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MESA EAST VALLY ROSE SOCIETY NOVEMBER 2019 MEETING!

Our meeting will be Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 pm in the MCC Library, room 300, third floor. Visitors are always welcome. In addition to the program, there will also be announcements about upcoming events, refreshments, and the opportunity to ask consulting rosarians questions about growing roses.

For our November meeting, we will continue our Rose Show review that Ryan Regehr started in October when he spoke on preparing roses for the show. We want anyone interested in bringing roses to the show to be ready and fully prepared, as the show is only two days after the meeting. We ask that you bring one rose to the meeting on the 14th. We will use the roses to practice actual rose preparation and presentation. Our rose experts will discuss cleaning, disbudding when needed, and how to place the rose in a vase to properly prepare it for judging. We will also practice filling out the cards Ryan passed around last month, as well as going through the schedule to determine which category your rose can be entered under.

Mary Van Vlack will discuss preparing entries for the photography portion of the rose show. She will demonstrate mounting, matting, and tagging entries and will briefly discuss photo editing as time allows. She will also share exhibition photos she has taken.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Leroy Brady

Having lots of time the last half of October while getting used to a new hip, I was looking for something to read. I purchased a copy of *Horizon Roses 2019*, edited by Robert B. Martin Jr., from Amazon. It was so conveniently delivered to my door while I was not driving! Bob, you may remember, was a member of MEVRS until moving to California, and now is President of the American Rose Society.

Horizon Roses is in its 36th year, providing reviews of the newest exhibition roses. There are 97 reviewers from across the country with 3 from Arizona. MEVRS member Ryan Regehr, David and Gerry Mahoney, Glendale and Lou Pavlovich, Tucson are the three Arizona reviewers. These reviews give good insight to those new roses that have the potential for being "must have" roses that are good performers and have outstanding qualities. With today's cost of plants, it pays to be selective and plant good performing roses.

The *Horizons Roses* Honor Roll features roses that have received high ratings from evaluators in past years. This year's Honor Roll includes the following roses that many of us are growing. They are Black Magic, Cajun Moon, Cresendo, Crystalline, Dona Martin, Dublin, Falling in Love, Gemini, Hot Princess, Let Freedom Ring, Louis Estes, Marilyn Monroe, Marlon's Day, Moonstone, Mr. Caleb, Randy Scott, St. Patrick, Signature, Snuffy, Touch of Class and Veterans Honor. This year they added Sunny Sundays and Tammy Clemons to the Honor Roll.



Maroon Eight, photo by Mary Van Vlack

Looking at the roses being evaluated this year, I found that it was interesting the comments being shared by evaluators on those showing promise and those that will be shovel pruned and removed from their gardens. The roses that had a preponderance of positive comments I have listed below. Some I have grown and some we have in the MCC Garden. They are: Hot Prince, Ring of Fire, Out of Rosenheim, Violet's Pride, Celestial Night, Doris Day, Frida Kahlo, Maroon Eight, Chessie's Favorite, Bob Martin and Eternal Hope.

Since they are all introduced varieties, you can find photos of these roses on helpmefindrose.com. You will also see many of them in the nurseries this winter and spring. Just hoping this adds to your "want" and even "got to have it list".

**MESA-EAST VALLEY ROSE SOCIETY
63rd ANNUAL ROSE
HORTICULTURE, ARRANGEMENT AND PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW**

Roses in the Land of Fairy Tales

Saturday, November 16, 2019

**Mesa Community College
Library, Room 145
1833 West Southern Avenue
Mesa, Arizona 85234**

Show Program

6:00—10:00 am..... Entries Accepted
10:00—12:00 pm..... Judging
1:00—4:00..... Open to the Public
3:00 pm Presentation of Awards
4:00 pm Close of Show



HOLIDAY DINNER NEXT MONTH!

Our December meeting will be our Holiday Dinner at the clubhouse at Val Vista Lakes. More information on this will be coming soon. Dinner will be a potluck with roast turkey and ham provided as the main dish. Members with last name starting with A – H should bring a side dish, J – P, a salad, and R – Z, a dessert. There will be an optional gift exchange with wrapped gifts valued at no more than \$20. There will be no boat rides this year.



NOVEMBER IN THE ROSE GARDEN

By Mary Van Vlack, CR

Now, while we enjoy these cool nights and wonderful warm days, we may also realize that our roses enjoy this weather just as much as we gardeners do. So, what should we be doing in the garden this month?

Pay attention. This is just a great month for roses. The cool weather means that the buds open more slowly, producing larger flowers, often the largest flowers we see all year. Late fall also brings more social events where we can decorate our holiday tables with beautiful bouquets of roses and share roses with friends. It truly is time to enjoy the lovely fruits of your labor.

