

## Program for March

By Gary Bulman, [gossbulman@cox.net](mailto:gossbulman@cox.net)

Our meeting will be on Monday, **March 16, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 101** of Casa del Prado in Balboa Park. Our speaker for this monthly meeting will be **Tom Cooney**. Tom is a master rosarian for the American Rose Society. He has been a consulting rosarian for over 20 years and a master rosarian for over 10 years. He was named the Pacific Southwest District's "Outstanding Consulting Rosarian" in 2017. He is now the district chairman of consulting rosarians for the Pacific Southwest District. Tom has served seven terms as president of the Orange County Rose Society as well as alternately being first vice president and rose show chairman. Tom's presentation at our January rose care seminar on the vital topic of chemical safety was so well received that I have asked him for a repeat at the March meeting. Our roses are leafing out and invite the pests and diseases of the season so this will provide an opportunity to arm yourselves for safe prevention. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.



**Note: Ron Ontell will be available beginning at 6 p.m. prior to this meeting to perform tool sharpening for us. See flyer on page 24 for fees.**

### Pre-meeting Rose Care Program with Q&A

At 7:00 p.m. Consulting Rosarian Deborah Magnuson 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. Parking is available next to the Casa del Prado or in the Natural History Museum's parking lot. 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.

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## A Message From Our President

By Ken Huff, [kenramona@cox.net](mailto:kenramona@cox.net)

### March Madness!

As I began to think about my article for the March *Rose Ramblings*, “March Madness” popped into my mind. Where did this phrase come from? High school basketball was about the most popular sport in the state of Illinois in the early 20th century. In 1939, Henry Porter, assistant executive secretary of the Illinois High School Association, first put the term March Madness to paper when he wrote an essay entitled “March Madness” to commemorate the state tournament in the IHSA magazine. His essay hinted that “a little March madness may complement and contribute to sanity and help keep society on an even keel.” March Madness remained pretty much limited to Illinois until 1982, when former CBS broadcaster Brent Musburger used the phrase during the NCAA Tournament coverage that year.



You must think, “Where is he going with that?” For rose lovers, I think we should create a term like **SPRING MADNESS**. We’re trying to get everything done for our roses in a short period of time before they begin to put out new leaves. Not the least of these are evaluating roses, pruning, cleaning up the fallen leaves and debris, dormant spraying, laying down the Bio-Start (be sure to scratch it into the soil). Then comes along the back-breaking job of putting down the mulch. My nine yards of mulch/compost looked huge to me but nothing like several others folks have put down. Someone said, “OMG how do you do it?” I said, ‘one wheelbarrow at a time.’ I know my roses will love it and will thank me every day for the labor I expended. The beds always look so fresh and inviting after you have finished.

Now to be able to sit back and enjoy the fruits of our labor. Keep on smelling the roses each day!



## Bob Martin's 'Mulch' Madness

Mulchathon! Our annual March Mulchathon came on Leap Day this year. Dona organized a crew of seven missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, six from our dear friends Susan Lopez and family, my garden assistant and me, all to apply 25 yards of Everbloom composted mulch and 10 yards of Forest Mulch, all from Agri Services Inc. in Oceanside. Done in four hours the crew had pizza and cookies with Gatorade. The roses are resting comfortably in their beds.



## Come to an Arrangement Class!

By Frank Brines, [roseguy2000@aol.com](mailto:roseguy2000@aol.com)

I would like to schedule a class again to discuss and demonstrate the hands-on making of arrangements. If you remember I did this in the past and the class was well-received. Attendees will be able to practice making their own arrangements. I will show how to use a low container, primarily Ikebana style.

Each interested person will need to bring a proper style container and a Kenzan and some line material to be shared. This style uses three elements in the design. For temporary use the shallow black plastic trays found in food packaging like rotisserie chicken can be used as a low container. The container just needs to be size appropriate for balance of design. Kenzans are pricey and likely available at San Diego Floral Supply on El Cajon Blvd. in San Diego, or the wholesale market in Morena district. Both or one may give discounts to rose society members. The size needed is one and a half to two inches in diameter.

We will meet in our home on March 21 or 28. The dates will be finalized based on which dates will work for the attendees.

Please contact me by March 14 using the subject line 'Arrangements'. My email is [roseguy2000@aol.com](mailto:roseguy2000@aol.com)



## Rose Pilgrimage Saturday, May 16, 2020

By Sue Streeper, [streepersue@gmail.com](mailto:streepersue@gmail.com)

Now is the time to reserve your place on this year's pilgrimage to rose sites in southern California. We will be departing at 8:00 a.m. from the far south end of the parking lot at the Veterans Hospital in Balboa Park (corner of Park Boulevard and Presidents Way). Our San Diego charter bus will take us first to Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier where Dr. Tommy Cairns will show us around their gardens of over 600 varieties of roses. From there we will travel to Otto & Sons Nursery in Fillmore where we will have lunch and plenty of time to peruse the thousands of roses they grow. We will have the opportunity to purchase plants and load them onto the bus. If time permits, we may make a third stop at either City of Hope Hospital in Duarte or a surprise destination in Orange County. We plan to be back in San Diego around 6:00 p.m.

We anticipate that the trip will fill quickly, so you should send in your reservation now. **Deadline for reservations is April 20, 2020.** Make out a check to the San Diego Rose Society for **\$65 per person** and send to Sue Streeper, 1333 Wenatchee Avenue, El Cajon, CA 92021. We all look forward to a great trip with good friends and lots of roses!



## Balboa Park Rose Garden Super Bloom Event: June 14, 2020

By Beth Van Boxtel, [bethpaige@gmail.com](mailto:bethpaige@gmail.com)

**June 14, 2020**  
**1 p.m.-4 p.m.**  
**Free to the public**



Come see the peak rose bloom at the Balboa Park Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden, where there are over 1700 roses. Tour on your own or take a guided tour with a rose garden expert. Meet at the San Diego Rose Society table and guided tours will be held every 30 minutes. There will be a short talk by a rose expert at 1 p.m., raffle prizes (no need to be present to win), and more details to be announced soon.

At the San Diego Rose Society table, there will be information about growing roses, information on how to volunteer with the Balboa Park Rose Garden Corps, and applications to join the San Diego Rose Society (for \$10 for the rest of 2020). The Balboa Park Rose Garden is located at the east end of the Prado in Balboa Park accessed by a footbridge over Park Blvd. Parking in Balboa Park tends to fill up early so the earlier you arrive, the better. The Reuben H. Fleet lot and the Spanish Village lot are the closest. Additional parking lots are inside Balboa Park.

## SDRS Rose Show is Coming Soon!

By Linda Clark, [lincline@cox.net](mailto:lincline@cox.net)

We are so lucky to be a part of the San Diego Rose Society with its show just around the corner. The rose bushes are in their beautiful 'bronziness' and buds are sure to be coming soon. Just in time for the show! I know I have counted on many of you for as long as I have been doing this and I am hoping you will each continue in the lead position and maybe even be able to mentor a few more folks to partner with your task. I also wish to welcome our new lead for tickets, Kathleen Hider, as well as a relatively new properties crew, Kristine and Robert Russell. Thank you so much! I am grateful to have all of you making the rose show the success it has been. This is the list of "leads". If you are unable to help out this year, don't hesitate to contact me.

