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We are having our summer garden tours. The first one will be happening Saturday, July 27, beginning at **6 PM** at the garden of **Cathi Lamoreux**. Cathi is a Master Gardener, a good friend and a wonderful volunteer. When I asked if she would be willing to let us tour her garden, she didn't question it. We will begin there, at 3311 E 65th Avenue.

THEN, having prepared your favorite potluck dish, travel just a short distance to the home of other good friends, **Bruce and Marge Kerwin**, 4326 S Napa Street. They have graciously agreed to host the potluck at their home. Their yard is lovely. You will recall the big windstorm that took down a number of big trees in Spokane, and their beautiful blue spruce was one of the casualties, so their shade garden is now a sun garden, but it is a beautiful garden with lots of things to see. A big **THANK YOU** to both Cathi and the Kerwins for allowing us to visit.

We hope to see many of our rose friends there. August's tour is listed on page 2 in the calendar – **August 7**.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Andrew Smith, President

Well, it's that time of the year again where temperatures are reaching higher and higher, to the point where we might not even want to be planting roses... But I hope you all already have plenty in the ground, and plenty of water to keep them blooming through the month!

Last year, you may remember our attempt to have a garden tour through our beloved Manito Park, led by the extremely hard working and respected Steve Smith... Well, it was really hard for me to call that one off when I was so excited for it but couldn't go outside because of the air quality. But this year, we have decided to bump a few garden tours up to July to avoid the same pitfall (and some more in August smoke permitting).

I'm excited to see some new gardens and share the evening with you all (and maybe eat some good food too!)

Andrew

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SPOKANE ROSE SOCIETY 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July and August – Garden tours are the focus. The first one is shown on the front page of this newsletter with Cathi Lamoreux followed by the potluck at Bruce and Marge Kerwin's. The second one is on the north side, **August 7**, which is a **Wednesday evening**, beginning at **6 PM** at the home of **Jim and Janie Edwards, 404 W Graves Rd.** We will then move to **Whitworth Church, 312 W Hawthorne**, right next to the University. This garden has been the project of Bob Willrich, our Vice President. When they downsized, he took his big roses to this garden and has made a lovely site for church members and the neighborhood. We will have cookies and beverages there.

September – is when we have our in-house rose show, just so you can see the roses people have grown in a variety of gardens. We encourage EVERYONE to bring roses for this show in whatever container you wish to use. Then we have ALL those attending act as the judges to select what they believe is the best in each class. We also go back over the winners to explain why they won or what the "judges" missed in their calls.

October – this is the one official meeting we have each year. We allow the board to take care of business the rest of the time to allow for you to just get to enjoy the program without the lengthy readings of minutes, reports, etc. We want our members to feel their time is well spent coming to the meetings, but we do have to conduct official business at times, such as election of officers and approval of the budget. So don't neglect to do your part. Your vote is important, but we need you to come to the meeting to provide this.

November – is the one month we deviate from our "4th Wednesday" meetings. Because the 4th Wednesday comes very close to Thanksgiving, we move the date to earlier in November and have either a potluck or a gathering at a local restaurant. In recent years people have preferred a potluck, but here again, you can voice your opinion to any of your officers or board members if you'd rather meet at a restaurant. This closes out our year of roses, so we hope you will take advantage of as many of these programs as possible.

Rose Logic

Lynn Schafer
Master Rosarian



Summer time...and the livin' is easy! That is someone's idea of a bad joke. That is when we in the northern states find the most work to do. With our mild winter up until February, everything had a good dormant season to plan for the next year. I believe this worked for the roses, as I have never seen roses as vigorous and happy as they are this year in my yard, but the weeds also got that boost. We were laughing last night about how Chinese or Prickly Lettuce has become the most vigorous weed of the summer. It has come up **everywhere**. Of course, so have all the other weeds that normally are quite easy to control. I guess we can't have everything, can we?

Because of the wonderful roses this year, I have been sharing them with the assisted living in Fairfield, and everyone looks forward to seeing the new roses I bring in to replace others. One lady even brought in a paper cup filled with water and said she wasn't really that hungry for the evening meal but wanted to take a rose down to her room! 'Ketchup and Mustard' always brings chuckles because it is such an appropriate name. I had planned to move that rose to the front of the bed because last year it was quite a low grower, but it has shot up this year. 'Selfridges' which I have had at the very least 30 years is so tall I had to bend the cane over to see the roses on top. Of course 'Quietness' is a tall, vigorous...and fragrant Buck rose and in spite of the fact that the snow drifts broke off many canes, that bed has recovered nicely, and you would never know it had been brutalized by February.

