



Rose Reflections...

Produced for members of Sacramento & Sierra Foothill Rose Societies

March 2024

Charlotte's To Do & March Musings

Well, Linda Knowles finished all her pruning before I did. I am not jealous but envious. I must be a sluggard; I start before she does, but she has always finished before me. This year I finished on February 23; oh well, maybe next year I will finish pruning before Linda! One can only dream.

Had lots of tree branches fly off the tree with the last windy rainstorm. Bob and I had to round them up so they could be hauled to the dump. The neighbors Deodar cedar lost the top 25 feet of the tree which fell on the bushes on my side of the fence.

The last few years I noticed that the incidence of blackspot had increased in my garden. Could I decrease the amount of blackspot spores splashing up from the soil and infecting the new foliage? Well, as an experiment, I decided to top-dress around the drip line of the roses after I pruned. Hopefully the top dressing will act as a physical barrier. I decided to use Kellogg's Soil Conditioner. It's base is recycled forest products with additional goodies: forest humus, chicken manure, worm castings, bat guano, gypsum, kelp meal, oyster shell lime, dolomite lime and mycorrhizae.

Time to Fertilize Just before the last storm. I fertilized all the roses that I pruned with a blend of different organic fertilizers and some earthworm castings.

I plan to take some soil samples and sending them to the UMass Extension for Routine Soil Analysis for Home Grounds & Gardens. However, I need to wait until the soil is a little bit dryer. Today, I had a few 4x4 fence posts replaced and the whole filled up with water right away. Not a surprise since my soil drains quickly since it is a mixture of decomposed granite and soil. It rained over about 2 inches in the last two days. Standing water quickly disappears in my garden.

Moving Roses Did I tell you I HATE redwood trees? There have a mat of roots that act like sponges and go for long distances. Rose in beds near these trees are struggling so I will be moving them or potting them up. By happenstance, there is an article about moving roses in this edition of Rose Reflections.

Time to spread Pre-Emergent I am trying to stay on top of the weeds that have sprouted. As soon as we get a break from the rain, I will be spreading pre-emergent everywhere that the weeds have made homes for themselves. This saves me so much time spent weeding.

Status report on my new weed called creeping bellflower, *Campanula rapunculoides* in botanical parlance, and unlike its more tame *Campanula* garden cousin, this lovely little plant with the pretty purple blooms is actually a burly thug that can create absolute havoc for unsuspecting gardeners.

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PINK ROSES SIGNIFY APPRECIATION

Words can not sufficiently express my gratitude to the consulting rosarians who volunteered to write articles this year:

Paula Agostini, Debbie Arrington, Scott Becker, Ann Beinhorn, Judy Frederick, Kay Jelten, Linda Knowles, Ellie Longenecker, Ramon Lopez, Julie Matlin, Mike Myrick, and Cindy Phipps.

*Again, Thank You,
Charlotte*



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SIERRA FOOTHILLS MARCH 7TH PROGRAM

Growing Own Root Roses a presentation by Mary Yaussy

Don't miss the SFRS March 7 meeting! Member Mary Yaussy will be talking about her love for "own root Roses" and how she moved her entire garden to her current home in Lincoln.

Mary is a life-long gardener who learned flower and vegetable gardening from her mother and grandmother. She has been active in many organizations including being a founding member of the Davis Center Parks and Garden Committee and volunteering in the rose and flower garden. Mary is a Master Gardener and has given many rose presentations. She has volunteered at the Woodland Library Rose Garden and helped plan and design the Memorial Rose Garden at the Davis Cemetery.

In addition to her presentation, Mary plans to talk about a favorite garden tool and will donate a new tool for the raffle. I wonder what that tool might be? Don't miss the presentation as it will be packed with beautiful photos and valuable information.

Meeting starts at 7:00 pm at the Maidu Community Center in Roseville.

~Paula Agostini, Vice President for Programs

SACRAMENTO MARCH 14TH PROGRAM

Everyone loves presentations given by the Charlotte & Linda Duo. They are animated and know their stuff.

Between the two, they have approximately 700 roses of which few are the same rose! Most of you have toured their rose gardens which are very different in style even though they are within a couple minutes walk of each other. If you haven't, you are invited to a Wine & Rose event in June.

Both are master rosarians and are competitive at rose shows. In addition, they have had or addressed many of your concerns or issues in growing their roses.

Their "Why We Love Roses" presentation is about roses they love and how to use roses in the landscape. Further, it will cover the basics—roses for our area, basic growing requirements for roses, along with common challenges and beneficials. .

However, viewing this presentation may be dangerous. They are known to entice, enthrall, and even tempt you into getting a few more new roses.

Come and let them charm you with lovely rose porn! The meeting starts at 7:30 at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center. Bring family or a friend or two. See you there!



