



Rose Lore

Mesa-East Valley Rose Society
Affiliated with the American Rose Society

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March 2008

**Thursday
March 13th, 7:00 p.m.**

**Monthly Meeting
Kirk Student Center
Kiva Room, MCC**

Bugs and You!
**Nationally recognized expert,
Jack McClure,
will speak on insects, IPM,
insecticides and how to use
them safely.**

Friends and family welcome.
Refreshments will be served.

Bring your rose questions
and concerns. See you there!

The Easy Guide to Shooting Pictures of your Roses Just for Fun By Bob Bauer

Bob Bauer tells us how to utilize our undiscovered talents in taking photographs. Bob is a member of the ARS Local Society Relations Committee and a professional photographer.

Have you ever been wandering around in your garden and spotted a bloom that truly amazed you or even broke your heart, it was so beautiful? You know: a single flower or a cluster at the perfect point in time, the best bloom you had ever seen on that bush? All that's left now of that rose is the good memory.

It doesn't have to be that way. You can shoot a photo of your wonderful rose and preserve that bloom forever. Grab a camera, get out there and capture that perfect moment. Do it just for YOU. And do it just for the fun of it.

Photography is easier than ever, thanks to the invention of digital cameras. For as little as \$200, you can buy a digital camera that will give you great results with just a little effort.

These cameras all have auto focus, auto exposure, autolight color balance and enable you to just point and shoot. You can even fix your mistakes later on the computer and print your own pictures at home. You don't even need a computer! You can take your reusable camera memory card to the local drugstore and get prints and a CD to store the digital images forever.

10 Easy Tips for Shooting Great Rose Pictures

1. Shoot in any light, but keep the sun at your back for best results. The more light the better. (A tripod will help you, but isn't a must.)
2. Use the viewfinder only (NOT the TV screen at the back) to frame your picture.
3. Fill the whole frame with the rose; don't just put the rose in the middle. Make sure to look at the edges of the frame, as everything you see will be in the picture.
4. Wind is bad, so shoot in the morning in order to avoid it.

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MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

The following nurseries will give MEVRS members a 10% discount (unless otherwise indicated) on any rose-related purchase when you show your membership card. In some stores you must pay by cash or check only to receive the discount. **Be sure to get your annual Membership Card from the Membership Chairman.**

Berridge Nursery
4647 E. Camelback Rd.,
Phx
Potted roses always in stock!

Gardener's World
3401 E. Baseline Rd., Phx

Harper's Nursery
Three locations:
Mesa, Scottsdale and Phx
480-964-4909 (Mesa)
Potted roses still in stock

Treeland Nursery
2900 S. Country Club Dr.,
Mesa
480-497-2525

**When you patronize
these businesses,
please
remember to thank
the manager for
supporting the
MEVRS!**

President's Message by Dona Martin

Whoop hoo! Spring pruning is done and what wonderful spring growth is already quickly lengthening and maturing! The Rose Garden at MCC is looking great, thanks to the many hundreds of hours given generously by our leaders and volunteers. Working every Saturday throughout January, February and to March 1st, the day of celebration featured at right. Everyone in attendance enjoyed Subway for lunch and the volunteer raffle for held.

This excellent weather has really jump-started our season, as well as the temperatures. Be sure you are increasing your water accordingly, not just because of the temps, but the larger the plant gets, the more it needs.

Please join us for the **March meeting**, which is being held in the **Kiva Room of the Student Center**, instead of in the library Community Room. There is a Smithsonian exhibit being held for three months in the Community Room, which you are welcome to visit, but not on our meeting night!

As some of you are aware, discounts to members of local horticultural societies will no longer receive discounts at some local nurseries. These include A & P Nursery, Summer Winds and Baker Nursery in Phoenix. Here in the East Valley, Jay Harper of Harper's Nursery, has confirmed that they "always have and always will" give discounts to our members at any of their locations. We appreciate his support!!

At the **Gilbert Historical Museum**, on the southwest corner of Gilbert and Elliott Roads, the rose garden has now been renovated! As an Eagle Scout project, **Alex English** planned the renovation and organized members of his troop, leaders and friends to implement it. The remains of the previous garden were removed and 64 new roses, donated by wholesale nursery V & P, were planted. Irrigation system changes and parts were donated by Sunny Mesa Landscaping (Brent Stapley). Ken Singh donated his famous mulch, with delivery provided by LeRoy Brady. The final planting of twelve roses around the flag pole will be finished this week, with roses from Harper's. Because the roses already planted were potted, they have already begun to bloom and Museum staff and visitors have expressed much appreciation and excitement over the change. The Museum contains over 10,000 historical items, including farm implements and equipment. Please visit this great addition to the East Valley! Photos will be included in next month's newsletter!