Some of you came on a garden tour that ended at our home for a BBQ potluck a number of years ago and will recall the raspberry 'jungle' growing at the side of the garden. That really took the brunt of the snow, laying much of it flat, but I staked up as many canes as I could salvage, and you would never know it was hit. My youngest son and wife brought their seven grandkids here this week, and they must have picked a minimum of 3 or 4 gallons of berries! Even the littlest one was told he had to pick his own berries...and he did!

Water is the essential part of rose growing. Yes, they will survive without deep watering on a regular basis, but you will see the benefits of regular watering because they will bloom and rebloom much better if they are happy, and they are happy if they have water. We always consider an inch a week, but that all depends on the kind of soil you have in your yard. If it is sandy, you will need to water more frequently. The temperatures also affect the amount of water needed. We haven't seen any really warm weather...YET...but they are promising the 90s this coming week, and that will affect your garden needs.

Deadheading is another essential if you want to keep your roses blooming throughout the summer. Will they do it on their own? Yes, but not nearly as eagerly as if you keep those old blooms cut off. I am the first to admit, do as I say, not as I do, because with all my commitments, I find little spare time. This is where sharing your roses is a good thing, because when you cut off blooms you are essentially deadheading. And as I am doing this I have cut off a large number of spent blooms, even though there are more to take care of when you consider about 200 bushes.

This spring I planted three of Ping Lim's roses, thinking I would perhaps get some blooms for the show so that class would be well represented when Ping visited. Well, they didn't bloom in time, but I am enjoying them now, and one of the fellows at the assisted living was really loving 'Patriot Dream.' Shrub roses don't tend to be as long lasting in the vase as others, but this one held on for several days. Again, water gets them settled in and happy.

By now you should have applied any granular fertilizer you use, because it is no longer necessary for the year. By the time it is taken up into the plant, we get our first hard frosts, so it is wasted energy. "Back in the day" we were told it was bad for the plant, but I am more inclined as I consider all the "rules" we were to live by that it is more damaging to your bank account than to the plant itself. In other words, it is a waste of your money and is not needed. If you see bushes that look like they have lost some vigor, you might want to make a foliar application of an instant fertilizer like Miracle-Gro.

Tom Carruth is a name many of you may not know, but I would be willing to bet that you have at least one of Tom's roses in your garden – 'About Face,' 'All Ablaze,' 'Barbra Streisand,' 'Betty Boop,' 'Chihuly,' 'Diamond Eyes,' 'Dick Clark,' 'Ebb Tide,' 'Flutterbye,' 'Fourth of July,' 'Gizmo,' 'Hot Cocoa,' 'Julia Child,' 'Marilyn Monroe,' 'Purple Splash,' 'Scentimental,' 'Strike It Rich,' 'Watercolors,' 'Wild Blue Yonder,' just to name a few. For many years Tom was the hybridizer, first assisting William Warriner at J&P, then for many years at Weeks Roses, and he came up with some fantastic roses. In fact, he has created more All-America roses than any other living hybridizer, nine in ten years. Well, in 2012 Tom moved on to become curator at Huntington Library in Pasadena, and I saw an interesting article about him and his continued work. The Huntington Library was celebrating its 100th birthday, and Tom thought a rose named in celebration would be just the thing, officially named 'Huntington's 100th.' Now I don't know how well the rose will grow in our area, but it sounds like a great addition to your garden. According to helpmefind.com it prefers dry climates, and we fit that image. Just to add a bit of trivia, he has hybridized more than 100 roses. Kind of ties everything together, huh? Tom really is a great guy. When I was on the ARS Board of Directors as well as at national conventions Tom was a regular attendee. I think you will enjoy the article out of the LA Times and perhaps we will see this rose available to us in the near future.

<https://www.latimes.com/home/la-hm-col1-perfect-rose-quest-20190625-htmllstory.html>

Back to our roses, I haven't seen mildew and little black spot this year. A rose I imported years ago, the real 'Nicole,' was notorious for black spot, but it is totally clean this year. Having said that, we need to begin watching for signs of disease. If we keep our roses healthy during the growing season, they are much more apt to survive winter. So in the fall your main enemy is powdery mildew, and if you have good aeration in your roses, you may not see it. If, however, you notice the

telltale signs such as crinkled or deformed leaves such as the picture taken from Baldo Villegas's website which is a precursor to the powder showing up on the leaves, as shown on the picture on the right. It can also show up under new buds on the peduncle and up onto the calyx tube, that bulbous area just below the flower.



