



# Rose Ramblings



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## Program for May: Fragrant Roses

### Presented by Ruth Tiffany

By Bill Ornelas, SDRS VP, Programs, [bornelas1945@att.net](mailto:bornelas1945@att.net)

This month's meeting is Monday, **May 16, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 101** of the Casa del Prado in Balboa Park. We are privileged to have our own Ruth Tiffany as our speaker this month. Ruth is a Master Rosarian and well known to all of us as a passionate rose lover. She has been growing roses for many years and currently grows over 700 roses on her corner lot in San Carlos. When they are in bloom her roses are phenomenal to see!



Ruth will be speaking this month on the topic of fragrant roses, one of her favorite subjects. **Ruth is encouraging everyone to bring a stem of their favorite fragrant rose.** We hope all of you can attend this animated meeting which will include a raffle, and an auction of several hard-to-find roses.

So come and enjoy the fellowship of other rose lovers, Ruth's presentation, and the auction. We hope all of our new members will attend!

### There Will Be a Little Rose Show at this Month's Meeting!

After last month's meeting and our annual rose show you should all be experts in staging your roses. So bring your blooms and enter them in our Little Rose Show. It's fun and not intimidating, and there are awards to be won! Also, we have added a photography section. Rules are on the following page.

We will NOT be having our usual May potluck this month.

**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.

# SAN DIEGO ROSE SOCIETY 2022 LITTLE ROSE SHOW RULES

Chairpersons: Bill and Elaine Ornelas, Robert and Kristine Russell

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

- There will be five “six-pack” shows at the SDRS meetings in April, May, June, September, and October.
- Exhibitors do not need to be experienced in showing roses. **Novices are encouraged!** Experienced exhibitors will be on-site to assist in the staging (preparing) of rose blooms for the show.
- Each person bringing one or more flowers will receive a free raffle ticket.

## RULES OF ENTRY FOR ALL SIX-PACK SHOWS:

1. **All entries must be submitted by 7:20 p.m. in order for judging to be completed before the monthly program begins.**
2. All roses must be properly named and entered in the appropriate section.
3. Containers for exhibits will be supplied by the San Diego Rose Society.
4. Each exhibitor is **limited to six entries**. You may concentrate your entries in one section or distribute them over all the sections you are eligible to enter.
5. Entry tags will be supplied and only the top section of each tag needs to be filled out and attached to the flower’s vase.
6. Sections 8 and 9 are restricted to novices (anyone who has never won a trophy in any rose competition). However, novices are not restricted to the novice sections and may enter any section.
7. Exhibitors are asked to remove all exhibits at the end of the meeting.

**JUDGING:** Judging will be in accordance with the ARS (American Rose Society) guidelines. The first place winners of each section will be judged against each other to determine the Rose of the Night, and that entry will be displayed at the front of the meeting room.

## SCHEDULE:

Section 1 One hybrid tea or grandiflora bloom without sidebuds

Section 2 One floribunda or polyantha spray

Section 3 One floribunda bloom without sidebuds

Section 4 One miniature or miniflora bloom without sidebuds

Section 5 One miniature or miniflora spray

Section 6 One bloom or spray, any other type (This is not an ‘overflow’ category for the rose types listed in Sections 1-5. Suggested blooms for this category are shrubs, OGRs, large-flowering climbers, etc.)

Section 7 Most fragrant bloom

Section 8 NOVICE ONLY – One hybrid tea or grandiflora bloom without sidebuds

Section 9 NOVICE ONLY – One floribunda bloom without sidebuds or floribunda spray

Section 10 Rose Arrangement (Roses of any type should dominate in all arrangements. No more than two arrangements per household per show are permitted and the roses must be grown by the exhibitors. The use of dried or artificial material is permitted. There are no restrictions on height or width.)

Section 11 Photographs (Photograph of one rose bloom or spray displayed in photo no less than 5” x 7”. No need to be matted. Limited to 2 photos per exhibitor.)

## SCORING AND AWARDS

The Rose of the Night will be awarded an additional 3 points and will also receive a special award at each monthly meeting. At the end of the year, trophies or gift certificates will be awarded at the holiday banquet to the highest-scoring exhibitor in the following categories: overall rose exhibitor for sections 1-7, novice exhibitor for sections 8 and 9, arrangement exhibitor, and photography exhibitor.

## Monthly Rose Auction

By Bill Ornelas, [bornelas1945@att.net](mailto:bornelas1945@att.net)

Once again, we will be offering several unusual or hard-to-find roses at our monthly auction. They are **'Magic Show'**, **'Fairhope'**, **'Marriotta'**, **'Swirly Pop'**, and **'Peter Cottontail'**. One is grafted onto another rootstock, 'Pink Cloud', and the rest are on own root which I started in 2021 from cuttings. They are in one-gallon containers. 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.

This should prove to be a fun and competitive event! Come and join in and take home a special rose! All profits benefit our rose society.



**'Magic Show'**

Miniature; white, red edges, white reverse; bred by Frank Bernardella 2004; no fragrance; height 18" to 30"



**'Fairhope'**

Miniature; light yellow; mild fragrance; 2' to 3'; grafted by Justin Ekuan on to 'Pink Cloud'



**'Marriotta'**

Miniature; deep pink; petals have white edges; mild fragrance; plant is short, bushy



**'Swirly Pop'**

Miniature; orange streaks, strips, flecks; bred by Dave Bang



**'Peter Cottontail'**

Miniflora; cream to light yellow; none to mild fragrance; bred by Bob Martin; height up to 3'

## President's Message

By Deborah Magnuson, [magnusond@sbcglobal.net](mailto:magnusond@sbcglobal.net)



Oh! fragrant is the breath of May  
In tranquil garden closes,  
And soft yet regal is her sway  
Among the springtide roses.