In conjunction with the **Pacific Southwest District Conference and Rose Show, April 19th**, we will have our **Annual Rose Garden Tour and Dinner on Sunday the 20th**. Conference attendees will be here from Southern California, Las Vegas, New Mexico and El Paso and many have expressed a desire to join our tour! While the Conference is being sponsored as a cooperative effort of the All Az Rose Societies group, the tour will be our responsibility. It will include eight gardens and end with a BBQ at our home in Gilbert. Please set that weekend aside for two days full of rosy fun and friends! Reserve your tickets now for the BBQ, as seats are limited.

Sadly, I wish recognize the passing of long time society member, **Patricia "Pat" Knight**, a resident of Sun Lakes. Pat volunteered regularly for many years, helping with all of our events and at the MCC garden as well. She was a lovely, genuinely gracious and kind person and her beautiful smile will be greatly missed. We have not yet received information about services, but Carol Poe can be contacted for further information.

Congratulations Rose Garden Volunteers!



Working, playing, eating and just hanging out, our volunteers did a fantastic job again this year. Headed by Carol Poe, Marylou Coffman and LeRoy Brady, everyone came together to finish on time.



Special thanks to Bill Henslin for keeping our pruners sharpened! Too many others helped to name, but please know that you are all loved and appreciated!!



End of pruning celebration and luncheon, with gifts for workers



Photos by Mickey Kundrat, the guy in the sack!

Pacific Southwest District Conference

Saturday, April 19th, 2008

In collaboration with The Arizona Rose Societies

Mesa Community College

1833 W Southern Avenue, Mesa, AZ

SE Corner of Southern and Dobson

Conference Weekend Agenda

Saturday, April 19th:

- Phoenix Rose Society and Pacific Southwest District Rose Show
at the Mesa Community College in the Student Union building
Entries received: 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Judging
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Luncheon and Meetings on 3rd floor of the Library
 - 12:30-1:30 Lunch on the 3rd floor of the Library
 - 1:30-3:30 PSWD Business Meeting on the 3rd floor of the Library
 - 3:30-4:00 Judges Horticulture meeting on the 3rd floor of Library
 - 4:00-4:30 Judges Arrangement meeting on the 3rd floor of Library
 - 5:00-5:30 Raffle at the Student Union
 - 5:30-6:30 Awards at the Student Union

Join Conference Attendees and MEVRS for our Annual Rose Garden Tour and BBQ!

Sunday, April 20th ~ 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

7-8 Private Rose Gardens

Tour Only \$10 pp ~ Tour + Full Dinner \$20 pp

**Reservations are already coming in for the dinner,
which will be provided by Joe's Real BBQ of Gilbert.**

**Reserve your tickets ASAP by sending check to:
MEVRS Treasurer, P.O. Box 40394, Mesa AZ 85274
or by purchasing them at our March or April meetings.**

Entertainment? You bet...

Our favorite professional Mariachi Band!

No reservations required for Tour Only tickets ~ May be purchased at the MCC Rose Garden

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Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____

E-Mail _____

Any donations made to offset the cost of the trophies and show expenses would be greatly appreciated.

Registration cost \$10.00 per person \$ _____

Lunch \$25.00 per person \$ _____

Donation to Trophy/General Fund \$ _____

Total Cost \$ _____

Make Check Payable to: PSWD Rose Convention
Mail to: Bill Sheperd
13159 N 82nd Ave., Peoria, AZ 85381

Registrations for Lunch must be received by Friday, April 11, 2008

Questions email Helen Baird at hbbaird@gmail.com
or Gerry Mahoney at xrose@cox.net

The Novice Exhibitor: Coddle Your Buds

By Robert B. Martin Jr

A winning rose show entry sometimes just happens. We have all heard stories of the exhibitor who discovered the perfect specimen growing in the garden the day before, and even on the morning of the show. "All" they did, they will tell you, is stick it in a vase and behold, it made its way to the trophy table.

