

ROSE LORE

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

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www.roses4az-mevrs.org

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Sweet Surrender, submitted by Bob O'Brien

Monthly Meeting: Mesa Community College (FREE PARKING)

Elsner Library—Community Room

1833 West Southern Ave. Mesa, AZ 85202

Thursday, May 12, 2011

6pm—INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

POT LUCK



April came and went like a whirlwind. This year we were spoilt with a reasonable rain storm mid month (I recorded just over 0.5 inch). I am not sure if this had an impact on our rose bushes, but mine seem bigger and brighter than previous years. Just on my two St. Patrick bushes on either side of my front entrance I counted over 150 blooms! I have included a few pictures taken around my garden of roses and other supporting plants.

The Dry Heat is almost on us. The Dry Heat will clear up the Powdery Mildew BUT it will encourage SPIDER MITES. Your leaves begin to look “drab” and turn brown, and webbing begins to appear, the bush loses all its leaves, and it suffers sun burn and dies. To test for Spider Mite, shake a suspect leaf over a white piece of paper, the mites will drop and look like red pepper. You need to be on the watch out for them and catch them early. Simplest remedy is a HARD WATER SPRAY under the leaves every three days for two weeks. If this does not work you will need to use a Miticide.

We have a wonderful and enthusiastic membership in MEVRS. We have many members who give over and above what is often asked of them. I am excited about our leadership team for this next year, but we are still lacking a recording secretary. Is there someone who could give just a few hours once a month to attend the board meetings and take notes? Is this someone you? Give me a call – 480 831 2609.

Thank you to our great board members who worked so hard this past year to keep us running smoothly and to building up our rose society. A special thank you to Cindy Jepsen, Phyllis Henslin, Steve Pawlowski, Angela Hilton and Jan Blanco for the years of service, we understand the need to take a break. A special thank you to Lynn Urry, Vincent Quarles, Jimmy Tribby, Lynn Twitchell and LeRoy Bradey for staying on for another year, I will certainly appreciate having your accumulative experience. A welcome to Bill Henslin, Linda Ahlborn and Michael Levitt, you have shared your thoughts and idea before and I will be looking for new ideas to keep us strong.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this past year as president and have learned a lot about trying to lead an all volunteer organization, where the majority of us have other major priorities, like work! I thank you all for the confidence you showed in electing me as president for a second term, I trust I can meet your expectations.

"MEVRS membership renewals are due June 1st, how about not going delinquent and getting yours in before the end of the month?"

Steve Sheard



Thank you, Steve, for sharing your beautiful array of flowers located at your residence.



Tool Tips by Cindy Jepsen

Product Guide for Roses by Mike Jepsen



Sprayers: Mike and I have a collection of different sprayers for our garden depending upon our need. They range in size, price, and ease of use.

Hand sprayer: good for small gardens (under 10 roses), spraying buds for insects, and occasional weeds and nut grass around your roses; available at your local home and garden store for about \$3-\$5; it's nice to have several, and be sure to write the product name on the outside of each sprayer.



Pump sprayer: good for medium gardens (around 10-50 roses); available at your local home and garden store for about \$25-\$30; it's nice to have at least two...one dedicated for herbicides (see note below) and one for other uses; be sure to write the product name on the outside of each sprayer.



Backpack sprayer: good for large gardens; available online at www.backpacksprayer.com for about \$90-\$150; must rinse thoroughly after each use; will be heavy and somewhat awkward to carry and pump.



Cart sprayer: good for large gardens; this is the FIMCO LG-8P battery powered sprayer and is available online at: www.pwmall.com for \$155; must rinse thoroughly after each use; must keep battery charged.



NOTE: when working with herbicides (week killers), do not use the sprayer for other chemicals because it is difficult to completely clean out this toxin. Unless you want to purchase two backpack or cart sprayers, it's a good idea to use a pump sprayer for herbicides and your more expensive sprayers for insecticides and fungicides.

Fertilizer with Systemic Insecticide: to use or not to use?

This is a product that works well in the rose garden. What could be easier? Something that feeds our roses and controls many of the pests that give us fits. This seems to be a good product for someone just getting into rose gardening or for someone with a small garden. So, why don't we recommend it?

The answer is simple. The active ingredient in the insecticide is Disulfoton. This is a deadly material if used incorrectly. There is a measurement called LD₅₀ – lethal dose for 50% of the population. LD₅₀ oral for Disulfoton is 2-12mg of material/kg of weight. LD₅₀ dermal for Disulfoton is 4-16mg of material/kg of weight. Now you know why “Rosarians in the know” have said to stay away from the product!!

I am bringing this to your attention now because there is a new granular fertilizer with systemic insecticide on the market. One that is much safer. It is put out by Bayer Advanced and the active ingredient in the insecticide is Imidocloprid (Merit). The LD₅₀ oral for Imidocloprid is 4891mg/kg of weight. The LD₅₀ dermal for Imidocloprid is >2000mg/kg of weight. This carry's a caution rating while the Disulfoton has a danger rating.

Before you decide to run out to buy this new product, be aware that Bayer Advanced still sells both formulations and the labels for both products are alarming alike! If you want to buy the good formulation you will have to look in the lower left hand corner for the active Ingredients to see Imidocloprid or look in the lower right hand corner to find the chemical analysis of the fertilizer. The good product is a 6-9-6 analysis while the more harmful product is an 8-12-4 analysis.