—William Hamilton Hayne, American poet (1856–1929)

Did you know the name May has origins going back to the ancient Greeks? May, or Maia, was named after the Greek goddess who oversaw the growth of plants. It's no surprise May Day, as many other ancient festivities, was rooted in agriculture. Nature's grace is supremely evident in our rose gardens this month as color and fragrance abound. Flower shows and garden walks are in full swing, and if you are like me, your calendar is marked accordingly for as many visits to reconnect with friends and family within these spring garden tour settings as possible. Life is going on and there is much to celebrate.

The Coronado Flower Show in Spreckels Park was back and included a rose show chaired by our very own Rita Perwich, and assisted by Maria Mata. Beautiful rose exhibits including many by San Diego Rose Society members had long lines of visitors patiently waiting to view all the winning entries during the time I was there on Saturday afternoon. The following day I had a chance to visit Virginia West's open garden where I was greeted by gorgeous climbing roses of all kinds including 'Fourth of July', 'Gertrude Jekyll' and 'Berries 'n' Cream' among dozens of fully blooming rose varieties. I was happy to see so many of you at my open garden in April including several new members. Along with talking about my rose journey, I so enjoy answering all your questions, including those pertaining to my fruit trees, monarch butterfly habitat, and the pollinator plants that support them. I wish to thank Bill and Elaine Ornelas, Linda Clark, Jim Price, and Joan Sieber for hosting open gardens on April 16th. Don't forget to check the dates of upcoming open rose gardens this month. I guarantee you will be inspired with the camaraderie and friendship in these special places, with these extraordinary rosarians. As we emerge from this pandemic one thing is for sure, we'll probably never be taking anything for granted again. Perhaps that's our greatest lesson, and the way we've wanted to be living all along.

Special thanks also for the wonderful April program coordinated by Bill and Elaine Ornelas on Rose Exhibiting for Novices. Our demonstrators included Kathy Strong, Ruth Tiffany, Gary Bulman, Sue Streeper, Beth Van Boxtel, Frank Brines, Jim Price and Robert & Kristine Russell. All were well prepared with their very best tips for grooming roses. Christine and Rand Allan arrived on the scene with lots of fresh cut roses from their garden, ensuring everyone would have a chance to prepare an exhibit. The generosity of our members never fails to inspire. I heard many new members remark what a fun experience they had. Together with Linda Clark critiquing and unlocking for us all the secrets of an American Rose Society Rose Show Judge, our 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Rose Show taking place April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 1st should prove to be the best ever. I hope that as you read this newsletter you will have attended, and better yet, participated! Have a blessed May!

## Rediscovering San Diego

By Jim Price, [jnprice@pacbell.net](mailto:jnprice@pacbell.net) Consulting Rosarian

SDRS members, Jim Price and Joan Sieber, have been taking a continuing education class for many years called "Rediscovering San Diego." In May the class will be meeting in the Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden in Balboa Park on May 3rd and 5th, one of the first "live" classes in over 2 years. (Masks required.) They've been "zooming" a lot!

The class will start about 9:30 a.m. each day in Room 101, (same class, repeated once), and the speakers will be Jim Price, Bob Kolb, Ruth Tiffany, Natalie Stout, and Sue Streeper. Then the class will be taken over to the Rose Garden for informal tours after 10:30 or so.

Any other SDRS members who might like to join in would be welcome, especially in the rose garden. It's a "good excuse" to come check out the garden. Very dependable, colorful rose bloom this time of year!



## What To Do In the Rose Garden in May Advice From Our Consulting Rosarians

### *April Showers Bring May Flowers*

**Christine and Rand Allan**  
Residence: Mt. Soledad, CA

While we didn't have a whole lot of rain in April, that little bit was welcome. I hope you were successful in having some beautiful rose blooms from your garden to exhibit at this year's San Diego Rose Society Rose Show on 4/30. It is fantastic to see all the blooms filling up the room, and the fragrance can't be beat! I hope you also remembered the significance of May 1<sup>st</sup> although I admit it was challenging with that date occurring during this year's annual rose show. As I explained last year, my mother grew up in the Midwest and taught me a tradition which I have carried down to my daughter and granddaughters. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, we anonymously place a bouquet at the doorstep of a neighbor who is new to the neighborhood or has recently gone through a difficult time. Of course, in our neighborhood now, they all know who the roses are from. The goal is just to bring some cheer to their day which has always had a positive outcome. We all have a plentiful supply of roses in May, and you already picked your prime blooms for the rose show on the 29th, so I hope you shared some joy with others. Speaking of sharing joy, we hope you took advantage of the recent open gardens and those yet to come. We always enjoy their beauty and come away with some new ideas for our garden!