### In charge of ...

- **Properties**, Kristine and Robert Russell (Steve Berry)
- **Set up**, Linda Hitney/Linda Clark
- **Registration/Property Assistance**, Rita Perwich
- **Placement and Table Rental**, Kirk Rummel
- **Computer Labels/Data**, Barbara Lester
- **Clerks**, Gary Bulman
- **Photography**, Dona Martin
- **Tickets/Door**, Kathleen Hider
- **Membership**, Kirk Rummel
- **Room Set up and Tear Down**, Linda Clark
- **Judges Breakfast/Lunch**, Christine Allan/Linda Clark
- **Exhibitor Coffee/Donuts**, Debbie Magnuson
- **Sale of Blooms**, Sue Streeper

I welcome everyone who would be willing to help with any of the listed tasks. Find your fit and have some fun! It really is wonderful. Please reach out and let me know of your interest or if you have questions....email is best.

Many of us will be at the March meeting and would love to hear from you there. We will need folks to help with tickets, set up and clean up, as well as placement, clerking and hospitality. Watch next month's *Rose Ramblings* for more information and timing.

## *San Diego Rose Society* *93rd Annual Rose Show*

**Saturday, May 2, 2020**

*Open at 1:00 or upon completion of judging. Closing at 5:00.*

**Sunday, May 3, 2020** 10:00 to 3:30. *Sale of blooms 3:30-4:00.*

*Ronald Reagan Community Center*

*195 East Douglas Avenue*

*City of El Cajon California 92020*

*The San Diego Rose Society thanks  
All those who generously contribute gifts of Effort,  
Donations or Sponsorship.*

All amateurs are invited to exhibit their roses.

The exhibit hall will be open to the public upon completion of judging, estimated to be 1:00 Saturday, and will remain open until 5:00.

Rose Show Chairperson, Linda Clark: [lincline@cox.net](mailto:lincline@cox.net)

Admission is \$5.00 per person—Children under 12 admitted free  
Parking is free

## Exciting New Regional Events Are Coming!

By Elaine Ornelas, [cornelas1949@att.net](mailto:cornelas1949@att.net)

Rosarians are always looking for ways to improve their rose growing habits, hone their exhibiting skills or to search for the next best rose to add to their garden collection. Coming in the next few months are some very good opportunities to join with others to meet all of these goals. Mark your calendars and get your roses ready for a great blooming season! We hope you all take part in any or all of these events because they are all fun, social and educational! (*Check the calendar on page 25 of this newsletter issue for more contact information.*)

### ***Pacific Rose Society Judging School & Seminar***

April 11-12, 2020, Los Angeles Arboretum, 601 N. Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, CA. The lectures will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2020 with the written and practical tests being conducted on Sunday, April 12, 2020. All lectures and tests will be held downstairs in the Arboretum's Lecture Hall; entrance is through the main gate. Cost of the seminar portion of the school will be a check in the amount of \$30.00 made out to Pacific Rose Society. Those who are taking the test will also need to make out a check to the American Rose Society in the amount of \$10.00 to cover the testing materials. A continental breakfast and complimentary lunch will be provided to all attendees. A stellar faculty has been assembled for the lectures, and the important subjects relative to the test will be covered by these instructors. The following outlines the faculty members and the topics they will be teaching.

- ◆ Bob Martin, President of the American Rose Society speaking on ethics, judging Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras, and Floribundas, new rules on disqualification recently enacted by the ARS
- ◆ Chris Greenwood, District Chair of Judges, Outstanding Horticultural Judge, Outstanding Consulting Rosarian & Silver Honor Medal Winner speaking on rose anatomy.
- ◆ Kathy Monge, ARS Horticultural Judge, Outstanding Consulting Rosarian & Exhibitor speaking on judging Miniatures and Minifloras
- ◆ Liz Greenwood, ARS Horticultural Judge & Consulting Rosarian speaking on judging rose photography
- ◆ Suzanne Horn, ARS Horticultural Judge, Outstanding Consulting Rosarian and Exhibitor speaking on judging Shrubs, Old Garden Roses, Climbers & Polyanthas
- ◆ Kitty Belendez, ARS Horticultural Judge, Outstanding Consulting Rosarian & Successful Exhibitor speaking on judging Challenge Classes

### ***65th Annual Pacific Southwest District Convention & Rose Show Hosted by the Pacific Rose Society on April 24, 25 & 26, 2020***

Pacific Rose Society will once again be hosting the 2020 Pacific Southwest District Convention, and all rose enthusiasts across the district are invited to attend this premier rose event. It will be our third district convention in a row and the fourth in five years. Headquartered at the newly remodeled Courtyard by Marriott in Monrovia, convention goers will have the opportunity to wine and dine along restaurant row on Huntington Drive, shop at Armstrong Garden Centers (across the street), tour the lovely Arboretum and Botanical Gardens in Arcadia, along with visiting with rose friends from around the district. The convention features a fabulous rose show at the Los Angeles County Arboretum on Saturday, featured speakers, an awards banquet on Saturday evening, a district meeting/breakfast on Sunday morning and an amazing bus tour to Otto & Sons Nursery immediately following the meeting.

### ***ARS SPRING 2020 NATIONAL CONVENTION "Roses of the Wild West"***

**June 17-21, 2020**

Colorado Springs, CO

Hosted by the Pikes Peak Rose Society

Contact: Diane Kilmer, Rocky Mountain District Director

Phone: (951) 834-2330 Email: [originalsbydiana42@verizon.net](mailto:originalsbydiana42@verizon.net)

Hotel: Hotel Eleganté, Colorado Springs, CO

## BALBOA PARK ROSE GARDEN CORPS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

First Meeting of Season: **Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 9:15**



The Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden, 2125 Park Blvd in Balboa Park is accepting volunteers, novice or experienced, to join the Rose Garden Corps. Volunteers work in the garden trimming off dead blooms, weeding, raking, fertilizing, pruning and planting new varieties. Volunteer days are Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings, preferably weekly, for 2-3 hours. A monthly meeting in the rose garden the third Tuesday of each month at 9:15 a.m. is used to share information and direct needed work. Volunteers learn about roses, and also act as good will ambassadors to the many tourists who frequent our beautiful garden.

Rose Garden Corps volunteers receive excellent rose care training from experienced volunteers. This is a great chance to learn more about roses and contribute to a rose garden ranked one of the best in the world. Interested in volunteering? Contact Mary Rose, [bprosegardencorps@gmail.com](mailto:bprosegardencorps@gmail.com).

## Volunteer Opportunities at Mission San Luis Rey!



Dear Friends,

Mission San Luis Rey is looking for volunteers to help make our visitor experience joyful and beautiful, as well as educational.

We are in need of help in maintaining our rose garden. It takes many hands and many hours to keep our roses beautiful!

We also need friendly people to greet guests in our Historic Church and Museum.

Finally, if you like history and would like to share it with others, we are looking for docents to give our guided tours.

So, if you love the Mission and have time to spare, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact our Museum Director,  
Christie Sahhar at: 760-757-3651, ext 170  
or [christie@sanluisrey.org](mailto:christie@sanluisrey.org).

Peace,

Linda Causee  
Marketing Manager  
Mission San Luis Rey



## One More Volunteer Opportunity for Our Society

By Elaine Ornelas, [cornelas1949@att.net](mailto:cornelas1949@att.net)

As most of you know, our own Ruth Tiffany has worked tirelessly for the past 10 years to secure an ample supply of fertilizer from Grow More at a reasonable cost to our society members. It is superb quality fertilizer and has served us well in getting our roses to grow and bloom their very best. Many of you probably don't know about the behind-the-scenes effort that Ruth puts in in order to have the fertilizer products delivered on time early in the year ready for us to pick up from her.

