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Mesa-East Valley Rose Society

RoseLore

Morrison become Consulting Rosarians

“Congratulations” go to Bud and Yvonne, who have become the newest CRs in Arizona.



If you want to experience the love for back-yard living and growing things, get yourself an invite to Yvonne and Bud

Morrison’s home some afternoon. It’s not difficult to do, they love to visit and tell about their gardens, especially their roses.

They have TWO home rose gardens—not large, but separated by a gate. One, on the outside of the gate, is older and contains roses they purchased before Bud learned about Fortuniana root stock. The garden inside the back gate by the pool, contains mostly roses on Fortunia.

Bud grew up on a farm in Wisconsin, so he’s savvy about information concerning superior root stock, especially for growing roses. And, he applied it.

About three years ago, the Morrisons decided to

brighten up their church campus with a rose garden. They drew up a plan for renovation of the patio area west of the worship center.

This included new garden walls, soil, drip watering and ROSES, which were purchased by church members for family and loved ones.

They had a dedication celebration with ribbon-cutting by the children. Many who attended were eager to identify which bush was theirs.

Today the garden is in full bloom. Each bush holds a unique story from family members who love to visit about the roses.

Bud keeps the garden well maintained by working in it two or three days a week. The church campus has grown brighter.

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The Arizona Rose Societies Annual Awards Banquet and Rose Show

Don't miss this unique event.

ARIZONA is the only state where all Rose Societies meet once a year to have lunch. This year one of the most respected rose authorities in the world is our honored guest speaker—**Dr. Tommy Cairns.**

He is an internationally renowned rose expert and exhibitor. He holds judging credentials both in the Royal National Rose Society of Great Britain and the World Federation of Rose Societies. Dr. Cairns was the 50th ARS President.

New member, Starla Kramer, tells of her love of ROSES



I grew up in Washington state and have always appreciated roses as a child, but the first time I got a bouquet from my high school sweetheart I was hooked. When I went to

college, I didn't know what to get my grandma for her 70th birthday, so I stopped by a grocery store and bought her a beautiful pink miniature tea rose. When I went home on Spring break, there it was growing where she had planted it, right outside her front door. She told everyone that I had bought it for her. Even though she has passed away, it may still be there.

After college I moved to an apartment and



was working and I didn't think about growing my own roses until I got my first home. I bought 5 or 6 rose bushes and when I saw my neighbors pruning them down very short in February, I asked them to show me.

They told me to try to prevent getting 'black leaf' because of all of the rain in Seattle. Those roses were beautiful all Spring and summer!

When we moved to Arizona I planted a "Coat of Many Colors" or "Joseph's Coat" on a lattice. Every year it was beautiful in April and it made a great photo backdrop for my April birthday pictures.

Last year we sold that house and moved to Sun Lakes and I joined my first garden club, the "Weeders". (I'm a child of the 60's and it meant something different then).

On my very first meeting I was thrilled to see that the featured speaker was Marylou Coffman, who was showing newer hybrid roses. She brought the most beautiful slides of roses such as 'Crescendo' and one by one they were glowing off of the 8 foot screen above her head. We could almost smell them!!!

Mary Lou said that there was a Rose Society meeting in Mesa that night and invited us to come. At the end of the meeting I



stood up and said that I wanted to go if anyone wanted to ride with me. So, when Carol Harlacher and 2 other ladies and I arrived at that meeting, Mike Jepson was showing us how to



prune. I won some pruners at Phyllis's drawing (which I really needed) and we all won something. Then they brought out homemade lemon bars and all kinds of goodies and Carol and I said "We're in!"

Now I have 25 new roses in my yard and I still want more! I appreciate all of the help I get as a member of the American Rose Society – Southeast Valley- Mesa Chapter.



*Warm Regards,
Starla Kramer*

Mark your calendar

- 12/3 **All-AZ Banquet** \$30.
Tickets from L. Twitchell.
- 12/8 **Holiday Party-Val Vista Lakes**—MEVRS
- 1/14 **Rose Garden mass pruning event**. Sign up!
Earn a free rose bush. Call Steve Sheard (602)334-7483
- 1/17 **MEVRS Board meeting** 5:30-7:30
- 1/8 MEVRS membership monthly meeting. Topic: Pruning Roses-Mike Jepsen
- 2/4 **Fruit & Rose** DYO day
8 a.m. Graft your own fruit tree or rose bush.
- 2/9 MEVRS **Rose Auction**
Navajo Room
- **Weekly Pruning** in Rose Garden 8-11 am all January & February
- 4/7 **High Tea in the Garden**. Fundraiser sponsored event 9-12.
- **Tour schedule** SPRING:
3/18; 3/26; 4/1; 4/8;
4/16; 4/22. **All 9 a.m.**

Carol Poe

Rosarian, Teacher,
Inspirational Friend
“For the Love of the Rose”



*Pictured above (l-r) Cheryl Doan,
Carol Poe and Lynn Twitchell.
November 7, 2016.*

In October, I got a call from Carol, who currently resides in Friendship Village. She said she had “*Roses on her mind.*” That was a clue she was feeling chipper and had a project for us. She wanted us to bring some ROSES and teach about them in her care unit at Friendship Village.

I called Cheryl immediately. We made our lesson plan, went to the MCC Garden (**which she helped found in the 1990s.**

We cut examples of many roses and carried them into the care center with the help of Jerry, her husband. We visited about many rosy things. The morning disappeared much too quickly.

Revitalize the Rose Garden at MCC

Volunteers are needed for a (first-ever) large-scale pruning event, Saturday, Jan 14, in partnership with MEVRS and MCC.

This is a city-wide volunteer event. Families, friends, faith-based groups, clubs and service organizations are welcome.

Registration is required:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0449afa829a0fc1-fall>

All volunteers must be 14 years old, wear closed toed shoes, long pants and long-sleeved shirts. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own gloves and pruners if available.

- Volunteer check in will be 8:30 a.m.
- Event begins at 9 a.m.
- Anticipate event end time is 11 a.m.

200 rose bushes will be raffled off for participating volunteers to take home at the conclusion of the pruning.

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