Now, on to rose care for May. First, stop and smell the roses as you have an abundance of them right now. Studies have proven that this activity is beneficial in so many ways both with your mental and physical health! During the month of May we continue to follow our fertilizing schedule of feeding every two weeks and will do so through the month of June. We have just about depleted our supply of Biostart, so have given each rose its last one-cup application for the year. Make sure the ground is moist before applying the fertilizer recipe. Our application is the following: *We dissolve the following in a two-gallon bucket of water: 1/4 cup Magnum Grow, 1 Tablespoon of Humic Acid, 2 Tablespoons of Better than Fish, 2 Tablespoons of Seaweed Extract, 1/2 teaspoon of Iron Chelate, and a couple drops of Jump Start.* Each bush receives its own two-gallon bucket of this fertilizer concoction.

We have a drip watering system and run ten-minute watering cycles three times a week. With the limited rainfall we've had this year, it is important to maintain a consistent watering schedule for our roses and adjust it accordingly as the temperatures increase. Also, keeping the mulch supply in the garden at optimal level is key for adequate moisture retention. We continue to keep a close eye out for any disease or pests that may appear in the garden. With the blooms coming on quickly, dead-heading is something to stay on top of to maximize the beauty of your rose garden. We are fortunate in Southern California to have the right kind of weather lengthening our rose growing season, so care for your roses by feeding them regularly, and they will reward you in return with beautiful blooms and healthy growth. Below are photos of our 'Sparkle & Shine', 'Mary Rose', and 'Rock & Roll' roses which are living up to their names.

*'Sparkle & Shine'*



*'Mary Rose'*

*'Rock & Roll'*



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**From Robert and Kristine Russell**

Residence: Crest, CA

I feel April is the most exciting time in the rose garden as we begin to see the winter hard pruning in January pay off with a most spectacular display of blooms coming into fruition with a natural harvest of sowing and reaping that cannot be explained.

This time in the garden is still very important as we work diligently and prepare for the spring rose shows, keeping up with the watering and fertilizing.

Some of us ventured up to Los Angeles to participate in the American Rose Society's regional rose show sponsored by the Pacific Southwest District, which we are so proudly a part of here in San Diego. Some also played an important part in San Diego's long history at the Coronado Flower show celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of sponsoring a flower and garden show.

This week as we prepare for our own San Diego Rose Society's show I hope that we are all excited to participate and bring whatever blooms we can to promote our SDRS in a most positive way. We look forward to seeing all of you as Kristine and I offer whatever help we can in assisting you to stage your blooms. See you there!

**From Bill and Elaine Ornelas**  
**Residence: Clairemont/Bay Park**

May is a good time to continue with your fertilizing. We fertilize about every 3 weeks to boost our bloom cycle. (See our fertilizing formula in the previous April issue of *Rose Ramblings*.)

But now is the time to evaluate for fungal diseases. Hopefully as the weather warms up some of the April fungal infestations will subside, but sometimes having the combination of cool, humid nights and warm days will stimulate the fungal spores. So the best practice is to perform a daily walk through your rose garden. Early detection of fungal damage will help you defend your roses with various preventative and elimination methods. You will also see evidence of pest damage, particularly from rose slugs or hoplia beetles. Listed below are a few of our 'fungus among us' challenges!

**Powdery Mildew**

This fungus is a real challenge to rose growers, causing distortion of leaves and a white powdery substance on the peduncle, or base, of the bloom. Moisture is the key to creating a good environment for mildew. Pruning your roses to allow for good air circulation, particularly near the center of the bush, helps to reduce the impact of the spores of mildew. In our garden we are able to control mildew using a mild combination spray of dish soap, cooking oil and potassium bicarbonate (similar to baking soda). But you will need to be consistent with your treatment.

We water our roses using a drip irrigation system on a timer keeping the water in the soil and not on the leaves of the rose bushes. We also use a water wand to spray the leaves off from above and below in the early morning about every one to two weeks, helping to remove some of the spores and dead or dying leaves. The wand emits a fine, strong spray of water but does not use too much water. It is important that this spraying occurs early in the morning allowing for the leaves to dry off early in the day.

Also, like many rosarians we have found that certain roses are prone to powdery mildew infection. In particular 'Mister Lincoln' in our garden seems to have powdery mildew more than our other roses. We have also noticed that roses with shiny or polished-looking leaves seem to have less mildew than ones with dull looking leaves.

When buying roses, check for a notation of 'disease-resistant'. Although not always reliable this may provide some indication that the rose may be able to resist fungal diseases. Hybridizer Dave Bang has produced some beautiful new roses that he breeds specifically for disease resistance requiring less treatment.

As we move further into May we hopefully will see less powdery mildew as the humidity falls and the days warm.



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## Black Spot

We have been fortunate that we have only begun to see a few examples of black spot on our roses, perhaps because of receiving less rain so far this year. Starting as small black spots on rose leaves, it then turns the leaves yellow and the entire leaf falls off. Eventually it can defoliate the entire rose bush. In our garden we remove any leaf with black spot and discard them. (Do not compost them but dispose of them in the trash.) We do spray with organic sprays (Actinovate or Serenade) to suppress the infection. Again, ensure that your plants are pruned for adequate air circulation.



## Rust

Rust will appear on rose leaves as small orange spots on the tops of leaves and the obvious bright orange, powdery spots on the underside of leaves. When the leaf is moved you will be able to see the orange spores raining down on the next leaf or to the ground. Many rosarians reduce the rust spores by pulling off leaves but in many cases this seems to just release more spores. The standard fungicides mentioned below will serve to reduce rust infections but early prevention is key.