Water, water, water. You can reduce your watering this month, but do not stop altogether. Continue to water deeply, just do it less often.

Deadhead your roses. Keep your garden clean, spent blooms removed, weeds pulled, and debris cleared away. A clean rose garden provides a healthier environment for the plants without all the breeding ground for pests and diseases, and is much prettier than a messy, grassy, weed-choked garden.

Fertilize. Roses need to be fed. If you are using a solid organic or non-organic fertilizer, continue to apply it until the third week of November. If you are using a liquid such as MagnumGro or RapidGro, you can continue to apply it until the end of the month. But then stop until next spring. Your plants, by that time, should have sufficient nutrients to carry them through the holidays to your date for winter pruning. Furthermore, fertilizer stimulates new growth, which is most vulnerable to frost damage on cold winter nights. While our winters have been generally mild in recent years, December often brings some frost, and roses do not like to be frost-bitten.



Control pests and disease. Usually these are much less of a problem in the fall than in the spring but do be vigilant. If you had a big problem with mildew in the spring, the cool fall nights may bring it back; you may want to spray a fungicide as prevention at least once this fall. Either Banner Maxx or Immunox



should be effective when used according to package directions. Another disease, botrytis blight, often shows up in late November or December, especially if we have cool days with more rain. This is similar to the “Noble Rot” that affects grapes, creating those sweet and intensely flavored dessert wines. Signs of the blight include red or pink freckles on light-colored rose petals and moldy gray, black or brown blooms. The best treatment is prevention by keeping affected buds and flowers removed and litter cleaned up. A change in the weather will quickly clear this up.

Aphids are usually not a problem in the fall, but thrips can be, particularly if you grow citrus and if you had a great deal of trouble with them last spring. The best control is Spinosad, sold as *Conserve SC* by Rosemania and as *Captain Jack's Dead Bug Brew* in local nurseries. It should be applied only to the newly formed buds and new growth every 7 to 10 days. Don't give your bugs a chance to adapt to this - rotate your pesticides. Spray this, and all pesticides, early in the day before bees and beneficial insects are active.

Apparently, most people don't, but I do have trouble with grasshoppers and katydids in my roses. A katydid is built much like a grasshopper, but is a pretty shade of bright green, and both have nymph forms that also do some real damage. They chew right into the sides of flower buds and make raggedy holes in the leaves, and their great mobility makes them hard to control. Spraying a pesticide is useless - the best control is to remove them physically and smash them. For that you need to hire the services of a small boy.

Planting. This is a good time to plan for the new roses you want to add to your garden. Dig out any dead roses immediately and consider candidates for “shovel-pruning.” Weak and non-performing plants should be identified and considered for replacement. Roses require work and incur expenses for water, fertilizer, and pesticides. If a rose is down to one live cane, it will probably never be productive again. If a rose never gives you good flowers, it just isn't earning its keep. If you find you really don't like a rose very much (maybe you planted it on someone's recommendation or as an impulse), then why continue to invest all those resources? The financial cost and the labor of buying and planting a rose is far less than the cost and labor of growing it over the years. Therefore, all of these, the dead, the nearly dead, the unproductive, and the ugly, are all good candidates - dig them up and throw them away. Or pot them up and donate them to someone else who may have better luck.

You may also want to consider adding more roses to your landscape, so now is a great time to prepare that new bed or planting area. Choose your site carefully; roses need 6 hours of sunshine daily, preferably morning rather than evening sun, and they do not want to compete with trees, oleander hedges, or other large plants for water and nutrients. In areas of poor soil or caliche layers, you may want to consider building raised beds 20 to 24” high and then filling them with good quality planting soil. Otherwise you will want to dig out your new garden area to a depth of 2 feet, defining its boundaries to discourage the encroachment of grass or nearby plantings. We'll talk more about soil amendments for new beds and new plantings in December.

Finally, be sure to attend the Mesa-East Valley Rose Society rose show on November 16. At the very least, bring your camera and note paper so you can make note of all the beauties you might want to try in your own garden. Better, volunteer to help with the show - help with set up on Friday, placement and other tasks during the show, and take down at the end of the afternoon. Many hands make light work, you know. And best yet, bring some of your roses to enter in the show.

THE ARIZONA ROSE SOCIETIES PRESENT
The Annual Rose Show and Luncheon
“ROSE ROUNDUP IN THE OLD PUEBLO”
Saturday December 7, 2019

Join with other Arizona Rose Society Members at this annual event. Enjoy rose fellowship, a rose show, luncheon, and an interesting, world traveled speaker, to be held at the **beautiful, historic, with spectacular mountain views,**

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The Guest Speaker, Jim Anderson,
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Society
“A Living Encyclopedia of Roses:
The Rosarium at Sangerhausen,
Germany”

The Europa-Rosarium is a Sangerhausen municipal rose garden with 8,300 cultivars and species, one of the largest rose collections in the world. Jim is an avid outstanding Rosarian and Rose Arranger. Jim, in his work and for pleasure has traveled

the world and always makes a point to visit and photograph outstanding Rose Gardens.