But also probably you may not know how the bags, boxes and bottles of fertilizer magically move themselves from the very large delivery truck into Ruth's garage. It would be a Herculean effort for the one delivery person to do. What to do? Call on the San Diego Rose Society volunteers!



In recent years those volunteers have primarily been Gary Bulman, Bob Martin, Ken Huff, Al Field and Kirk Rummel along with Ruth, all pictured at left. The bags and boxes are heavy and cumbersome but these volunteers have 'muscle'd' them into place into Ruth's garage.

So now....how can we help these few folks with the next fertilizer delivery in 2021? **We need more volunteers with strong backs and arms!!!** As some of our volunteers are entering their 'later years' we know they sure could use the help and may not elect or be able to do this arduous work for many more years.

**Please offer to assist with this task when Ruth puts out the call for help next January. It is just one more way that our large membership can assist with valuable efforts of our society. Remember...many hands make light work!**



*Four more pallets still needed to be unloaded and added to Ruth's garage filling it to capacity!*





## Fertilize Your Roses

By Rita Perwich, Master Gardener and Consulting Rosarian [ritaperwich@gmail.com](mailto:ritaperwich@gmail.com)

New growth on your roses in March is a reminder that it is time to purchase fertilizer. Sounds easy enough until you face the bewildering number of choices on the nursery shelves: granular or liquid, concentrate or ready-to-use, single- or multi-nutrient, OMRI organic-certified or chemical? What about those multi-purpose products with insecticides? This simple purchase suddenly seems very complicated!

### **Start with the label**

All fertilizers must specify the plant nutrients and the amount of each of the nutrients contained in the product. Our roses need nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium (N,P,K) which are the essential nutrients for plant growth, also known as primary or macronutrients. They also require smaller amounts of three secondary ingredients, calcium, magnesium and sulfur, and the micronutrients boron, chlorine, copper, iron, manganese, molybdenum, nickel and zinc. Not all ingredients are essential at every feeding.

### **First, “Feed” the Soil**

Nutrients in the soil get used up and depleted so we add organic fertilizers such as blood meal, bone meal, cottonseed meal, alfalfa meal, seaweed, kelp meal, bat guano, feather meal and fish meal to our soil to provide our plants with their nutritional needs. Organics release lower concentrations of nutrients to the plant over a long period of time. Good brands include Bio-Start 3-4-3, Ada Perry’s Magic Formula 2.5-2.5-1, Dr. Earth 5-7-2 and E.B. Stone 5-6-3. In mid-February or March and then again in July, lightly scratch these granules into the soil around each of your roses following directions on the product label for the amount to use. Top the granules with a layer of compost and cover this with 3-inches of organic mulch. I like to use ‘Lifelike 3/8” Screened Compost’ from A-1 Soils as my mulch. It improves my soil as it breaks down, and its small particles make it easy to pick up fallen petals and leaves. Their phone number in the Miramar area is 858-271-0203. Bagged organic mulch can also be purchased in the nurseries.

### **Next, Fertilize Your roses**

Starting in mid- to late March, I use a soluble fertilizer which gives my roses a quickly assimilated boost. I use GrowMore’s SeaGrow Seaweed Plant Food 16-16-16 (a blended product of all essential nutrients in an organic and chemical formulation) for the first feeding. Two to three weeks later, I alternate with a completely organic product such as Neptune’s Harvest 2-3-1 or a hydrolyzed fish fertilizer 2-4-1. Continue feeding every two to three weeks until stopping fertilization in mid-October.

### **Organic or chemical?**

Organics improve the soil in addition to providing nutrients for the plants and are less likely to burn our plants. Chemically based fertilizers are convenient to use, work fast and are less expensive but they are not good for our soil and should not be used exclusively.

### **Multi-Purpose with a Pesticide?**

Stay away from fertilizers that include broad-spectrum insecticides as they kill not only insect pests but they also wipe out beneficial insects and beneficial soil fungi.

### **Fertilizer Delivery-The Sump Pump**

I used to dissolve my soluble fertilizers and use the labor-intensive method of carrying a bucket of fertilizer to each plant in my garden. I recently took the advice of rosarians in the San Diego Rose Society and started using a submersible pump or ‘sump pump’. It saves time and requires less effort making it a definite win-win! I bought a 1/6 horsepower Flotec brand. (If I had known I would like this method so much, I would have bought the quicker 1/4 HP model.)



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**Method** Fill a 30-gallon trash can with water and dilute the soluble fertilizer according to the directions. Stir well to dissolve. Your trash can should be on a caster with wheels so you can move it around your yard. Plug an extension cord into an electrical outlet. You will need two hoses: one hose to fill up your trash can and a second 3/4-inch hose fitted with a water wand that has a shower setting. The second hose, which needs to be long enough to reach your roses, attaches to the sump pump and will supply the fertilizer. Submerge the sump pump into the trash can, plug its cord into the extension cord and you can dispense the fertilizer. (Remember that you are dealing with electricity and water, so dry your hands each time you connect and disconnect your sump pump to the electrical cord, wear disposable or rubber gloves and make sure all electrical connections are dry.) Before you start fertilizing your roses, do a test-run into a one-gallon bucket. Count how many seconds it takes to fill up the bucket. My sump pump takes 12 seconds to dispense 1 gallon so I count between 5 and 12 seconds depending on the size of the rose I am fertilizing. When you are finished fertilizing all your roses, rinse the sump pump out with clean water.

Whichever fertilizer you choose be sure to follow the label directions and water your plants before and after fertilizing.

## Monthly Rose Care Advice and Practices for March from SDRS Consulting Rosarians

From Sue Streeper, [streeper@cox.net](mailto:streeper@cox.net) (Residence in El Cajon)

The roses will get watered automatically three times a week for an hour on each Netafim system. In early March they will be fertilized with Magnum Grow and fish and again in mid-March. I will spray with Hachi-Hachi once as a preventative against chilli thrips. I plan to rub out inward-facing growth to keep the centers of the plants uncrowded.

(Note from the SePRO Corporation website: ‘Hachi-Hachi SC is highly efficacious on thrips, aphids, leafhoppers, lepidopteran insects, scale, mealybugs and whiteflies. All life stages of target insects are controlled by Hachi-Hachi SC when they are exposed via contact or ingestion. Additionally, Hachi-Hachi SC demonstrates exceptional fungistatic activity against powdery and downy mildew.’ Bob Kolb recently ordered this product from the vendor Forestry Distributing in Colorado. It is quite pricey and costs \$258, including shipping, for 1/2 gallon. But it can be shared.)

From Bill and Elaine Ornelas [bornelas1945@att.net](mailto:bornelas1945@att.net) [cornelas1949@att.net](mailto:cornelas1949@att.net)  
(Residence in Clairemont/Bay Park)

We completed our new irrigation system which will be on timers. The irrigation system is connected to small-diameter tubing made in the shape of a ring around each rose. We then added Magnum Grow, alfalfa meal and John and Bob’s Soil Optimizer to each rose, scratching in the fertilizer into the soil a bit. Once that was completed we added four inches of mulch to each rose bed. We are optimistic that all of these additions will ensure consistent moisture to each rose plant. Now we are set for beautiful new growth on our roses! We are keeping watch for pests like aphids and washing them off with a strong spray of water. We also sprayed organic fungicide prophylactically on the new growth to suppress mildew. In March we will water twice weekly for 30 minutes depending on any additional rainfall.