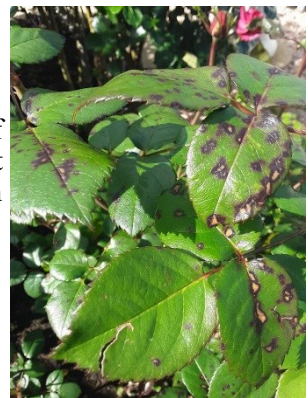
## Botrytis

Pouring rain will often 'drown' rose blooms with large amount of water, especially the dense blooms of Austin roses or Old Garden Roses setting the stage for botrytis infections. Bob Martin said there is 'No effective fungicide for botrytis because botrytis spores move rapidly.' Symptoms of botrytis are pink spots on the petals, and failure of the tight blooms to open on their own. The best recommendation for control is to deadhead the blooms showing substantial signs of botrytis.



## Anthracnose

In our garden, there are only a few roses that are prone to this fungal infection. One of those that seems to have it each year is 'Neil Diamond'. The spots look a little like black spot but they have a characteristic small purplish spot that eventually turn dark with a thick, brown margin.



**Products to treat these fungal diseases:** Compass, Decree (for botrytis), Green Cure (OMRI\*, ARS endorsed; a potassium bicarbonate-based fungicide), Immunox, Pageant, Serenade (OMRI\*), Actinovate (organic)

(\*OMRI—Organic Materials Review Institute, a nonprofit organization that provides an independent review of products such as fertilizers and pest controls that are intended for use in certified organic products and processing.)



## Opening Our Gardens to You!

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

In April several of our members opened their gardens to allow visitors to stroll around, admiring the beauty and talking about the best practices of growing roses. Debbie Magnuson, Bill and Elaine Ornelas, Linda Clark, Jim Price and Joan Sieber, and Virginia and Mark West participated in this event. It takes quite a bit of effort to ready a garden for visitors on this scale. There is deadheading of roses, cleaning up debris, sweeping pathways, and general tidying of the various spaces. But it is all worth it when the visitors arrive and are in awe of the beauty of the gardens, especially the roses. In addition to rose shows, open gardens are just one more way that we can share the beauty of the Rose. Here are a few photos of this event. For those of you not able to attend, we hope you enjoy the photographic journey!

**Look on page 11 for the upcoming open gardens happening in May!**

### *The Garden of Jim Price and Joan Sieber*



### *The Garden of Virginia and Mark West*



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*The Garden of Deborah Magnuson*



*'Marilyn Monroe'*



*'Rhapsody in Blue'*



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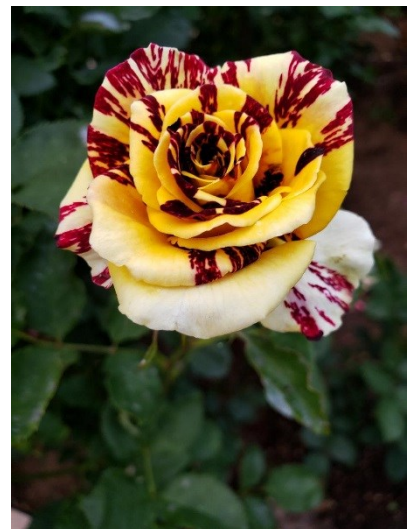
*The Garden of Bill & Elaine Ornelas*



*'Dina Gee'*



*'Hula Hoop'*



*'Alakazam'*

## The Open Gardens of May

**Sue Streeper**  
El Cajon

You are invited to visit Sue Streeper's garden on **Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** The yard features about 200 roses including climbers, miniatures, hybrid teas, and floribundas. The address is **1333 Wenatchee Avenue, El Cajon CA 92021**. Wenatchee is off Pepper Drive, in the general vicinity of Gillespie Field. Please come and enjoy a beautiful day among the roses!

**Rita Perwich**  
Coronado

Please come and visit my garden on **Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** My roses would like to meet you. My address is **416 Tenth Street, Coronado, CA 92118**. I have very close to 150 roses (so much for deciding to limit myself to 100 roses about 5 years ago!) I grow quite a few roses outside the garden fence with companion plants. I grow milkweed there too and had a lot of monarch activity last year. Inside the garden, I grow hybrid teas, floribundas, shrub roses, David Austin roses, polyanthas, a few minifloras and miniatures, and I do have a few old garden roses....so a little bit of everything. I also grow quite a few fruit trees. This year my greatest challenge in my completely spray-free garden is my 9 month old puppy, Teddy.

**Robert and Kristine Russell**  
Crest

We will be hosting an Open Garden on the Saturday before Mother's Day, **May 7, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.** We have over 200 roses in our garden and we will serve light refreshments. Please come and enjoy the day and meander along our walkways among the roses. Bring your Mom! Our address is **421 North Lane, El Cajon, CA 92021**.

**Ruth Tiffany**  
San Carlos

I would love to invite all members and friends of the San Diego Rose Society to my open garden on **Saturday and Sunday May 14 and 15, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.** This year my open garden will be a tribute to 4 wonderful rosarians who are no longer growing roses here on this earth. Roger English was a friend and mentor who never had an unkind word to say to anyone. Roger loved to grow and exhibit roses but most of all he loved to share information. He was a very good researcher about roses, growing conditions, soil, amendments and the best ways to care for roses. John Lester was a San Diego County Fair buddy and a very fine rose exhibitor. John was an exacting groomer of exhibition roses and he and Barbara were always coming up with top awards from any show they entered. I remember so clearly John's joy in sharing the beauty of the roses in his garden and he grew those roses so very well. Dick Streeper hybridized several roses, of which I have had several in my garden. I appreciate so many rose-related articles and presentations he shared in his long career as the premier "rose man" of San Diego. Dick's feeding programs greatly influenced how I care for my roses and his example of teaching with simplicity and well researched information was a huge gift to the rose-growing world. Bob Martin was my dear friend and I loved him. Bob hybridized some really beautiful roses, of which I have the joy of having several. He would always and happily give detailed and accurate information about an astoundingly large number of rose subjects. His rose knowledge base was encyclopedic, yet he could explain the information in a way even a novice rose grower could grasp. While serving as vice president and then president of the American Rose Society, Bob still gave so much of his time and talent to our local and neighboring societies because he so strongly believed we were (are) the future of roses in this world.