Tickets for the Luncheon & Show are \$30.00 and must be purchased by November 23, 2019. The menu choices must be made at the time of purchase and are: Chicken, Salmon and Vegetarian. Tickets are available through each of the local societies.

Rose Show and Luncheon Schedule: Rose Show Entries 10:30 AM, Social and Rose Show Judging 11:30 AM, Luncheon and Speaker 12:30 PM.

Rose Show Entry Categories – one Rose Entry per luncheon attendee

- **Class 1 Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora**
- **Class 2 Floribunda or Polyantha**
- **Class 3 Miniature or Miniflora**
- **Class 4 Large or Miniature, Dried Bloom**
- **Class 5 Shrub or Old Garden Rose**
- **Class 6 Fully Open or Climber**
- **Class 7 Small Arrangement, Greater than 10”, less than 20” in h. w. d.**

Consulting Rosarian School/Seminar



Sponsored by the Phoenix Rose Society

Event Date: Saturday February 22, 2020

Time: 8:00 a.m. until 12:55 p.m. CR exam to follow

\$25 Registration

fee includes continental breakfast and lunch

**Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
3839 East Shea Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85028**

For more information contact:

Gerry Mahoney for registration @ xrose3@cox.net or 602-616-3137

For Candidate Forms or technical information:

Dave Mahoney space.man@cox.net or 602-570-9105

This event is for everyone! Existing Consulting Rosarians may receive Four Continuing Education Credits

CONSULTING ROSARIAN SCHOOL

Sponsored by the Phoenix Rose Society

Saturday, February 22, 2020

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
3839 East Shea Blvd, Phoenix, AZ 85028

This event is open to all Rose Society Members Current CR's receive four (4) hours of continuing education credit for all sessions. Those who are not CR's are also invited to audit the School.

Those wishing to become Consulting Rosarians must complete a Candidate Form by **February 7, 2020 and send to Tom Cooney @ Pswdcr@att.net** Contact Dave Mahoney at space.man@cox.net for a form.

Send \$25.00 by **February 14, 2020**, to Gerry Mahoney, 4820 West Wescott Drive, Glendale, AZ 85308 to reserve a space. Registration includes a continental breakfast and lunch.

Make checks payable to the **Phoenix Rose Society**

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CR School Location Map



Agenda

Start	End	Time	Item	Speaker
8:00 AM	8:10 AM	0:10	Welcome	Gerry Mahoney, MR
8:10 AM	8:35 AM	0:25	CR Ethics and Mission	Tom Cooney, MR
8:35 AM	9:30 AM	0:55	Chemical Safety	Dave Mahoney, MR
9:30 AM	9:40 AM	0:10	Break	
9:40 AM	10:35 AM	0:55	Fertilizers	Terry Swartz
10:35 AM	11:30 AM	0:55	Soils and Water	Steve Sheard, MR
11:30 AM	12:00 PM	0:30	Lunch	
12:00 PM	12:55 PM	0:55	Integrated Pest Management Insects and Diseases	Kathy Monge, MR
12:55 PM	1:10 PM	0:15	Break	
1:10 PM	2:30 PM	80	CR Exam	Tom Cooney, MR

CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACTS
Thurs Nov 14, 7pm	MEVRS November monthly meeting	MCC Library, Room 300	LeRoy Brady
Sat, Nov 16	MEVRS Rose Show	MCC Library, Room 145	Bud
Sat, Dec 7	Arizona Rose Societies Banquet	Hacienda del Sol, Tucson, AZ	LeRoy Brady
Sun, Dec 8	PRS Annual Rose Tea – admission by ticket only	Valley Garden Center Phoenix	Gerry Mahoney
Sat, Jan 18, 2020, 8am	Revitalize the rose garden	MCC Rose Garden	Steve Sheard
Sat Feb 1, 2020	MEVRS Rose Auction	MCC	Ryan Regehr
Sat Feb 22, 2020	Consulting rosarian School, Seminar	Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, Phoenix, AZ	Gerry Mahoney, xrose3@cox.net
Mar 14-15	Arrangement Judges' School	Ventura CA	Hal Reynolds
April 24-26, 2020	PSWD Convention and Rose Show	Arcadia, CA	Pacific Rose Society
June 17-21, 2020	ARS 2020 National Convention and Rose Show	Hotel Elegante, Colorado Springs, CO	Diana Kilmer -951-834-2330 mailto:Originalsbudiana42@verizon.net

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- \$115 Foreign

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