From Christine and Rand Allan, [callan@san.rr.com](mailto:callan@san.rr.com) (Residence on Mt. Soledad)

March is a month of transformation as our pruned roses really start to show their new growth. Keeping on top of thumb pruning of the interior growth of hybrid tea roses will pay off with the form and blooms of the bush in the spring. We continue with our fertilizing routine every two weeks. Our watering schedule remains the same with a ten-minute cycle three times a week. Also, it is important to monitor the garden for pests and keep it weed free using plenty of mulch. Then, enjoy watching developing buds emerge.

## Foliar Feeding of Roses

By Elaine Ornelas, [cornelas1949@att.net](mailto:cornelas1949@att.net)

Several times over the last few years we have heard long-time SDRS member and consulting rosarian Steve Berry mention that he uses foliar feeding on his roses, and that this practice has really boosted their growth and hardiness.



So recently my husband and I visited him at his beautiful Mission Hills home to find out more about this method.

What is foliar feeding? It is a method whereby fertilizer is diluted and sprayed upon the foliage of a plant. The nutrients are applied directly to the leaves and stems which absorb the nutrients quickly. This method is not a substitute for a regular fertilizing method, however, and should be used in conjunction with a usual fertilizing schedule.

I asked Steve how he became acquainted with this fertilizing method. He told us that many years ago, well-known SDRS rosarian Phil Ash, a man ahead of his times, taught him to add fertilizers to his fungicide and insecticide spraying program. At that time Phil was adding Superthrive and Response in his sprayer. Steve has enhanced his program with different fertilizers now for his foliar feeding. He uses his

Hudson Electric Sprayer which holds three gallons.

It is important that roses are well watered before adding any fertilizer, including foliar feeding. Starting in February, Steve starts his soil feeding with many of the fertilizers commonly known to many of us like fish emulsion, seaweed extract and Biocozyme. Then in early March he will spread granular fertilizers like Magnum Grow, superphosphate and urea around each rose. At this time he will also spray a fungicide like Compass once per week for three weeks in a row and then Banner Maxx on the fourth week of that month.

Then as the foliage begins to flourish, he begins a routine which Steve feels is critical to the remarkable success of his roses. Every week he washes the foliage with water from the top down and up from the bottom with a spray nozzle on a hose which helps to hydrate them, dissolve the granular fertilizers on the ground, remove disease spores and pests like aphids



and remove dust and air pollutants. He follows this with his foliar feeding. Consulting the instructions on the product label of each fertilizer for foliar or leaf feeding, he dilutes the products into

his three-gallon sprayer. He says that he errs on the side of using a weaker dilution ratio because of the frequency of application. The products he adds to his spraying program are seaweed extract, Jumpstart, humic acid and Miracle Grow. He sprays the foliage completely, top to bottom, once per week

Steve does wear protective gear when spraying his foliar feed, or any other insecticidal or fungicidal products. He has done the research into this method of fertilizing and says it is important to understand the science behind it. And the results speak for themselves. Anyone who has visited Steve's rose garden knows that his rose plants are extraordinarily robust and healthy, and his rose blooms are large with intense coloration. We hope that you will experiment with this method of enhancing the growth and health of your roses.



## It's Still Membership Renewal Time!

By Kirk Rummel, SDRS Membership Chair [knrummel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:knrummel@sbcglobal.net) 858-213-1189

It's that time of the year where too many things are coming at us for us to keep it all straight. Right? So...you have an excuse for forgetting to renew your membership in our rose society...for now!

Things have, hopefully, settled down and you need to get on the ball and renew. There are way too many folks in this category and we cannot run the society without your dues. We have a very active upcoming year that needs your support. Also, the March issue of *Rose Ramblings* will be the last we send to the lapsed folks.

You will remember in my January membership news that I reported we gained 34 new members. That has got to be a new record! Now, let us have a new **renewal** record for February. Remember, the benefits of membership 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** with substantial savings on the fertilizer
- ◆ Several SDRS events during the year including the annual **rose pilgrimage** to interesting garden locations
- ◆ **Rose pruning demonstration** at the Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden in Balboa Park the second Saturday in January
- ◆ **Rose care seminar** offered once per year
- ◆ **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
- ◆ Chance to win established rose plants and other items at a **raffle** at monthly meeting for only one raffle ticket
- ◆ So much more!

Look. If you are not sure whether you did renew you can always email me at [knrummel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:knrummel@sbcglobal.net) and I will get back to you on your status. You can send your check to our post office box, bring cash, check or credit card to our meeting, or pay on-line at our website.

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. If you can renew by March 31st you will be included in our 2021 SDRS Membership Directory.

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.

***This is Your Society!***

***Come and harvest all of the benefits of being a member as well as volunteer for one of the many events.***

***It's Great to Belong!***

## Welcome to Our New Members!

We hope that all current members will actively greet and engage these new folks when you see them at any of our rose society events. Just think of how you felt when you first joined a group and felt all alone. And then someone came up to you with a smiling face and a warm greeting. Didn't you feel welcomed and want to be an active part of that group? Let's have all of our new members experience that feeling.

Mary Redding and Caasi Fisher
Maria Ahronee
Cindy Williams
Karen Hillegas
Christine Vasquez
Mary Lou Orphey
Melinda Bourg & Margie Kinnally
Jeanette Golfarb
Cathy Jo Cozen
Ronelle Stover
Jim Carroll



### 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 members 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.



**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:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Member (\$20)           | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing Member (\$25)      | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Member (\$35)        | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Member (\$50)        | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron (\$100)                  | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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)**

- Send this form and a check payable to SDRS to:  
SDRS Membership  
P.O.Box 86124  
San Diego, CA 92138-6124, or
- Send payment via PayPal. See link on <http://sdrosesociety.org>, or
- 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 !**

## 'Heroes Unite!'

### SDRS Rose Garden at the 2020 Del Mar Fair: Help Needed Please!

By Zella Burk, [zellaburk@gmail.com](mailto:zellaburk@gmail.com)



Are you a new San Diego Rose Society member? Have you ever wondered how to get more involved with the club? Well here is an opportunity. Please consider volunteering at the 2020 County Fair Landscape Garden where our society will be displaying a beautiful rose garden. This year's theme is 'Heroes Unite'. The garden will honor our own horticultural hero Mr. Dick Streeper (1932-2014). Mr. Streeper was a visionary rosarian who helped establish the Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden in Balboa Park. He created the Rose Garden Corps to maintain this garden. He also was known as 'The Rose Man' in his rose care column in the *San Diego Union Tribune* for 20 years.

#### Volunteers are needed to:

- ⇒ Help build the rose display May 16-May 30
- ⇒ Serve as a docent at the fair for 3-hour shifts June 5-July 5 (closed Mondays)
- ⇒ Help with garden teardown July 6-9.

Fair passes will be provided to volunteers. Normally two people docent for each time slot 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. when they will greet visitors, answer basic rose questions, groom roses removing dead leaves and fallen petals. On flower show days when roses and other flowers are exhibited in O'Brien Hall (Tuesdays and Fridays) docents are encouraged to talk roses inside the exhibit hall with the fresh blooms. This interaction offers an opportunity to recruit new SDRS members at a discounted membership. New members also get access to the award-winning *Rose Ramblings* newsletter, a 4-month subscription to the *American Rose* magazine and an opportunity to receive a potted rose at the end of the fair. Docents, volunteers and builders are also eligible to select free rose while supplies last.

Will you help? Please ring Zella Burk 619-606-5121 or email [zellaburk@gmail.com](mailto:zellaburk@gmail.com)

## Open Gardens Are Coming!

A wonderful opportunity to enjoy the beautiful gardens of some of our members.