Serendipity does play a role in showing roses. But serendipity is notoriously unreliable. The specimen "discovered" just before the show is the exception and not the rule. More often, the winning entry is one the exhibitor has been watching for some time. And even more often, it is a specimen that the exhibitor has encouraged and made way for while on the bush. The subject of this installment is to provide information on how to make way for the Queen.

Finger Pruning

In theory the earliest time that you can do something to encourage long stems and bigger blooms is at the beginning, namely when the new bud eyes develop on older stems. It will be observed that the new bud eyes typically form in multiples, usually of three. Also some of the bud eyes will be pointing toward the center of the bush. Finger pruning is simply the removal with your fingers of excess bud eyes. For example you might remove two of three bud eyes with a view toward concentrating the growth into the one remaining. You might also remove the inward facing bud eyes in order to encourage the growth to the ones facing outwardly.

There are many serious exhibitors who practice finger pruning. Some, such as myself, consider it an idle practice of those who want to do something when there is little else to do in the garden.

Although I have in past seasons tried finger pruning, I abandoned the practice many years ago. The main reason, to put it simply, is that it just didn't seem to make any difference. The rose produces extra bud eyes and then chooses itself to put its growth energy into the ones it selects. I have come to believe that the rose bush itself is a better judge than I am of which bud eyes will be the most productive. The remaining bud eyes just seem to dry up of their own accord or the growth terminates with short stems that I can then just snap off if I choose.

On the other hand, finger pruning does provide something to do when the bare root roses are just leafing out and, as I have said, there are different schools of thought on the subject. So I mention it in case it is something you'd like to experiment with yourself.

Disbudding

By contrast, the important practice for the exhibitor to master is that of disbudding. About 3 - 4 weeks before a show you will find many developing buds. As the buds

develop, there are three activities you should undertake in addition to your regular watering, feeding and spraying. These are disbudding, thinning and staking.

You will notice there are very few varieties that produce a single bud at the end of a developing long stem. Instead, there is typically a large central bud with several smaller buds on the side. It is in the nature of the rose to produce many buds. The largest one, at the end of the stem, is called the terminal bud. The others, growing typically from one or more leaf axils near the top, are called side buds.

Most rose show categories call for the entry of one or more rose blooms without side buds. This is also common in the novice classes. In order to make such an entry you will have to remove the side buds.

You could, if you wanted, wait until the day of the show and remove the side buds at that time. But there are problems with this approach. Large side buds are physically difficult to remove. More importantly, the larger the side bud is when removed, the more pronounced is the scar left behind. The removal of a large bud invariably leaves a stub that has the annoying tendency to turn black just prior to judging. Although not grounds for disqualification, distracting scars are grounds for penalization and can easily be the difference between a blue ribbon and a trophy. Even the removal of the remnants of large side buds at the show usually requires some deft surgery with an Exacto knife. I confess to having sliced off my share of leaves at the axil and have even cut off the bloom head itself. (That level of skill is why I became a lawyer rather than a doctor as my father had desired). So unless you are a surgeon, do yourself a favor and remove side buds early with your thumb and forefinger.

Another, and perhaps more important reason to remove side buds early, is to concentrate the growth energy of the bush into your show bloom. You will find removal of side buds will contribute to longer stems and bigger blooms.

There are also classes in a rose show that call for sprays, including a floribunda spray and a miniature spray. To produce good sprays, it is necessary to remove the terminal bloom; otherwise the terminal bud will grow much larger than the other blooms in the spray (it will also usually bloom much earlier). This will upset the balance of the "inflorescence". Again it is important to do this early because it is more difficult to do it later when the removal leaves a noticeable and distracting space in the center of the spray.

In the case where there is both a spray and a single bloom class, you will be called on to make a decision early. Do you remove the terminal bud or do you start removing side buds? My philosophy is, if (and only if) you have a very strong stem that looks like it is willing and

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eager to produce a lot of side buds, then you should go for the spray. Otherwise go for the single bloom.

The removal of side buds should continue regularly as the show approaches. Some varieties seem to demand daily disbudding. In the two weeks prior to a show it is seldom that I don't walk through the garden twice a day enjoying the developing bloom and removing side buds. I even have the ability to water container plants with my right hand while disbudding with the left. It is a great opportunity to commune with your roses and encourage their growth into potential show Queens.

Thinning

As your most promising buds take form you should also keep an eye on their stems. Roses are best exhibited on long straight stems. Depending on the bush the stems can be headed out at any number of angles. The buds and the blooms, however, head straight up to the sun when they get the chance, often leaving you with a long curving stem that looks something like an archer's bow.