When I walk my garden I think these wonderful friends walk along side of me, continue to mentor me, and surely smell the fragrance and bask in the beauty of the roses. Come and enjoy the garden, the sunshine and some chocolate chip cookies.

**ROSEHILL GARDEN BY RUTH TIFFANY**  
**6705 MAURY DR, SAN DIEGO 92119**

(FWY 8 E. TO 125 N. EXIT NAVAJO RD, LEFT AT STOPLIGHT, TO 3<sup>RD</sup> STOPLIGHT –BISBY LAKE-TURN RT, UP 3 BLOCKS, CORNER BISBY LAKE & MAURY DR.)



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**Beth Van Boxtel  
Encinitas**

I hope you will be able to come to my open garden event on **Sunday, May 15 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.** My garden is full of 140 rare, unique and fragrant roses and I will be serving tacos from Tocaya Organica from 1 p.m until 2 p.m. while supplies last. My address is 2021 Coolngreen Ln, Encinitas, CA 92024. Come and enjoy!



**Rose Pilgrimage  
Saturday, October 15, 2022**

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 parking lot at Observation Point in Balboa Park which is next to Balboa Naval Hospital and the San Diego Veterans' Memorial Building. Our Sun Diego charter bus will take us first to Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier where we will tour 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. 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 Sept. 20, 2022.** To reserve please do not send your check yet but send an email to this email address [sandiegorosociety@gmail.com](mailto:sandiegorosociety@gmail.com) asking to reserve a spot so we know how many people are interested. We will request checks to be sent in September or you can pay by PayPal then as well. We all look forward to a great trip with good friends and lots of roses!



*Rose Hills Memorial Park Rose Garden*





# Inward Growth— The Good, The Bad, The Pointless and The Ugly

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

Inward growth is a wonderful thing in people. In roses, it's a mixed bag: you will discover the good, the bad, the pointless and the ugly when you look at the inward growth on your roses. All need your attention.

## The Bad and the Ugly

### Undercover Activity

Deep in the center of the rose bush and hidden from plain view, pests and disease can get a surreptitious foothold that can end up being very challenging to your entire rose garden. It seems counter-intuitive to remove leaves since we know that leaves are needed by the rose to collect sunlight and conduct photosynthesis which produces food for the plant. But when you notice clusters of leaves in a tangle of inward growth, cut some of it out to let air circulation and light back into the center of the bush. This will thwart pests and fungal diseases which often begin and take hold under cover of the leaves.



*'Lady of Shallot' is a vigorous David Austin shrub rose. Check the inward growth and cut some of it out to let air circulation and light back into the center of the bush. This will thwart pests and fungal diseases which often begin and take hold under cover of the leaves.*



### Fungal Diseases

Rust and black spot are water-initiated fungal diseases. When you discover orange pustules on the undersides of your roses' leaves, you have identified rust. Black spot infected leaves are distinctive because the spots on the upper side of the leaves have black feathery margins. Several hours of continuous moisture are all it takes for spores of these two diseases to germinate. When we properly space our plants and remove unnecessary inward growth the leaves can dry faster and the occurrence of these diseases is lessened. With both fungal diseases infected leaves should be cut off the plant and removed from the garden.

*Orange pustules on the undersides of your rose leaves indicates rust, a water-initiated fungal disease. Remove unnecessary inward growth to allow leaves to dry faster to lessen occurrence.*

### Pests

Insects are opportunistic so you will find many pests working undercover in the center of the bush. Here are some of the main culprits you will discover in the inward clusters.

- **Rose Slugs** are the larvae of sawflies and look similar to caterpillars. They are hard to spot as they are green and feed on the underside of the leaves but their presence is easily noticed as they skeletonize foliage. Look for lacy leaves and squish the rose slugs, or cut off the affected leaves. You can minimize their presence throughout the year by spotting them early and dispensing with them immediately upon discovery.
- **Caterpillars** feed on rose leaves and buds. They take advantage of the cover of dense leafy growth. Look for folded over or rolled leaves in which the larvae hide as temporary shelters or as over-winter homes, depending on the species. Chewed-up buds, blooms and leaves are your cue to search for them. Their droppings (frass) are a tipoff that they are close by. Also look for their eggs on leaves. They can be laid singly or in groups.
- **Spider Mites** are less than half a millimeter in length and inflict damage by sucking vital plant fluids. The sucking causes stippling of the leaf and can defoliate the plant. The telltale sign of their presence is webbing on the underside of the lower leaves. You can control early infestations with forceful jets of water to the underside of leaves. They love congested foliage areas in the plants' centers.