### Mother's Day Open Garden at the Martins' – 2020

Bob & Dona Martin will be holding open garden on **Mother's Day weekend, May 9 and May 10**. On Saturday the garden will be open from 11 a.m. to dusk, and on Sunday from 2 p.m. to dusk. Friends, neighbors and their mothers are welcome to attend and enjoy the roses, which are expected to be in full bloom.

**Bob & Dona Martin**  
3291 Old Oak Tree Lane  
Escondido, California 92026

(North on Broadway to North Ave, turn right to Kaywood Dr., turn left to Old Oak Hill Dr. and then right. Garden is on right side of cul-de-sac at end of Old Oak Hill Dr.)



Established in 2010, the gardens of Bob & Dona Martin consist of more than 570 roses on a fully landscaped acre in north San Diego County. With more than 460 varieties, the gardens feature all types of roses from the newest to the ancient, as well as roses hybridized by Bob Martin, all arranged in multiple beds integrated within the landscape. These include, in the back, a sweeping bed of exhibition hybrid teas, the Garden of the Seven Dwarfs flanked by a garden of striped roses, and a large terraced garden of mixed old garden roses, landscape shrubs and climbers. The front features a border of minifloras, another border of miniature roses, a polyantha border and a large sweeping border of floribundas and grandifloras. In the front center is the newest addition, Dona's English Garden, featuring three distinct beds and a border containing more than 60 English roses. All of the roses are labeled for easy identification and are integrated into a botanical landscape of perennials, shrubs and 30 trees.

### Open Garden at Sue Streeper's Home

Please come to my 42nd annual open garden on **Sunday, April 19, 2020, from noon to 5 p.m.**

**Sue Streeper**  
1333 Wenatchee Avenue  
El Cajon, CA 92021





## Open Garden at Ruth Tiffany's Home

By Ruth Tiffany, [ruthsgarden@msn.com](mailto:ruthsgarden@msn.com)

**Sunday, April 19, 2020**

**New Member Tea: 10 a.m.**

**Open Garden: 12 noon – 5 p.m. or later**

**Address:**

**6705 Maury Drive  
San Diego, CA 92117  
619-548-6950**

In the fall of 2002 my partner and I moved from Medford, Oregon to San Diego. I was deeply involved with the Medford Rose Society and knew I needed a "rose community" in my new home. So a few months before the move I reached out to the San Diego Rose Society. I was contacted by Miriam Yoder who called me in Medford, worked to get to know me and my rose growing saga, and welcomed me to San Diego. Miriam was a great ambassador for our rose society and although it took me some time to integrate into this society (and to living in San Diego), she and others made me feel welcome, wanted and able to contribute to the life of this organization.

I wish for such a welcoming, helpful and caring experience to come to each new member of the San Diego Rose Society. I want each person to know all the potential help and camaraderie available to our members. I wish for each new member to find areas in our society in which they can work and contribute to the vibrant life of a "beautiful rose people."

I am not a big "joiner" so for me to get involved in the work of this society took some guts on my part, and some persistent interest and caring on the part of society members. Those things are not always easy to find within ourselves. For most of us it is easiest to come to a meeting or event and talk to the "peeps" we already know and know we have somethings in common with. I know I am not naturally gregarious and outgoing and if it is an effort to be that way for me, I am sure it is for others. I do know that when I actively put myself out there to interact with new people I am always rewarded with new insights, information and interests. It should be easiest in a group where we are supposedly all coming together because of a beautiful flower but that doesn't always overcome fear and past experiences.

So I am encouraging myself and every member of our society to work on friendly gregariousness at each meeting and event of our society. It is so helpful to know the name of each person. We have members at the welcome table at all our meetings who work to put nametags and badges on each person. We (me especially) need to wear our name-tags so we can all be greeted by name.

One thing we can usually be certain of about each person who comes to the society as a member or guest--- **THEY LOVE TO SEE ROSES** and talk about roses too.

Seeing and talking about roses is best done in a rose garden---hence the joyfully attended OPEN GARDENS hosted each year.

On **Sunday, April 19th** some member gardens will be open for visiting. (Mine will be open from 12 noon-5pm or later). This year we would like to expand that activity to include a **TEA IN THE ROSE GARDEN FOR NEW MEMBERS**. If you are a new, newer, or mostly new member or friend of the San Diego Rose Society **YOU ARE INVITED**. (Seriously, if you joined in the last couple of years, you should come.) The event starts at **10 a.m.** and will be hosted in my garden. You will be welcomed with snacks, fruit, mimosas, surprise goodies and roses. And, wonderfully, our beloved American Rose Society President, Bob Martin plans to join us as well as some other members of the SDRS board.

So please plan to come. We --- I --- really want you to **COME INTO MY ROSE GARDEN, MY ROSES WANT TO SEE YOU**.

## Creative Use of Roses: Stop and Smell the Rose Oil!

By Kristine Russell, [ruslranch@cox.net](mailto:ruslranch@cox.net)

There are many benefits to rose oil! Benefits include its ability to moisturize skin, fight inflammation, relieve stress, reduce signs of aging and minimize the appearance of scars. (Per website <https://www.verywellhealth.com/> medically reviewed by Richard N. Fogoros, MD, Nov. 14, 2019).

You can use rose oil in many different ways. Apply it directly to the skin, add a few drops to your shower gel, bath, or face cream for a hint of rose and hydration.

The oil is an anti-inflammatory agent and loaded with benefits for the skin. It also smells amazing and can help with feelings of stress.



### My Recipe for Rose Oil:

1. Bring a few inches of water to a boil in saucepan, then remove from heat.
2. Pour a cup or so of oil in a glass jar. ( My favorite oil is Jojoba oil – grapeseed oil is good too)
3. Crush, shred or bruise a cup of rose petals and place in the oil.
4. Cover jar and place in hot water. Warming the oil will help release the scent from the rose petals. When the water cools remove the jar.
5. Leave the jar of rose oil in a dark place for about 1 week..
6. Strain the oil through a cheesecloth or strainer pressing the petals to extract as much oil as you can.
7. Pour oil into a dark bottle (see picture). Dark glass will help block out sunlight and keep oil more stable.

With this process, my rose oil lasts for a month. Hope this inspires you to make your own!



## A Walk in Our Garden.....

### Grandiflora!

By Robert B. Martin Jr., ARS President and Master Rosarian, [petrose@aol.com](mailto:petrose@aol.com)

*“It seemed like a good idea at the time.”*

~ Anon

Having completed our walk among the established hybrid teas in our garden, we come to the odd duck known as the “grandiflora”. Those who show roses are aware that most shows combine one-bloom-per-stem hybrid teas and grandifloras in the same class. Others continue to have separate classes for grandiflora sprays and hybrid tea sprays. This in theory is explained in the *Guidelines for Judging Roses*, which tell us that the grandiflora “is a rose having hybrid tea bloom characteristics but a bit smaller and with a tendency to produce multiple blooms like the floribunda.” And, because the bloom characteristics of the hybrid tea and the grandiflora are “so similar between these two classes of roses”, the *Guidelines* instruct that they are judged similarly and in fact often use the term “hybrid tea” and “grandifloras” interchangeably.

Having told us that the hybrid tea and a grandiflora are pretty much the same thing, the *Guidelines* go on to tell us that hybrid tea and grandiflora sprays should be judged by “the same standards as floribunda sprays”. OK – turning then to the judging of the floribunda spray we find the following: “All floret forms, from that of the classic hybrid tea, to the single bloom, to the decorative bloom, to the informal Old Garden Rose are found in floribundas. . . . Those varieties that are capable of exhibiting hybrid tea form should present blooms that follow hybrid tea standards and are judged as such.”