GreenCure® is an organic fungicide which contains sodium bicarbonate, and if used regularly according to directions, you may find it works. Or you can go to your favorite garden store and look for fungicides. There are a number of good ones. Unlike black spot, powdery mildew is quite easy to eliminate in our climate, but left alone it will spread on the plant, and we want to keep all those little green

leaves bringing food into the bush so that it will survive winter's stormy blasts. Did I actually use that bad word??? It seems we just got started enjoying our roses. I don't believe it can be my age, but the year has really gone by quickly.

So enjoy your roses, keep them deadheaded, cut lots to enjoy yourself and share them with others. Water them regularly and deeply, and watch for disease, but definitely **take time to smell the roses!**

One more thing: I value my friendship with Rich and Charold Baer. Rich has more botanical knowledge in his head than you can find in most textbooks, and much of that comes from his experience in growing, photographing, and showing roses. Therefore, I am very willing to be humbled by my lack thereof and take my punishment without whining.

Last month I wrote, describing a class in our rose show: “Another popular challenge class is the Velvet Touch Picture Frame Challenge. If you see a beautiful hybrid tea or grandiflora in your yard that lacks the long stem to present it in a vase, it can be displayed with one leaf set in a picture frame provided by the rose society.” Now you have to know that this was buried in the middle of my “Rose Logic” article, and this shows that people really DO read what I write...or at least SOME people do.

I received an email from Rich, which said: “The botanist strikes fear. Our ex ARS president has over the years introduced a number of terms referring to roses which are botanically incorrect. And since it is HE it is easy for others to adopt them. One that particularly bugs me is the word that he has used as a replacement for the word leaf. He insists on calling a leaf a leafset. If you go on the Internet and look for that word you will find it in conjunction with maryjane and no other plants. A rose leaf may have one, three, five, seven or more leaflets but not matter how many there are it is still a rose leaf and just a leaf, nothing more. This is certainly not personal, only botanical. A rose is still a plant and we have enough terminology to describe them already without making up new words. -Rich Baer (For those of us older people who may not understand, that refers to marijuana.)

Thanks, Rich. I appreciate your expertise, and should I use that term again because I forgot the correct term, you can just attribute it to my age!

Aren't all Roses Shrubs?

by Loren Siebold

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Well, yeah. Sort of. Botanically speaking, at least. Any plant that arises from the ground without a single woody trunk separating the roots from the branches is technically a shrub rather than a tree. That makes roses—at least those growing on their own God-given roots—shrubs. (The thing in the rose catalog called a tree rose is a Frankenstein creation of grafted parts from several roses; it doesn't exist in nature.)

So why would we refer to just some roses as shrub roses? On his website, Minnesota nurseryman Sam Kedem admits that, “The term ‘shrub rose’ is somewhat arbitrary and may lead to ambiguity.” Sam's right, so let's try to clear up the picture as much as we can.

When the American Rose Society talks about shrub roses, we're talking about something quite specific. Officially, there are two major divisions of the ARS shrub rose classification. Under classic shrubs we place hybrid rugosas, hybrid musks, Kordesii hybrids, and moyesii hybrids. Musks, rugosas, moyesiis and Kordesiis are splendid old rose lines that have been used to hybridize many roses, a few handfuls of which are still grown.

However, it's the other major division—modern Shrubs —that have put shrub roses on gardeners' view screens, because this is where David Austin placed his wildly popular new-old-fashioned English roses. I suspect that without Austin and like-minded breeders swelling this category with innovative looks in roses that didn't quite fit in the usual groupings, the ARS shrub category would have remained insignificant.

For a good portion of the 20th century, hybrid teas held the field with growers and exhibitors, and it is Austin who gets most of the credit for giving legitimacy to roses that didn't fit in the mainstream categories but are marvelous in their own right. That's benefited both exhibitors (there are ARS exhibition trophies just for shrub roses) as well as growers looking for great garden roses.

So if you're a rose exhibitor, you can only use the term “shrub” if the ARS classifies your rose that way. If, like me, you're just a gardener who loves roses, you couldn't care less what label someone put on a rose: if it's pretty, healthy, productive, and easy to grow, I want to make its acquaintance. Informally, rose growers often refer to roses like that as shrub roses. Many nurseries, too, use the term to refer to a broader selection of roses than is included in the ARS classification. Sam Kedem (who's done much to promote tough shrubs for his weather- challenged Minnesota customers) explains his shrub rose list this way: “There is an inherent difficulty in separating modern from antique, ground covers from bushes, floribunda from shrub, landscape from garden roses and so on.