One solution to this problem is to practice selective thinning. If there are non-producing or unpromising stems or foliage in the way of your prospective trophy winner, thin them out of the way. This practice will also expose your prospective winner to more sunlight to encourage growth, and will foster a symmetrical set of leaves, which have not been torn or stunted by adjacent foliage.

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Staking and Tying

The second solution is to stake your roses. In addition to growing out at all angles, some of your roses, healthy with your special care, will tend to flop over. Get some strong stakes and green plastic wrapping tape to tie them up so they are straight and vertical. I like the aluminum stakes covered with a green rubberized compound that are at Home Depot in Mesa.

In addition to staking, selective tying of stems with garden tape can also keep them straight. For example, where there are two stems growing out in a "V", I will tie the stems together to force them both to a vertical position. In other cases, I tie a wayward stem to an adjacent cane to straighten it out. The objective in each case is to point the stem directly at the sun so it will grow straight.

Splinting

Where stems have already become curved, some exhibitors use thin bamboo stakes as splints to straighten them out. A little experimentation may be necessary to develop this technique. Remember, however, that at the top your

rose is going to grow straight up so even if you splint out a stem at a 45 degree angle the bloom head will twist itself upwards at the peduncle. This will result in a bloom that will not be straight in the vase. So it is still important that the stem be staked or tied so that it is vertical.

Conclusion

The techniques described above presume in each case that you have first identified a developing bloom with potential. And, it is seldom necessary to use all the techniques for a promising bloom. The point is to identify at an early date your prospective entries and to do whatever is necessary to make way for their optimal development. By doing so, you will find that winning entries "just happen" a lot more frequently.

Coddle the buds on your roses now as they develop and you will have some beautiful roses in April, some of which could produce that trophy winning entry.

6th Annual Real Gardens for Real People Tour

Event Date: 03/24/2007

Description: Presented by Maricopa County Master Gardeners, 5 gardens along the Camelback Corridor, and one garden inspired by elementary students, developed by the owners, not professionally landscaped gardens. On-site seminars and workshops.

Call for more information:
602-470-1556 x 1017

Time: 9 am - 4 pm

Price: \$20

Rose Care for March 2005

By Dona Martin, ARS Consulting Rosarian

Irrigation: Deep water once a week with flood irrigation. If you drip irrigate, do so two to three times per week. The amount of water applied should be 3 to 4 gallons of water each drip irrigation cycle. Use this time to make sure all drip heads are clear and have the proper flow before the plants fill in with new growth.

It is a good time to consider using adjustable drip head, "shrubblers", which allow you to adjust for the individual size rose, the water pressure and the porosity of the soil.

Insects: Watch for aphids this month. Either hose them off the bush with water 2-3 times per week or use a good insecticide like Bayer Rose and Flower Insect Killer or Fertilome Systemic Insecticide at the labeled rate. These products will also help keep down the population of thrips, which do their damage to the blooms before they even open. Thrips are so small they can hardly be seen and tend to be more attracted to light colored blooms. It is effective to use a handheld spray bottle of insecticide and to spray each bud directly, rather than spray the whole plant. This makes the most difference in the quality of the blooms by eliminating unsightly, brown damage to the petals, especially if you begin spraying as color begins to show.

Diseases: You should continue to spray at regular intervals for powdery mildew, using a good fungicide to prevent mildew from taking hold. These include Funginex and Banner Maxx, alternating products to prevent insects from becoming resistant. Powdery mildew looks like a white, dusty film on the leaves, especially on new growth, and causes the edges to curl somewhat.

Fertilizer: Now is the time to push growth to have the best and biggest blooms for April, especially if you plan to exhibit in our spring rose shows. Use a liquid fertilizer early in the month, such as MiracleGro or Magnum Grow. Fish emulsion used later in the month, when buds are about pea-sized, will help add color to the blooms. We like Safer brand fish emulsion as it has less oil content and smells for a very short time. Use 1 Tablespoon per gallon of water. Amount applied for roses in the ground: 1½ gallons – hybrid teas & grandifloras; 1gallon - floribundas; ½ - gallon miniatures. Potted roses should be given ½ this rate every 10 to 14 days.

