

# ROSE LORE

*Written by members, for members of the  
Mesa East Valley Rose Society*

*Judy Sweador, editor*

*www.roses4az-mevrs.*

*Aug 11, 2011*



*Summer Color in the MCC Rose Garden  
Crape Myrtle in bloom*



**Thank you to Phyllis Henslin and Steve Sheard for their wonderful picture contributions for this months news letter.**

*Monthly Meeting: Mesa Community College (FREE PARKING)*

*Elsner Library—Community Room*

*1833 West Southern Ave. Mesa, AZ 85202*

*NEXT MEETING THURSDAY August 11, 2011 at 7p.m.*

*The program for the august meeting will be given by our own Mike Jepson. He will be showing us how to prepare for showing our roses at the October State Fair. Topics he will cover are pruning, classifications, and prize money.*

*Our National  
Floral Emblem*



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**Survival mode is the agenda for your Rose Garden until the end of September! This was my opening last month, but the very high temperatures we had in early July claimed the life of a few of my roses. The rest of my garden is hanging in and most of my plants are maintaining good leaf color. What is the best gardening tool during the summer? (Answer at the end of my president's message!)**

**We need you to begin thinking & planning for the promoting of rose growing in the valley. At this point it is all inside activities – yes you can do these without having to visit with your roses out in the heat.**

**The next activity is to make an alphabetical list of your Hybrid Tea Roses, and a list by Color of your Floribunda and Mini Roses. Visit these web sites and register to exhibit your roses (and any other plants you may have) in the Arizona State Fair. The most it will cost you is \$? (I was not able to verify the amount for this year, estimate (\$25). If you submit 25 roses and only get a 3<sup>rd</sup> place you would have covered the cost of entry.**

**The prize money above your entry cost can go towards buying fertilizer for your roses. By taking Roses to the State Fair it helps demonstrate to the visiting public that roses can be grown in the valley and may just be the little push to get someone else to try it. If you need help, feel free to call Mike Jepsen, Larry Bell or myself, we have all exhibited in previous years. Stay cool inside and do a little paper work preparation for the fall. This month, at our monthly general meeting, Mike Jepsen will talk a little about preparing to enter roses in the State Fair.**

**<http://www.azstatefair.com/exhibitors/competitive.aspx>**

**Roses, Flowers, Trees – they are all plants and a lot of information on one is good on others. I get all sorts of emails on these subjects; one of these was worth mentioning. It was from ACTC (Arizona Community Tree Council). Their web site is <http://aztrees.org/>**

**There web page has all sorts of information on it, what I found interesting was the PDF file on Soil, Tissue and Water Sampling (bottom of the main web page). Mike Jepsen has talked on this subject a few times, here is a resource to read at your leisure. [http://aztrees.org/soil tissue and water testing.pdf](http://aztrees.org/soil_tissue_and_water_testing.pdf)**

**The most useful gardening tool for the summer - An Alarm Clock, it gets you up and out in your garden before the real heat of the day begins.**

**Regards**

**Steve.**



## **Nutrient Deficiency in Roses – The Secondary Nutrients Calcium, Magnesium, and Sulfur**

### **The symptoms of Calcium deficiency are as follows:**



- 1. New growth dies without development; root tips can also be affected**
- 2. Foliage may be abnormally dark green in color**
- 3. Blossoms and buds may prematurely shed**
- 4. Stems are weakened**
- 5. Older leaves may cup down**
- 6. Under severe cases plants may become defoliated**

### **The symptoms of Magnesium deficiency are as follows:**



- 1. Interveinal chlorosis in older leaves**
- 2. Leaf size may be reduced**
- 3. Curling of the leaves upwards along margins**
- 4. Some rose varieties may develop dark brown to purplish blotches scattered randomly across the leaflet**

### **The symptoms of Sulfur deficiency are as follows:**



- 1. Young leaves are light green to yellowish in color; in some plants, older leaves can be affected as well**
- 2. Plants tend to be small and spindly**
- 3. Growth rate is slowed and maturity of the blooms can be delayed**

**Next month's article will be on the micronutrients: iron, zinc, manganese, copper, boron, and molybdenum**

## ROSE CARE CORNER for August

*by Phyllis Henslin, Consulting Rosarian*



By now, I am sure many of you are not happy with the way your roses look. By making sure they are getting sufficient water, giving them fertilizer at (half rate) every 6 weeks and using your water wand every day if possible, they will bounce back when the temps start to moderate and reward you with beautiful blooms in the fall.

If you are looking for roses that handle the heat better than others, this is the time to visit the Rose Garden at MCC. There you can look at over 8000 roses and see what varieties take the heat better than others. This past month in July, with camera in hand, I walked throughout the garden and was amazed how much color was in the garden. I snapped a few pictures of roses that I thought were doing exceptionally well.