Got that? The grandiflora spray is judged the same as the hybrid tea spray, and both are judged the same as the floribunda spray, which is to be judged by hybrid tea standards. This seems circular in its reasoning and still leaves us not entirely clear on the difference between a hybrid tea and a grandiflora. A better answer to that question requires us to understand a little history of the grandiflora class itself.

#### A Little History

The year was 1953 and the Trustees of All-America Rose Selections, Inc were gathered to make the All-America Rose Selection (AARS) awards for 1955. The roses had been grown in multiple test gardens over the previous two years and judged on bud and flower form, vigor, hardiness, growth habit, disease resistance, foliage and fragrance. Of those under test, one in particular produced a lot of discussion, a clear pink rose entered in the floribunda class that had large high-centered hybrid tea formed blooms of considerable substance, borne singly and in clusters on a very vigorous, tall upright bush. The rose had received very high ratings but the question in discussion was whether it had been entered in the wrong class and should be considered a hybrid tea.

The rose, entered by famed breeder, Dr. Walter Lammerts, was in fact a cross of a hybrid tea, ‘Charlotte Armstrong’ × the floribunda, ‘Floradora’. This was at a time when several U. S. rose breeders had felt the need for greater substance and vase life in the flowers of the hybrid tea class. It was in fact characteristic of this class in the early fifties for the blooms to have a relatively fleeting life span. And, at about that time, Dr. Lammerts, Robert (Bob) Lindquist and Herb Swim had all discovered that ‘Floradora’ had greater vase life than any other rose of that era. And so, each having discussed it with the others, they had independently begun to use ‘Floradora’ in their respective breeding.

After a great deal of discussion, it became apparent at the meeting that there was a consensus that the variety was outstanding and should have an AARS Award. There was also a consensus that it should be placed in a special class. The Scoring Schedule Committee was then immediately charged by the Trustees with a dual responsibility: (1) to recommend a name for the new class and (2) to define the specifications for the class. The Chairman, Eugene Boerner, renowned for his breeding of floribundas, did not want the job and asked fellow Committee member, Herb Swim to do it. Working with J. Awdry Armstrong through the lunch hour, the two came up with the name “grandiflora” and the class specifications, which were pretty much a description of the physical characteristics of the variety under consideration. The Trustees accepted the name and the class description, thus giving birth in the course of less than a day to a new class of roses.

Herb Swim, who would later write about the events in his book, *Roses – From Dream to Reality*, does not mention who suggested the name but it appears likely that he did, probably because the class specifications he authored had described a grand version of the floribunda, ‘Floradora’ hence: “grandiflora”.

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### ‘Queen Elizabeth’

The rose of course was ‘Queen Elizabeth’, which was introduced in due time, together with the other AARS winners for 1955, Bob Lindquist’s hybrid tea, ‘Tiffany’ and Gene Boerner’s floribunda, ‘Jiminy Cricket’. ‘Queen Elizabeth’ would go on to become one of the most famous roses in history, also winning the Portland Gold Medal in 1954, as well as the President’s International Trophy and Gold Medal of the National Rose Society in England in 1955. In 1979 it was selected as the second recipient of the “World’s Favorite Rose” by the World Federation of Rose Societies, following the induction of “Peace” in 1976 as the first winner.

At the time of the introduction of ‘Queen Elizabeth’ nearly all of the U. S. rose breeders worked for or introduced their roses through commercial rose growers who were members of All-America Rose Selections, Inc. And, since the commercial growers had invented the class to fit an exceptional rose, there appeared to be no significant contemporary opposition among U. S. rosarians to the establishment of the new “grandiflora” class. At the same time, some members of the larger scientific community were aghast. One well-known (but unnamed) member of the American horticultural trade wrote: “the need for a practical workable code for the naming of horticultural plants is nowhere better illustrated than in the new ‘Grandiflora’ class set up by the AARS committee. Had a central authority been established through which proposed horticultural names could be cleared, this etymological gaucherie would never have been committed. Always noted for his ineptness in applying scientific names, the commercial nurseryman has not improved his reputation by the misuse of an established name with a definite meaning for most of us.”



“An established name with a definite meaning for most of us”? Well, according to the quoted expert, *Rosa grandiflora* “is the definitive name of a distinct rose species, and the adjective has been legitimately used several times in the part of the name of other rose species.” This is, however, not entirely true since the species in question is variously known as ‘*R. spinosissima* var. *altaica*’, among about a half-dozen other names and, according to HelpMeFind, “the identity and correct name of this rose has been in dispute for 300 years.” Further, anyone with a passing knowledge of Latin will recognize that the name is derived from the Latin term, *grandiflorus*, meaning: “with large flowers”, which is not at all a bad description of the grandiflora class, and is in any event a term applied across the botanical lexicon.

Across the pond the new classification brought collywobbles to staid British rosarians. Illustrative is an article published in the 1960 *American Rose Annual* titled simply “Grandiflora!” The article, authored by Bertram Park, OBE, VMH (1883-1972), a past president of the Royal National Rose Society, quoted the unnamed authority above and harumphed, “*Rosa grandiflora* is the definitive name of a distinct rose species, and the adjective has been legitimately used several times in the part of the name of other rose species. To apply a Latin name such as this to cultivated garden roses is contrary to the International Code of Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants, and to which the American representatives have subscribed.”

Continuing with the diatribe, Mr. Park said, “The term ‘Grandiflora’ in the sense that it has been used has no botanical or horticultural significance. It was invented by a group or association of American nurserymen solely for business purposes as a popular and attractive designation to boost the sale of certain new varieties which they and they alone decided were of sufficient interest to be worthy of a special advertising campaign.” Further, he solemnly declared, “The National Rose Society of Great Britain, the Rose Society of France, Germany and the National Rose Societies of Australia will not acknowledge this term, nor that there is such a separate class. There are Hybrid Teas, Floribundas and Shrub roses, with an addition, if you will, Floribunda-Hybrid Tea type, to acknowledge the many beautifully shaped and classically formed Floribunda now being introduced.”

In conclusion, Park predicted, “I feel that there are so many objections to the term that in a year or two’s time it will no longer be applied and will be forgotten.”

None of this proved entirely accurate either. The “American nurserymen” in fact included several of the greatest American rose hybridizers who had sought through the adoption of the new class to recognize a great new rose variety that spanned the floribunda and hybrid tea class. This was also not the first time that such an event had occurred. Indeed, it is ironic that Park should state so firmly that, “There are ... Floribundas.” That term had in fact its genesis as a marketing idea by Jackson & Perkins decades earlier but had only been adopted in 1952 to describe the results of generations of crosses of a hybrid tea and polyantha. It was in fact not widely accepted by British rosarians, many of whom then still referred to them as “hybrid polyanthas.”

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Those with a passing knowledge of Latin will also recognize that the name “floribunda” is derived from the Latin term, *floribundus*: meaning “abounding in flowers; abundantly blooming”, which is not at all a bad description of the floribunda class and is also a term applied across the botanical lexicon. If then, the Latin term *floribundus* can be appropriated to describe an entire rose class, why not then the Latin term *grandiflorus*?