Note: If this sounds too complicated, consider a good inorganic granular fertilizer, like Organo Super Rose Food or Bandini Rose Food, at the rate of 1 cup per large bush and ½ cup per small bush. Use ½ this rate for potted roses and apply once each month.

Mulch: Use 3-4" of a good forest mulch, spreading it evenly around the full area of your beds. This will help keep soil temperatures lower, hold in moisture and helps prevent weeds as well. Use pine needles instead of or in addition to the forest mulch. They last longer, don't float away and are acidic.

Buffer Spray Adjuvant with pH Indicator-What we need for our area!

Indicate 5 is a unique adjuvant that, when added to your spray water, increases the efficacy of pesticides and fungicides so you save \$ on chemicals, save time by spraying less often, and help the environment by getting more mileage from your spray material.

Chemical pH 9 pH 8 pH 7 pH 6 pH 5 pH 4

Orthene	3 days	--	17 days	--	55 days	--
Benlate	--	--	12 min	6.8 hrs	30 hrs	--
Sevin	24 hrs	2.5 days	24 days	100 days	--	--
Malathion	--	6 days	21 days	55 days	--	315 days

Many garden chemicals can be adversely affected by exposure to alkaline water (high pH) through the degradation process known as alkaline hydrolysis. **Indicate 5** counters the detrimental effects of high pH and hard water and turns the spray water pink to let you know when the optimum pH (4.5 to 5.5) is reached.

Use the chart to see how long your spray material will remain effective when you adjust pH with **Indicate 5**. It is also an excellent spreader/sticker, reducing the risk of chemical damage to the plant. It improves cuticular penetration and increases plant intake of systemic pesticides and foliar nutrient sprays. Average amount of **Indicate 5** per gallon of spray water: 1 tsp. to 1 T.

5. Shoot it NOW! Keep the camera by the back door ready to go. Your bloom will NOT wait for you.

6. Turn the camera 90 degrees and shoot a vertical picture once in a while. Half the world is vertical.

7. Look at the rose from different angles before you shoot. Walk around it a bit. Don't just march up to the plant and fire away.

8. Watch out for mottled light and shadows. They will show up as ugly blotches.

9. Include multiple blooms or buds in the same picture, not just single blooms all the time. Move the camera around while you are looking through it and pull the trigger when it looks right.

10. Throw away the rule book and play around a bit. Feel free to screw up. It isn't serious.

A FEW Camera Buying and Technical Tips:

- Buy a camera with a close up lens or close up capabilities, also called "macro."
- Get a camera that takes at least 5 megapixel sized images.
- Use the highest quality setting on your camera menu. (**Very important!)
- Get a storage card (such as Compact Flash, Secure Digital or xD card) of at least 1 gigabytes in size.
- Take a few minutes and browse your camera's instruction manual. (Most people don't.)

Remember photographing is easy. It is a simple skill that can be learned by anyone. Everyone is creative; you just need to relax and tap into it. Like riding a bicycle, if you mess up, simply get back on and try again. We only have to impress ourselves.

Here is a link to much more detailed information on my Rose Photography pages:

<http://www.bauerphoto.com/phototips.phototips.html>

**** Editor's Note:** *You can always reduce the size of your photos, but it is very hard to make them larger and retain any quality, especially if editing is needed.*



Looking for a FREE, stay-at-home source for help with your photography? Check out Hewlett-Packard's online courses at www.hp.com. Here are just a few options:

Telling a story with photos
Don't just snap photos—find out how to work with perspective, angles, light, and motion to tell compelling visual stories with the pictures you take.

Touch up digital photos with Adobe Photoshop Elements
Find out for yourself how easy it is to resize, repair and enhance your digital photos with Adobe Photoshop Elements 5.0.

Intermediate Photoshop CS2
Increase your knowledge and basic fundamentals in the three main areas of image preparation, image editing, and image creation in a pixel-based environment.

Improve and share your photos with HP Photosmart Essentials 2.5
Learn how to transfer, organize, improve and share your photos with the latest version of HP's free Photosmart Essential software.

Many additional courses are available on a wide variety of programs, including all of the MS Office programs. HP products are NOT required, although at least Adobe Photoshop Essentials is needed for the image editing courses. Currently, Photoshop Essentials 6.0 is available.

Have questions? Call me!
Dona Martin, Editor

*All About
Growing Great Roses
In The Desert Southwest*
2nd Edition

Second Edition of our excellent booklet on all aspects of rose care, selection, planting, maintenance and much more!

