Encinitas	N

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
Waterwise Botanicals	www.waterwisebotanicals.com

NOT LOCAL, OR FOR 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
Angel Gardens	www.angelsgardens.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

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