*Rose Slugs are hard to spot especially when they are feeding on the underside of the leaves in the center of the bush.*

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## Suckers

Suckers do not normally grow inward but since you are taking a close look at your roses, look to see if there are any canes and leaves that do not resemble the other canes and leaves on the bush. Suckers can grow off the rootstock of grafted roses. In our region, the rootstock used is generally *Dr. Huey* which has long and flexible canes and bears maroon flowers. Given a chance the rootstock rose will diminish the growth of the purchased rose and eventually take over. You should not cut off a sucker because it will grow back. The way to get rid of it is to locate its origin below ground and twist and tear it off. You want to inflict superficial damage to the area it's growing from so the cane will not re-sprout.

## The Pointless

### Blind Shoots



*A blind shoot is when a stem terminates in a leafy growth in place of a bud. Cut back the blind tip above one of the leaves in order to allow the rose to try again or remove entirely when it is growing inward.*

Not every stem produces a bloom. Sometimes a stem terminates in leafy growth in place of a bud. This is called a blind shoot and if you just leave it, it is a road to nowhere. It will never bear flowers. Since we are growing roses for blooms, when we notice the blind shoot, we have two choices. If the blind shoot is on the outside of the bush with healthy leaves, cut back the blind tip above one of the leaves in order to allow the rose to try again. If the blind shoot is growing toward the inside of the bush and cluttering up the inside of the rose bush, 'open up' the plant and remove the entire blind shoot stem to promote air circulation and minimize disease. Of course there are always exceptions to the rule. On struggling roses or very new roses we do try to maintain as much foliage as possible so make your own judgment call as to whether to remove the entire inward-growing blind shoot, but if you decide to leave it, do remove the terminal growth above a leaf. It is not clear why blind shoots develop but experts believe that the weather fluctuations can be a contributing factor. Master Rosarian and immediate past president of the American Rose Society, the late Bob Martin suspected that blind shoots may also occur when the rose is putting out more stems than it can support with corresponding blooms.

### Nip It in the Bud

Catch inward growth when it is just a bud with 'thumb pruning'. No pruners are needed which saves time, and the plant's energies are redirected from cluttering inward growth to growing desired outward growth.

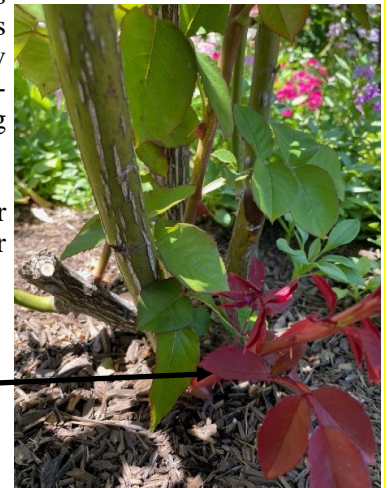
## The Good

### Basal Breaks

Finally some good news! A basal break is desirable new growth that is coming from the bud union. It is noticeable because it starts out reddish in color. Basal breaks become the plant's new vigorous canes. But, this new growth is very soft and is easily damaged. It can also be unnoticed, shaded and hampered in its growth by less desirable canes or growth in the center of the bush. Prune out any old less desirable canes and unnecessary growth that may be obstructing the path of this new promising growth. This will allow this vital new growth the space, sunlight and air circulation it needs. Basal breaks coming from the bud union and strong new stems growing from existing canes must be cherished and protected. Make way for them!

Keeping alert to your roses' inward growth throughout the year helps you clear the way for the good, get rid of the pointless and thwart the bad and the ugly in their tracks.

*A basal break can be seen as new growth that is reddish in color.*





# IT'S.....SHOW TIME!!!

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

It's Spring and with the flush in our gardens of beautiful rose blooms, it's time to enter into the wonderful world of rose shows! At our **April SDRS Monthly Meeting** we had a great turnout of people eager to know how to stage their roses before entering them into the first Little Rose Show. Many thanks to Gary Bulman, Sue Streeper, Ruth Tiffany, Kathy Strong, Beth Van Boxtel, Robert & Kristine Russell, Frank Brines and Jim Price for serving as mentors for everyone who wanted to learn this new skill. And a special 'Thank You' to Bill Ornelas, as Program Chair, for organizing this event and to Linda Clark for serving as Master Judge of all the entries, teaching us the intricate details of rose judging.



*Gary Bulman (in white shirt with brown trim)*



*'Frank Brines (in green shirt)*



*Sue Streeper (in pink blouse)*



*Robert & Kristine Russell (in black shirts)*

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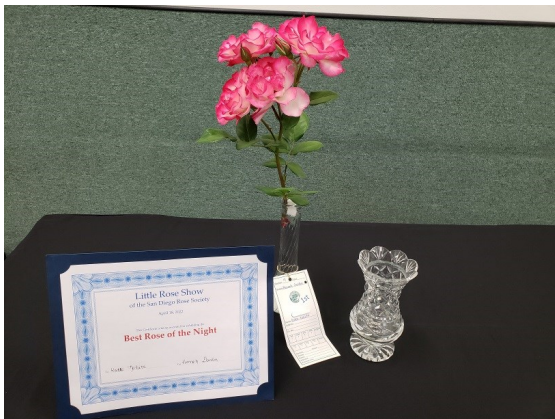
*Jim Price (in green shirt)*



*Ruth Tiffany (in black floral blouse)*



*Linda Clark (in yellow blouse) explains the principles of judging roses*



*Winning Bloom of the Night  
'Hannah Gordon' by Katie Nobitt*



*Frank Brines wins  
Best Arrangement of  
the Night*

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Our next big event was the **Pacific Southwest District District/Pacific Rose Society's Rose Show** during the weekend of April 23rd and Oh! what a fun event it was! Several SDRS members woke up again in the wee hours of the morning on Saturday morning to gather their precious rose blooms into their cars and travel up to Monrovia, CA to the Los Angeles County Arboretum, a wonderful venue. We all staged our blooms in the parking lot (in the cold!) and brought them to be placed on the exhibition tables.