Still \$10 for the Award Winning 56 page book!
Available at most rose society events,
by mail or email.



Also available:

*Growing Great Roses In The
Desert Southwest*
DVD

Same great 1 hour 7 min program that has sold many hundreds of copies in VHS and DVD. Watch as professional agricultural consultant Mike Jepsen demonstrates pruning all types of roses, planting bare root and potted roses, watering, spraying and fertilizing. See the before and after garden, filmed from January through April.

*Events Coming Up in the
Pacific Southwest District*

March 15, 2008 PSW District Arrangement Workshop

Hosted by Fair Friends of Roses
Ventura County Fairgrounds, Ventura, CA
Ikebana Arrangements taught by Marylou Coffman and Helen Baird. Participants are to bring arrangement tools, low and high/tall Ikebana vases. Cost is \$20 per participant and includes lunch.
Info: Barbara Schneider 805-648-7322
kleach@venturacountyfair.org

March 30, 2008 Great Rosarians of the World Lecture

Honoring William Radler, hybridizer of the Knockout series of roses
The Huntington, San Marino, CA
Info: Clair Martin; cmartin@huntington.org
<http://www.huntington.org>

**April 19, 2008 Pacific Southwest District Rose Show and Conference
Hosted by the combined AZ Rose Societies
At Mesa Community College, Mesa, AZ**

April 20th - Annual Rose Garden Tour and BBQ, hosting our Conference attendees, visiting 8 gardens and the Martins' for BBQ!

**May 30 - June 1, 2008
2008 ARS National All-Mini Convention and Rose Show**

Oklahoma City, OK
Info: Bert Wheeler, Chair, 405-282-2495
berkat@worldnet.att.net
Jeanette Davis, okjdavis@prodigy.net

**June 26 - 30, 2008
ARS Spring National Convention and Rose Show**

Four Points Sheraton, SE, Denver, CO
Info: Peg Williams, Chair, 303-691-2790
pegwilliams22@comcast.net
www.2008arsdenver.com

**November 22, 2008 West Valley Rose Society
Annual Rose and Arrangement Show
ASU West Campus**

*Put these dates on your calendars!
and join us for special rose events!*

Mesa—East Valley Rose Society

You or your recipient will receive our monthly 8-12 page newsletter, local nursery discounts and more. **Membership is \$25, due June 1 of each year.** This is for a single or family unit living at the same address. New members joining after September pay \$5 per quarter, from quarter joining through the following May, payable in full at month of joining. Please bring your completed application and payment (please make check payable to **MEVRS**) to a meeting or mail to:

MEVRS/Membership, P.O. Box 40394, Mesa, AZ 85274-0394

Date _____ New _____ ***Gift*** _____ Renewal _____ Amount Paid _____
 Cash _____ Check# _____

Names: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ **E-mail address** _____

Yes! I would also like to join the national organization with which we are affiliated, the American Rose Society, for which I will receive the bi-monthly *American Rose* magazine, the December *American Rose Annual*, the "Handbook For Selecting Roses" and more! I am including in my check an additional amount of \$49.00 (Seniors \$46.00) for a one year membership.

As a new member, you will also receive a FREE miniature rose from Nor'East Miniatures!

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*ARS Judge

Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at

Mesa Community College:

***** Special location March-April 2008 *****

Kirk Student Center - Kiva Room

1833 W. Southern Ave., Mesa, AZ
New Member Orientation at 6:30 pm

Calendar of Events

March 13th - 7 p.m. Monthly Meeting - Bugs and You!

**April 5th - Glendale Rose Society Rose Show, Saguaro Ranch Park
Glendale, AZ. Info: Bill and Candy Sheperd, 623 878-9607**

April 10th - 7 p.m. Monthly Meeting - tba

**April 12th - Scottsdale Rose Society Rose Show, Scottsdale
Community College. Info: Mary Van Vlack, 480-945-8114**

**April 19th - PSWD Annual Conference and Rose Show, MCC
Show open to public 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. - See inside page 4!**

**April 20th - Annual MEVRS Garden Tour and BBQ - Starts at
MCC and visit private gardens at your own pace. Then join us
for the BBQ and entertainment at the Martin garden. Get your
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May 8th - Monthly Meeting-Annual Potluck & Installation of Board



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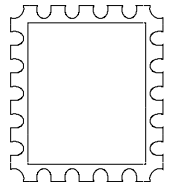
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