May Rose Care

The month of April fluttered by faster than a butterfly fluttering through our rose gardens.

Everyone to whom I have spoken with this spring, has commented on how wonderful his or her roses look. Could that hard freeze we had in the winter given them an unknown boost?

Congratulations to all who entered their beautiful roses in a rose show and came home with ribbons and trophies. If you missed going to a rose show, please put it on your "bucket list" of things to do in the fall. The MEVRS Rose Show is November 19th. Mark your calendar.

With summer fast approaching, there are some basic things you should do to help keep your roses flourishing through the summer heat. Give them the basic TLC and they will be ready to put out new growth and blooms when October arrives with cooler temps.

Water: If you haven't already done so, check your watering system to make sure it is working properly and increase the amount of water you give them as temperatures hit the 100 plus mark.

Mulch: It is important to have a 3 to 4 inch layer of mulch around your roses. Mulch helps retain moisture in the ground plus makes a good weed barrier.

Deadheading: Diligent deadheading of spent blooms throughout April and May is the key to promoting new growth and blooms before the intense heat starts. Use caution when deadheading so you don't remove too many leaves from the plant. The leaves are needed to help shade the canes from the intense sun and provide nutrition for the rose bush.

Fertilizer: Finish off your regular fertilization program by mid-May and then change to a slow release organic fertilizer every 4 to 6 weeks at about half the recommended rate. The objective during summer feeding is to keep your bushes healthy, but not over feed them so they produce new growth that will burn in the heat.

Water wand: Watch for spider mites! If you see bronzing of the leaves or webs on the underside of the leaves, spray your roses with a strong blast of water with the wand. Make sure you get under the leaves as well as on top. Just washing your roses off every few days with the wand gives them a boost of moisture and washes the dust off the leaves.

Garden diary: If you don't have one, I recommend you start one. It sure helps keep track of when you fertilized and with what type fertilizer, what insecticides you used for whatever bug problem you had. You can record which roses did well and which ones are more susceptible to disease or other problems. You will then know what ones to replace with new varieties in the fall and spring. I use it to track the amount of rainfall we receive throughout the year and some gardeners also record the daily temperature.

Musing from the Rose Garden

by Mickey Kundrat, Volunteer Coordinator



The following pictures were provided by Mickey.



Representing the five branches of our Military.



North side of the Veterans Garden.

West Side of Veterans Garden



A photograph of a garden area with various rose bushes in bloom, including white and pink varieties. A paved path and a picnic table are visible in the background under a clear sky.

Phase one Gardens

A photograph of a circular garden bed filled with numerous white roses, surrounded by a low concrete curb on a lawn.

Phase four Gardens

A photograph showing a group of people sitting on a paved path in a garden, listening to a tour. The foreground is filled with blooming pink and white roses. In the background, there are trees, a street with traffic lights, and a building.

**Marylou Coffman giving a Rose Garden Tour to the
Sun Lakes Travel Club**

MAY 2011

**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

2nd Thursdays—7 p.m. General Meetings

3rd Saturdays—8 a.m. Rose Garden
volunteers work

Jan & Feb ALL Saturdays MCC Garden

Pruning

Activities 2011

May 7 Coastal Rose Show

May 12 MEVRS picnic/ Officer

Installation

June 9 Regular MEVRS meeting

Oct 13-16, 2011 Fall National Convention

Los Angeles Tinseltown Rose Society

Nov 13 MEVRS Rose Tour

Nov.19 MEVRS Rose Show

National Events

June, 2011 Nat'l Convention & Rose Show,
Winston-Salem

The Fall National in LA ,2011 will also be
the Pacific Southwest Convention and
District Meeting

The next MEVRS meeting will be held in the Garden at MCC on Thursday, May 12th. This is our annual potluck and installation of officers meeting. The meeting time is earlier; it begins at 6pm. If you plan on attending, please bring the following:

Members A-H bring salad or vegetable

Members I-P bring main dish

Members Q-Z bring desert or fruit dish

MEVRS will supply the paper goods, plastic ware, drinks and ice

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*ARS Judge **ARS PSWD Chair of Arrangement Judges

**Mesa-East Valley Rose
Society**

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2nd Vice-President	Vincent Quarles
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Treasurer	Jean Urry
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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 _____

Cash _____ Check# _____

Names: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

WEB Pages of Interest

**Mesa-East Valley Rose
Society**

www.roses4az-mevrs.org

OR

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

Find past newsletters or articles by clicking on the **“Newsletters”** or **“Articles”** tabs on the Home page.

MCC Rose Garden
www.rosegardenatmcc.org

Help Me Find Roses
www.helpmefind.com/rose



Annual Membership Dues

are due for the year of

June 1, 2010 thru May 31, 2011

(NO discounts for late payments!)

Please give your annual \$25 dues at the next meeting to the Treasurer.

OR

Mail a check payable to MEVRS

To MEVRS, Attn: Treasurer

P.O. Box 40394

Mesa, AZ 85274-0394

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
NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 12, 2011

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

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interest.***

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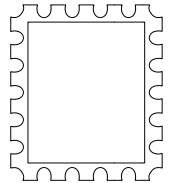
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MCC Rose Garden

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*Developers of
The Rose Garden at Mesa Community College,
the largest public rose garden in
the Desert Southwest!*