*Bill and Elaine Ornelas*



*Gary Bulman*



*Linda Clark*

After our cars were emptied we all motored over to a cute breakfast place and enjoyed a wonderful meal with other exhibitors, laughing and telling stories about our entries, good and bad. Then it was back to the venue to see if anyone won any awards.



*The Winning Three Amigos!  
From left to right, Gary Bulman wins Queen Hybrid Tea for 'Ring of Fire', Ken Huff wins King for 'Black Magic', and Bill & Elaine Ornelas win Princess for 'Dina Gee'*



*Ruth Tiffany and her winning Climbing Rose, 'The Impressionist'*

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Linda Clark and her winning entry of 5 floribunda sprays for one of the Challenge Classes giving her the Pacific Rose Society Trophy



Bill Ornelas, Marcia Giles, Ken Huff and Ruth Tiffany



Pacific Rose Society Show Chairman, Chris Greenwood with Ruth Tiffany

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One of the last events of the night was a slide presentation by guest hybridizer Dave Bang detailing his beautiful rose creations. He also brought several rose plants of his roses to be auctioned. There was a lot of lively bidding! Then the district banquet and awards presentation followed. It was a wonderful event and the SDRS rosarians came home with many awards. Congratulations to everyone and many thanks to Pacific Rose Society for hosting this event!



*Dave Bang and his good friend Sonya enjoying the banquet*



*Dave Bang gives a wonderful slide show of some of his hybridized roses*



*Enjoying the delicious banquet dinner*

Finally, the last event of the April shows was the **Coronado Flower Show**, a celebration of their 100th flower show. Some SDRS rosarians brought their roses for the rose section of the show and there were many entries. Our own Rita Perwich served as chair of the rose section of the show. Below is her recounting of the experience and the winners.

Rita Perwich reports:

'On April 23rd and 24th the Coronado Flower Show celebrated its 100th Anniversary. The Show was a major success! The Rose Section had over 300 entries of roses and I was so happy to see quite a few of our SDRS members come to exhibit their roses. We had three fabulous judges: Miriam Yoder, Bob Kolb and Kathy Hunyor. They judged our roses with great stamina and smiles for 3 1/2 hours!

Robert and Kristine Russell won Best Hybrid Tea rose with 'Marilyn Monroe', Best Three Roses with 'Marilyn Monroe', Best Shrub Rose with 'Munstead Wood' and Best Old Garden Rose with 'Yolande d'Aragon'. Sue Streeper won Best Climbing Rose with 'Candyland'.

The stars were in alignment for me and I won 7 awards! Best Coronado Rose with 'Tournament of Roses', Best Floribunda with 'Chihuly', Best Rose Spray with 'Flower Girl', Best Floating Rose with 'Lady of Shallot', Best Miniature Exhibit with 'Fresh Pink', Best Open Stamen Rose with 'Sugar Moon' and Best Six Roses with 'Sally Holmes'. Best Novice, Best Novice Spray, Best Fragrant Rose and Best Child's Rose went to residents who live in Coronado.

We got a lot of publicity in both the newspaper and on TV, and this year's Coronado Flower Show set a record for the number of attendees. On Saturday alone, we had 2,500 people who entered the show and I am sure every one of them went through the rose section as there was a continual line all afternoon to get in to see the roses. My co-Chair, Maria Mata, (also a SDRS member), and I were in the rose section all weekend and answered a lot of questions about roses! We were told by many people that it was the best section of the show. That of course did not surprise us. After all, roses are the BEST!'



*Rita Perwich with her winning entries*



*Robert & Kristine Russell's winning entry of 'Marilyn Monroe'*



*Sue Streeper's winning entry of 'Candyland'*

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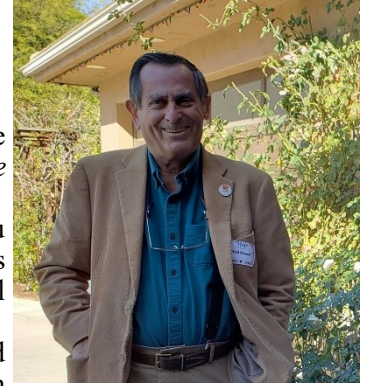


*From upper left clockwise: Sue Streeper; Judges Miram Yoder, Kathy Hunyor and Bob Kolb; Robert and Kristine Russell's daughter Jessica and her friend Justin in Rita Perwich's Coronado garden; Christine Allan, Ann Pease*



## Membership News for May 2022

By Kirk Rummel, Membership Chair, [knrummel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:knrummel@sbcglobal.net)



With this May issue of the Rose Ramblings we need to remind everyone that we have dropped those folks who did not renew their membership for 2022 from the *Rose Ramblings* distribution and other messages distributions. Boo...

So, if you are reading this from the edition on our website and just realized you forgot to renew (despite my frequent protestations) please renew. If none of your data has changed you don't need to fill out the application. Just donate the amount thru Paypal and note that it is for renewal.