Meanwhile, back in the U.S.A., the principal rose breeders yawned at the British discontent and set about to introduce roses that might fit the new grandiflora class, And, for the first several years of existence the grandiflora class was represented by some outstanding new varieties, several being crosses of hybrid teas with the floribunda ‘Floradora’. Those early introductions included Herb Swim’s Portland Gold Medal winners, ‘Montezuma’ (1955: ‘Fandango’ × ‘Floradora’) and ‘El Capitan’ (1959: ‘Charlotte Armstrong’ × ‘Floradora’). They later included AARS winners such as the 1961 winner ‘Pink Parfait’; the 1963 winner ‘John S. Armstrong’; and the 1971 winner ‘Aquarius’ all of which were derived from a cross of a hybrid tea with a floribunda.

With the term limited to the U. S. and probably the limited description of its class (“a tall growing rose like ‘Queen Elizabeth’ with blooms of hybrid tea form appearing in clusters like a floribunda”), less than 400 roses were classified as grandifloras in the first 50 years following the adoption of the class. And, in the 30 years from 1973-2002 only 16 roses classified as grandifloras received the AARS designation, many of them questionable and most forgettable.

### ‘Gold Medal’

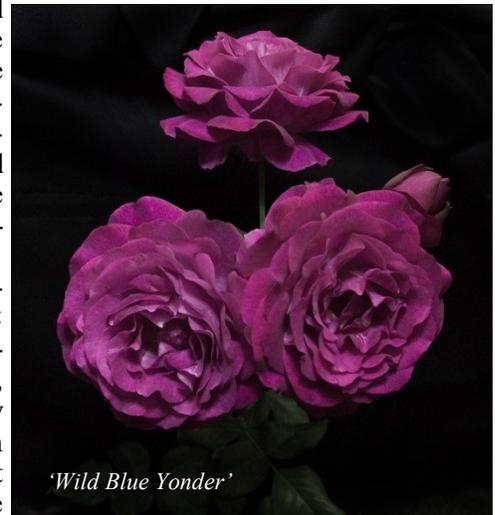
The struggle of the grandiflora for recognition in the latter part of the Twentieth Century is illustrated by ‘Gold Medal’, the oldest “grandiflora” in our personal garden, a rose that for years I identified as my favorite rose. I have in fact grown ‘Gold Medal’ in every one of my gardens since its introduction by Armstrong Nursery in 1982. Then, as now, it is much more of hybrid tea than a floribunda and produces large gold, well-formed blooms of classic hybrid tea form. It also produces small clusters on a very tall upright plant with semi-glossy, dark green foliage. And, to complete the package the blooms have a sweet fragrance.

The individual blooms of ‘Gold Medal’ are capable of winning Queen of Show against hybrid teas and have done so for us and for other exhibitors throughout the country. Its parentage is also that of a hybrid tea being a cross of the 1967 McGredy hybrid tea, ‘Yellow Pages’ x a cross of ‘Granada’ x ‘Garden Party’, both of which are U.S. bred hybrid teas. At the same time, ‘Gold Medal’ is tall growing and produces nice clusters, thus casting it in the mold of ‘Queen Elizabeth’ particularly in the shape of its individual blooms. Nevertheless, the lack of floribunda in the immediate parentage of ‘Gold Medal’ and its hybrid tea from lead many to believe that it is and should have been classed a hybrid tea. To others, its classification as a grandiflora has contributed to the belief that first and foremost a grandiflora should have the form of a hybrid tea.

### ‘Wild Blue Yonder’

The emphasis on the individual bloom form exemplified by ‘Gold Medal’ overlooks, however, what I consider the true defining trait of the grandiflora, namely that it is a tall growing plant that produces multiple large blooms in big clusters. Or, to put it simply, a grandiflora is a big floribunda. The recognition of this fact I credit to the great hybridizer Tom Carruth who made that point brilliantly with his 2006 AARS winner ‘Wild Blue Yonder’, a mauve grandiflora introduced by Weeks Wholesale Rose Grower, Inc. We have also grown ‘Wild Blue Yonder’ since its introduction and have had considerable success with it at shows.

‘Wild Blue Yonder’ was hybridized by Tom Carruth from a complex cross of [((‘International Herald Tribune’ × *R. soulieana* derivative) × (‘Sweet Chariot’ × ‘Blue Nile’)) × (‘Blueberry Hill’ × ‘Stephen’s Big Purple’)]. There’s a lot of floribunda in that cross together with the hybrid tea, ‘Stephen’s Big Purple’. The result, ‘Wild Blue Yonder’ grows as a very large shrub with large clusters of red purple blooms on a vigorous, clean plant with dark green foliage. The blooms have a strong spicy fragrance that is recognized by its receipt of the 2013 ARS James Alexander Gamble Rose Fragrance Award.



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On the show table, **‘Wild Blue Yonder’** proved that a grandiflora does not need hybrid tea exhibition form. The sprays on this vigorous, clean beauty are breathtaking and the open bloom is a winner too. My show statistics reveal that **‘Wild Blue Yonder’** has won the grandiflora spray way more often than any other grandiflora, indeed more than twice as many as the #2 winner, **‘Cherry Parfait’**, another odd “grandiflora” found in our garden.

### **‘Cherry Parfait’**

**‘Cherry Parfait’** is nominally a red blend grandiflora bred by Alain Meilland in France and introduced in the United States by Star Roses following its 2003 AARS award. The creamy white blooms have a cherry edge and show a semblance of individual hybrid tea form. The bush itself is short and compact, with the blooms appearing in attractive small clusters.



*‘Cherry Parfait’*

**‘Cherry Parfait’** was bred from a cross of the French floribunda **‘Jacqueline Nebout’** by a cross of the floribundas, **‘Tamango’** × **‘Matangi’**, the latter a Sam McGredy floribunda from 1969. Considering its low growth, as well as its floribunda breeding, one can legitimately ask why it is classified as a grandiflora. The answer no doubt comes from the fact that the 2003 AARS winners also included the floribundas **‘Eureka’** and **‘Hot Cocoa’**, as well as the hybrid tea **‘Whisper’**. From a marketing standpoint it was no doubt reasoned that **‘Cherry Parfait’** would sell better as the lone grandiflora than as the third floribunda. Oddly, both **‘Eureka’** and **‘Hot Cocoa’** are much taller plants and either would have passed better as a grandiflora than **‘Cherry Parfait’**, which apparently drew the short end of the stick. It is nevertheless a very nice floribunda for your garden notwithstanding its misclassification.

### **‘South Africa’**

The dominance of the grandiflora spray class by **‘Wild Blue Yonder’** has of late been challenged by **‘South Africa’** a dark yellow grandiflora introduced in 2001 by Ludwig’s Roses in South Africa. It was bred by the German firm of Kordes Rosen from undisclosed parentage. Although introduced in 2001, this was not much seen in the U.S until the spring National show in Columbus where Jim Zimmerman won both the Pfister national trophy and the best grandiflora spray with two magnificent sprays that took everyone’s breath away. Dona and I then saw it at Rose Hills blooming away in the heat, and she promptly ordered three. It is a strong grower with multiple sprays of rich golden orange.

On the show table, **‘South Africa’** makes compelling sprays that are winners. It has also been proven a wonderful garden rose and is the winner of the American Rose Society Member’s Choice Award for 2019. That is the award given to the best performing rose in the annual Roses in Review nation-wide survey and places it in an exalted class.