Strike it Rich – A grandiflora



Watercolor – A shrub rose |

**More heat loving roses in the MCC Rose Garden**



Wild Blue Yonder –A grandiflora rose



Strike it Rich – A grandiflora rose



Sunny Knock Rose



Memorial Day –Hybrid Tea

**What is blooming in Steve's garden:**



**Vinca**



**Gerber Daisy**



**Zinnas**

**INFORMATION FROM THE DESK OF STEVE SHEARD**

**"Did you know The rose is a Herb? The rose is the official Herb of the Year for 2012, as designated by the International Herb Association. In many countries, including India, Pakistan, Turkey and others, the rose is considered both a seasoning herb, like vanilla, and a medicinal plant, in addition to being a beautiful flower. There will be lots of activities with the International Herb Association, and the Herb Society of America promoting this special herb and flower. If you would like to let your members know, they can go to my [Herb of the Year blog](#) (web diary) for recipes and lots of information, [herboftheyear.blogspot.com](http://herboftheyear.blogspot.com). <http://www.YouTube/longcreekherbs> and you'll find 2 videos on roses."**

## The Long & Short of it

**Bill Henslin has made a long handled “weeder” to save your backs and knees when tackling those weeds and grass in your gardens. Leroy Brady brought the prototype which had a short handle to the MCC Rose Garden one Saturday. As you all know, it takes a lot of effort to get up and down to dig out those weeds. Bill decided he could modify it and make it with a long handle. Bill welded 3 sickle sections together and then attached them to the long handle. A nice rubber grip is on the end so it is easy on the hands. Bill also makes a short handle one for those that want to get close to their work.**

**Wendy Haughey, MCC Rose Garden horticulturist, received a short and long handled weeder to use when she works in the MCC Rose Garden. Mickey Kundrat and Bill Henslin donated these to Wendy**



Jimmy Tribby, Marylou Coffman, Phyllis Henslin & Jean Pegler using the weeder in the MCC Garden



Weeder in action

**Several MEVRS members and members of the MCC Deadheaders have purchased these weeders and great comments come from all who have used it. If you are interested in buying a weeder, give Bill a call at 480-748-1022 or email him at [phylbill22@aol.com](mailto:phylbill22@aol.com). The long handle weeder sells for \$20.00 and the short handle weeder is \$15.00.**

**Bill is turning all profit from these weeders back to the MCC Rose Garden fund since this is where this project started. If you want a demonstration, come to the Rose Garden any 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month when the MCC Deadheaders meet to work in the garden.**

## **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.**

**A & P Nurseries (15%)**

**Four Valley Locations**

**Gilbert, Mesa (2), Queen Creek**

**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 thank the manager for supporting the**

**MEVRS!**

## **Mesa East Valley Rose Society**

### **Standing Monthly Activities**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays—7 p.m. General Meetings

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays—8 a.m. Rose Garden volunteers work

Jan & Feb ALL Saturdays MCC Garden

Pruning

### **Activities 2011**

#### **MonthlyMEV meetings**

**August 11, September 8,**

**October 13, November 10**

**Oct 13-16, 2011 Fall National Convention Los Angeles**

#### **Tinseltown Rose Society**

**Nov 13 MEVRS Rose Tour**

**Nov.19 MEVRS Rose Show**

## CONSULTING ROSARIANS

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<b>Bill &amp; Phyllis* Henslin (Mesa, Apache Jct)</b>	<b>480-807-3592</b>
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\*ARS Judge    \*\*ARS PSWD Chair of Arrangement Judges

# Mesa–East Valley Rose Society Membership

Annual family or individual membership in the MEVRS are \$25. Annual dues are payable by **June 1**. No discounts for late payments. Payments in cash or check at a meeting; or by check to this address:

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

Date \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ **\*Gift\*** \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## WEB Pages of Interest

Mesa-East Valley Rose Society



[www.roses4az-mevrs.org](http://www.roses4az-mevrs.org)

OR

<http://www.roses4az-mevrs.org/site/home.html>

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**MCC Rose Garden**  
[www.rosegardenatmcc.org](http://www.rosegardenatmcc.org)  
**Help Me Find Roses**  
[www.helpmefind.com/rose](http://www.helpmefind.com/rose)

Zone Finder

enter: <http://www.garden.org/zipzone/>

enter your zip: in the dialog box

The zone finder returns your zone

(example)

- Zone: 9A
- City: PHOENIX
- State: AZ

## Annual Membership Dues

are due for the year of

**June 1, 2011 thru May 31, 2012**

*(NO discounts for late payments!)*

Please give your annual \$25 dues at the next meeting to Membership Chair, Vincent Quarles

OR

Mail a check payable to MEVRS

To MEVRS, Attn: Membership

P.O. Box 40394

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***NOTE: Annual dues include our Rose Lore Newsletter by email.***

***Annual fee to receive a monthly hard copy by mail is an additional \$15.***

Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Thursday  
of each month at  
**Mesa Community College:**  
***Elsner Library Community Room, 1st  
floor***

1833 W. Southern Ave., Mesa, AZ

***All articles for the newsletter MUST be  
submitted to the editor by the 25th of each  
month.***

***Rosarians, we could use all articles of  
interest.***

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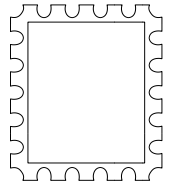
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