**Raffle Rick Asks, "Bring Raffle Items:
Plants, AND other GARDEN STUFF"**



MARCH ARS WEBinars

Missed an ARS webinar or want to see what other interesting webinars are available

go to: <https://www.rose.org/webinars>

Date	March 9, 2024	March 16, 2024
Time	11AM PT	9AM PT
Topic	Take Great Rose Photos with your Phone	Out with the Old, In with the New
Speakers	Jacqui Nye	Martin Stott & Charles Quest-Ritson
Attendees	Anyone	ARS Members; Special Invite to Rose Heritage members
Credit	None	Consulting Rosarians
Cost	\$0.00	\$0.00
Register Here	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/174998707400148828	https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8564979413307708759

HANDBOOK FOR SELECTING ROSES

~ *Charlotte Owendyk, Master Rosarian*

The **Handbook for Selecting Roses** is published each year by the American Rose Society (ARS). It's just one of the many benefits of membership in that organization. **It comes as a supplement** to first American Rose magazine distributed each year. However, if you are not a member, it is also available online at www.rose.org for \$10.

ARS compiles official ratings for every commercially available rose. The Handbook for Selecting Roses lists over 2,500 varieties, many of which (but not all) are ranked according to their garden performance by ARS members.

These ratings, which range from 0-10, are a national average based on overall performance, taking into account the variety's vigor, disease resistance, flower form, and quickness of repeat bloom. The higher the number, the better the rose perform.

ARS rating system is as follows:

- 9.3-10.0: One of the best roses ever
- 8.8-9.2: An outstanding rose (the top 1%)
- 8.3-8.7: A very good to excellent rose (one recommended without hesitation)
- 7.8-8.2: A solid to very good rose (its good features easily outweigh any problems)
- 7.3-7.7: A good rose (a little to somewhat above average)
- 6.8-7.2: An average rose
- 6.1-6.7: A below average rose
- 0.0-6.0: Not recommended

This booklet is just full of useful information. It explains class characteristics.

It also has a list of top rated roses by Class and lists of Award Winning roses. Each year I highlight the roses I have in the booklet, and the majority are included in "Top Rated Roses—I heartily endorse this handbook.



NOTE: After the business meeting there will be two speakers: Dr. Maher Al Rwahnih, Director of Foundation Plant Services & the Rose Program at UC Davis who will talk about the decades long research focused on limiting viral disease in roses. Ryan Amberg of Felco will talk about new technology in his industry. (one CR credit to qualified attendees).



March 23, 2024

Blue Rock Springs Golf Course

655 Columbus Parkway, Vallejo, CA 94591

- 9am Pastries & Beverages
- 9am Drop off labeled Felco tool for Free Service
- 9:30 Business Meeting
 - Raffle (after business mtg. concludes)
- 1:00 Lunch & Speaker Ryan Amberg of Felco presenting new technology
- 1:45 Keynote, Dr. Maher Al Rwahnih (1CR Credit)

Tool Service

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Complimentary Beverages Served All Day

Parking

Park in one of the three lots . Take the complimentary shuttle to the Blue Rock Room.

Raffle

Each society is to bring at least one raffle prize. This is a major fundraiser for NCNH.

Keynote Address

On behalf of our District Director Sue Bennett, co chairs Eileen Jackson & Mike Myrick are honored to announce Dr. Maher Al Rwahnih, Director of Foundation Plant Services and the ROSE PROGRAM at UC Davis will deliver the keynote address.

Dr. Al Rwahnih will discuss the decades long research focused on eliminating viral disease in roses at UC Davis.

One CONSULTING ROSARIAN credit will be awarded to qualified attendees .

RSVP

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Mike & Mike Myrick 203 Wallace Ave. Vallejo, CA 94590

BY
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- Assortment of sandwiches & chips \$18.00
- Vegetarian option- salad \$18.00

Make Checks Payable to: NBR

Attending without ordering lunch -Email: Myrickmd@yahoo.com



Sacramento Rose Society Fund Raiser



English-Style Tea & Garden Tour May 18, 2024

Ruth & Dave Coop's Rose Garden @8336 Bianchi Rd. Roseville CA 95747

Rose Garden opens 10am Tea follows at 11:30am

Cost is \$35 per person (Children 12 & under \$20) LIMITED SEATING

Make check payable to: Sacramento Rose Society

Mail check to: 8336 Bianchi Rd. Roseville, CA 95747

Reservation & payment DUE by May 13th

Questions: Contact Ruth Coop, cell: 916-601-4682 Or Email: d.coop@sbcglobal.net

To See YouTube videos of previous Teas Google: Coop's Rose Garden..2019...2023

MARCH TO DO

I first reported it's invasion of my landscape, in the February issue two years ago. My initial report stated. "I have a 3' x3' area under/near roses so no chemical means of eradication. So far, I have already spent about 3 hours pulling everything out of this area as deep as I could dig since it is rocky in this area. I watered afterwards to see how many tiny chunks of the tuber-like roots will regrow. I will then dig those out. Rinse and repeat until I have gotten rid of this weed."