*South Africa’*

### **Into the Future**



*‘Wild Blue Yonder’*

In addition to **‘Wild Blue Yonder’**, Tom Carruth in his “purple period” of creation has also brought to our garden the newer grandiflora, **‘Twilight Zone’** a mauve 2012 introduction that produces large, decorative purple blooms of good substance. The blooms tend to come in small sprays, and occasionally one to a stem. It is not going to compete for Queen but will win a decorative or open bloom, or the grandiflora spray class. It has many similarities to its parent, the floribunda **‘Ebb Tide’**, and its cousin, **‘Wild Blue Yonder’**. Those similarities include its strong citrus and spice fragrance that was recognized by its recognition on two occasions as the most fragrant variety in the Rose Hills International Trials.

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The most recent grandiflora addition to our garden is ‘**All Dressed Up**’, a 2019 Weeks introduction bred by Tom Carruth’s successor and protégé, Christian Bédard, who has already proved a brilliant breeder of floribundas, but not much so of hybrid teas. I picked up this rose bare root at an auction, mostly because Weeks continues to be one of the few companies that understands that a grandiflora is in fact a large floribunda and not just a designation for a left-over introduction. True to that, the first flush produced a beautiful spray of large well-formed blooms, so I have given it a spot in the ground. The color is a so-so pink that maybe will get some more vibrancy or maybe not.

The breeding of ‘**All Dressed Up**’ is ‘Grande Dame’, a Tom Carruth hybrid tea from 2009 by a cross of the AARS winning hybrid tea, ‘Sunset Celebration’ × ‘Julia Child’ the latter the incomparable yellow floribunda, by Tom Carruth. The cross of a hybrid tea by a floribunda to produce the grandiflora ‘All Dressed Up’ is as originally contemplated with ‘Queen Elizabeth’ and provides a segue to the floribunda class, which will be the subject of our next several installments. Until then I leave you with this thought –



‘All Dressed Up’

“One should never use exclamation points in writing. It is like laughing at your own joke.”  
~ Mark Twain

### Editor’s Thoughts

I was listening recently to a favorite song of mine by the talented James Taylor as I was sitting inside watching the rain gently flow down on our roses. It is ‘**Shower the People**’. It has such meaningful lyrics. Here are the words of the chorus:

*Just shower the people you love with love  
Show them the way that you feel  
Things are gonna work out fine if you only will*

I was thinking that, just as our roses ‘shower’ us with their beauty and fragrance unselfishly and regardless of who we are, maybe we should not only shower the people we *love* with love, but also maybe shower some of the people in our lives that may be a *little harder to love*....an estranged family member, a stranger we don’t know or even a homeless person we pass. I made a mental note to myself to try.

Just a thought.....  
Elaine

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[www.instagram.com/sandiegorosesociety](http://www.instagram.com/sandiegorosesociety) or @sandiegorosesociety

# Sharpening Service

## Knives

## Scissors/Blades

Knife	Amount	Type	Amount
Under 5 inch	\$3	Regular Scissors	\$4 - \$5
Under 8 inch	\$4	Knife Edge	\$7
8 inch or more	\$5 - \$6	Tailor Shears	\$5 - \$8
Ceramic	\$7 & up	Professional Barber Shears	\$8 - \$25
Cleavers	\$4 - \$6	Pinking Shears	\$8
		Hair Clipper Blades	\$9
Extra		Food Processor Blades	\$4 - \$6
All Serrated	+\$1	Paper Cutter Blades	\$11 - \$25
Removal of Heel & Reshape	+\$2	Meat Slicer Blades	\$5 - \$15
		Cuticle Nippers	\$4

## Garden Tools

Tools/Blades	Amount	Tools	Amount
Pruners	\$4	Tree Trimmer	\$6
Trimmers/Hand	\$5	Hand Edger	\$5
Loppers	\$6	Hatchets	\$6
Hedge Trimmer	\$7	Ax (1 side)	\$7
Rotary Mower Blades	\$7	(2 sides)	\$11
(Mulcher Blade)	\$9	Pick (1 side)	\$7
Push (Reel) Mower	\$45	(Both ends)	\$11
Chain Saw	\$9 - \$16	Hoe	\$3 - \$5
Electric Hedge Clipper	\$3 + \$1 per inch	Shovel	\$5 - \$8
Chisels	\$4 & up	Machete	\$8 - 14
	Disassembly if needed + \$1		

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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	<a href="http://www.armstronggarden.com">www.armstronggarden.com</a>
Walter Andersen	<a href="http://www.walterandersen.com">www.walterandersen.com</a>
Kniffings	<a href="http://www.kniffingsnursery.com">www.kniffingsnursery.com</a>
El Plantio Nursery	<a href="http://www.elplantationnursery.com">www.elplantationnursery.com</a>
Hunters	<a href="http://www.huntersnursery.com">www.huntersnursery.com</a>
Evergreen	<a href="http://www.evergreennursery.com">www.evergreennursery.com</a>

### NOT LOCAL OR ON-LINE ORDERING ONLY:

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

## Event Calendars and Web Sites

### San Diego Rose Society Calendar of Events

2020

March 3, 2020, 7:00 p.m.: SDRS Board Meeting at Sue Streeper's house

March 16, 2020, 7:30 p.m.: SDRS Monthly Meeting

April 7, 2020, 7:00 p.m.: SDRS Board Meeting at Bob and Dona Martin's house

April 19, 2020: Open Gardens—Ruth Tiffany and Sue Streeper (see articles in this issue on page 16 and 17)

April 20, 2020: SDRS Monthly Meeting *with Little Rose Show*

May 2-3, 2020: SDRS Annual Rose Show, Ronald Reagan Community Center, 195 E. Douglas Ave., El Cajon, CA. (see article in this issue on page 4)

May 6, 2020, 7:00 p.m.: SDRS Board Meeting

May 10, 2020: Open Gardens—Bob and Dona Martin (see article in this issue on page 16)

May 16, 2020: SDRS Annual Pilgrimage (see article in this issue on page 4)

May 18, 2020: SDRS Monthly Meeting *with Little Rose Show*

### 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](mailto: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

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; contact: Chris Greenwood [Chrisgreen1@aol.com](mailto:Chrisgreen1@aol.com) (also see current issue of PSWD *Rosy Outlook* for more details)

April 11, 2020: Rose Society of Tucson Annual **Rose Show**; Trinity Presbyterian Church, 400 E. University Blvd., Tucson, Arizona <http://rosesocietyoftucson.org/>

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

April 18-19, 2020: Coronado **Flower Show**; Spreckels Park, 601 Orange Avenue, Coronado, CA 92118 <https://coronadoflowershow.com/>

April 24-26, 2020: 65th Annual Pacific Southwest District Convention & **Rose Show**; hosted by the Pacific Rose Society; Monrovia, CA <http://www.pacificrosesociety.org/PacificRS-PSWD-2020-Convention-RoseShow.html>

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](mailto:judithkafantaris0625@gmail.com)

May 9-10, 2020: 21st Annual Walter Andersen Nursery **Rose Show**; Water Andersen Nursery Poway location

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](http://www.sdrosesociety.org))

American Rose Society ([www.rose.org](http://www.rose.org))

American Rose Society Pacific Southwest District ([www.pswdroses.org](http://www.pswdroses.org))

Help Me Find (roses) ([www.helpmefind.com/rose](http://www.helpmefind.com/rose))

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

## New Process for Contacting Consulting Rosarians

By Elaine Ornelas, [cornelas1949@att.net](mailto: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](mailto: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 lift up your healing thoughts for the following folks in our rose family who are dealing with illness or upcoming surgery: Rita Perwich, Bob Kolb, Marty Kolb, Linda Clark and Carl Mahanay.

Our sympathy goes out to Marilyn Cooper-Ongley whose husband passed away in January of this year.

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