We have a busy year planned and you need to rejoin to share in the fun. We had over 50 people attend the April meeting and things are going to be just as exciting from this point forward. By the time you have read this our rose show and auction will have occurred and we are sure it was a big success. Lets hope we can bring another 20 or so new members.

I also want to remind everyone that there are a ton of volunteer opportunities for you to choose from. That's when we can really get to know each other. Many of these are short term tasks like setting up for the rose show. Other tasks are longer term. Either way, we need each other to chip in.

And now, we welcome our new members for April below. Watch for the little rose decal on their name tag at the meetings—it means they are new members, Please say hello and welcome them.

Vanessa Sam
Alison Downton
Jemma Kanlund
Diane Caddy
Belinda Harris
Wende West
Linda Umphress
Bud Green

**There are so many good reasons to join or rejoin our rose society. Among the most important is learning the best methods of growing great roses!**

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

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



## In Our Thoughts and Prayers.....

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

- ◆ Kristine Russell
- ◆ Bill Ornelas
- ◆ Richard Burk and daughter, Elizabeth Burk
- ◆ Barbara Lester
- ◆ Gary Bulman



## A Celebration of Life for John Lester

Last year we lost one of our rose brothers, John Lester, after he gallantly struggled with some significant health issues. John was one of our valued members who loved to instruct others how to grow roses to their fullest potential. He also was an avid exhibitor of roses, participating in many rose shows. We will miss his infectious smile and his competitive spirit. His wife, Barbara, submitted this information about John's Celebration of Life.

**John Lester's Celebration of Life will be held on May 14, 2022 at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Torrey Pines Christian Church, 8320 La Jolla Scenic Drive North.**

**A reception will follow on the outside lawn. Please come casual, as those who knew John know he only dressed up when he was judging roses.**

**If you would like to bring some roses from your garden in a vase to honor him, please plan to take the vase home with you and put your name on the bottom of the vase in case it gets left behind.**

**Barbara would love to have those who knew him say a few words about John (humor appreciated) please let her know ASAP if you would like to do this.**

**For purposes of seating and refreshments, it would be helpful if you could indicate that you are coming.**

**If you have questions, please contact Barbara: [roseloversjb@gmail.com](mailto:roseloversjb@gmail.com)**



**Elegant and Enchanting Garden Tour**  
**Hosted by the Rose Society of Saddleback Mountain**  
**Saturday, May 7, 10 a.m.—4 p.m.**

We have been invited to this ‘Elegant and Enchanting Garden Tour’. It will be their 27th tour. It will be a beautiful pre-Mother’s Day event, perfect for sharing time together. Tom and Miriam Cooney’s garden with over 300+ roses is on the tour this year !

For information: <https://rosesocietyofsaddlebackmountain.org/garden-tour>

**La Jolla Historical Society Secret Garden Tour of La Jolla and Secret Garden Boutique**  
**Saturday, May 14, 9 a.m.—6 p.m.**

For information: <https://lajollahistory.org/events/secret-garden-tour-of-la-jolla-and-secret-garden-boutique/>

This unique event extends a rare invitation to the public to stroll behind the garden gates of some of La Jolla’s loveliest secluded gardens, often concealed from view by mature trees, vines or foliage.





## Event Calendars and Web Sites

### San Diego Rose Society Calendar of Events

2022

**May 3, 2022, 7 p.m.:** SDRS Board Meeting, at the home of Rand and Christine Allan

**May 16, 2022, 7:30 p.m.:** SDRS Monthly meeting; Casa del Prado, room 101

**June 7, 2022, 7:00 p.m.:** SDRS Board meeting

**June 20, 2022, 7:30 p.m.:** SDRS Monthly meeting; Casa del Prado, room 101

**(no monthly meetings or board meetings for July or August)**

**September 6, 2022, 7 p.m.:** SDRS Board Meeting

**September 19, 2022, 7:30 p.m.:** SDRS Monthly Meeting; Casa del Prado, room 101

**October, 4, 2022, 7 p.m.:** SDRS Board Meeting

**October 17, 2022, 7:30 p.m.:** SDRS Monthly meeting and potluck; Casa del Prado, room 101

**November 1, 2022, 7 p.m.:** SDRS Board Meeting

### Other Local and Regional Gardening Events

2022

**May 7, 2022:** Elegant and Enchanting Garden Tour hosted by rose society of Saddleback Mountain; see page 25 of this issue for details

**May 14, 2022:** La Jolla Historical Society Secret Garden Tour; see page 25 of this issue for details

**June 8-July 4, 2022:** San Diego County Fair Flower Show; exhibits placed every Wednesday and Friday; register using this website: <https://sdfair.com/exhibits/flower-show-entry/>

**San Diego Floral Association Calendar** <http://www.sdfloal.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](http://www.sandiegorosesociety.com))

**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/>)

## 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 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](mailto:sandiegorosesociety@gmail.com)**

### Consulting Rosarians for San Diego Rose Society

<b>Name</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>County Location</b>
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
Kathleen Hider	Santee	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
Sandra Phillips	Bay Park	C



## 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>
Waterwise Botanicals	<a href="http://www.waterwisebotanicals.com">www.waterwisebotanicals.com</a>

### NOT LOCAL, OR FOR 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>
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.com">www.antiqueroseemporium.com</a>
Roses Unlimited	<a href="http://www.rosesunlimitedsc.com">www.rosesunlimitedsc.com</a>

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