John Davis, Kordesii



Morden Blush, Shrub

This category comprises delegates from many types of roses, past and present, with a single common denominator: garden beautiful.” So when nurserymen and gardeners talk about shrub roses, they’re usually not confining themselves to musks, Kordesiiis, rugosas and Austins; they’ll include any rose that has superb garden qualities like these:

- Unfussy growers. A good shrub rose should be one that an amateur can grow.
- Roses that look good in the yard. I love hybrid teas, but I think you’d have a hard time making the case that most hybrid tea bushes look as nice in a landscape as their blossoms do in a vase. While shrubs may have bouquet-quality flowers, they’ll also do good service in the landscape.
- Disease resistance. Disease resistance is currently the holy grail of rose breeding. While resistance is improving in all rose categories, you’ll have the best chance of finding it among

the shrubs.

• Cold hardiness. Several hybridizers (the late Dr. Griffith Buck, and the Morden Research Station in Manitoba, among others) have worked to develop handsome shrub roses that will stand up to bitterly cold northern winters—and they’ve succeeded.

• Unconventional blossoms. Thanks to florists and illustrators, a lot of folks for a long time supposed that a real rose always had to look like a hybrid tea. As a consequence, lots of gorgeous roses were ignored because they didn’t match that ideal. If you, like me, love old-fashioned looking roses and single roses, you’ll be happy for the new interest in shrub roses, because that’s where a lot of lovely but unconventional blooms found their raison d’être.

• Showy displays. Though the size of the blossoms on shrub roses varies, you’ll soon see that some make their biggest contribution in abundant displays of blossoms that individually may not be remarkable.

• Perfume. What’s the first thing every person—adult or child—does when confronted with a rose? Stick their nose into it! A justifiable grievance about modern hybrid teas is that they haven’t enough fragrance— often none at all. Look among the shrubs for roses with good perfume.



Mary Rose
David Austin Shrub

Here are a few places where you might look for roses with these qualities:

- David Austin Roses: Most very fragrant
- Griffith Buck Roses: Good winter survivability in northern climes
- Rugosa Roses and hybrids: blackspot resistance, fragrance, and cold survivability. There are many roses that will serve as great garden shrubs. The best advice is to trust the lists of shrub roses put together by nurserymen, who tend to group these roses not according to the official categories, but rather by how they see them best used by gardeners.

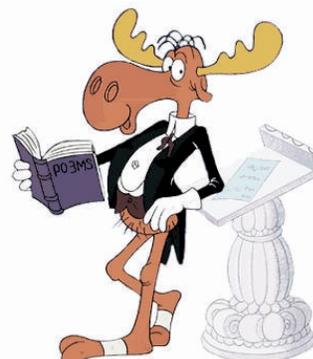
And from an article way back in 2009 by Ryan Tilley, Wendy’s hubby. They now have moved from Atlanta to the PNW (yay!) Wendy has the wonderful website www.therosegardener.com with Banel Pruners, Bionic rose gloves, my absolute ‘can’t get along without it’ Vase Brace Flower Carrier, and many other products.

From Ryan Tilley’s Georgia Rose Sep-Oct 2009 newsletter comes this great tip:

Ask Mr. Know-It-All

Q: My irrigation person told me that I shouldn’t water my roses in the middle of the day because the water will burn the leaves. Is this true?

A: This is a common misconception. If it were true, the leaves would be burnt every time there was a shower during the day in the summer. Actually, giving your roses a cool shower in the heat of the day is beneficial. It washes off the leaves, cools the plant, and improves the foliage. And don’t worry about spreading blackspot, the leaves will dry off long before any spores can germinate. And if your roses are healthy to begin with, there are no spores to splash around.



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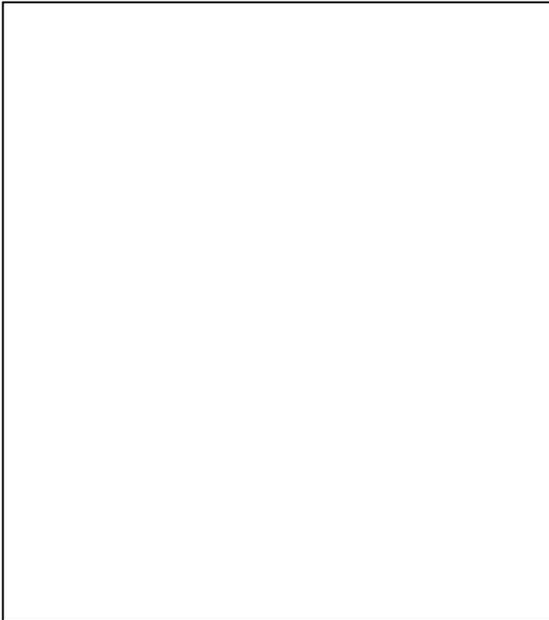
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