Creeping bellflower is a perennial that thrives in moist soil but tolerates nearly any soil and either sun or shade. The plant is easily identified by its heart-shaped leaves and stalks of drooping, bell-shaped blooms of lavender-blue. It sounds innocent, but an extensive root system turns any attempt at creeping bellflower eradication into a major challenge. If that's not enough, creeping bellflower also produces between 3,000 and 15,000 seeds every year.

That damn plant is still with me. At least it hasn't spread any more. I need to figure out a more diligent process that doesn't take as much effort (if that's possible). So instead of digging, I mowed it down in just a few minutes with my handy Sun Joe cordless shrub trimmer. I will continue to cut off all leaves as they emerge. Hopefully, the plant eventually give up as it depletes it store of energy in the roots. Wish me LUCK!

Labels Many of my labels need replacing and I have purchased seven new roses. As part of this process I will update my inventory.

Check the irrigation system Determine and repair emitters that are plugged or if there are any other leakages.

Apply Compost/Mulch in your garden beds. Last fall, we spread shredded redwood bark in the front yard between the plants. The chipped trees were added to walkways in the backyard and around the raised vegetable garden. I like to wait the weather is a little drier that way the stuff I have to spread is dry not wet.

Lift and thin perennials. Share the extras with other rose society members.

Spread Sluggo as soon as you see snails and slugs.



Daffodils Galore in the Garden.

DISAPPEARING LAWN SYNDROME

By Ramón S. Lopez

I was surveying a patch of lawn just outside our back glass slider, this afternoon, where a new rose bed will be going in. There were several things going through my mind: what shape will it take, what type of border will embrace it, how will I get water to it, how deep to turn the soil, etc.

There was a time when we would have been perfectly happy having a luscious, green carpet of lawn in the front and back yards. A time when we would have obsessed over all the details involved in maintaining a lawn. Were the edges along the walkways straight? Was the lawn being evenly watered? Was it getting too much or too little water? Were there weeds starting to pop out?

And then one day we visited Linda Knowles' garden. And our lives changed forever. I happened to remark to Linda that there was no lawn in her back yard. And she replied, "Oh, there used to be. Lots of it." I asked her what happened. She said she had put in a few rose bushes, then a few more, and so it went until there was no lawn left. Only roses and companion plants.



WHAT'S BETTER THAN LAWN—ROSES!

She saw the look on my face and said that if Paula and I hung around rose people long enough, we would be afflicted with it too. I asked her afflicted with what. She replied, "Disappearing Lawn Syndrome!!"

Not this mama's boy, I thought. I like the way a bright green lawn looks. And it doesn't have stickers (which I've since learned are prickles). And you don't deadhead a lawn, And you use a lawnmower to "prune" it. Easy Peasy.

Later that day, Paula and I were looking at our two beautiful, luscious, green front lawns and realized that on the right lawn there was a small patch that never seemed to get enough water. Having been inspired by Linda's and Charlotte's gar-



dens (we also visited Charlotte's garden that day), we thought that maybe we could plant ONE rose bush in that spot. Just one rose, to add a little color and variety to the lawn. So off we went to a nursery to buy the perfect rose bush to put in the spot. And we came home with three!! So that spot was going to end up being a little bigger than we had anticipated. I was going to have to convert one of the lawn sprinkler lines to drip in order to water the roses.

So I ended up digging up the right front lawn to see where all the sprinkler lines were. I now had little trenches all across the lawn. And I thought, we can space the roses bushes out a wee bit if I dig up the grass between a couple of trenches. And Paula said that if I was going to do that, there were a couple of other roses she would love to have. And I replied that in that case I wanted a couple bushes too. And so it went.

We ended up digging out the entire right front lawn and planting rose bushes. More rose bushes. And then something possessed us. Something afflicted us. We had no control. We started digging up the back yard and planting roses. We purchased half wine barrels and planted roses in them. We bought redwood planters and planted roses in them. We lined our back yard fence with climbers. We finally decided to stop. Stop before we developed a terminal case of disappearing lawn syndrome.

SOIL FACT

Did you know that for every 1% of organic matter you add to your soil you increase the plant available water per acre by 16,500 gallons.

Soil with high organic matter holds a lot of water. That water is made available to your plants through osmosis. For every 1% of organic matter you add to your soil you increase the plant available water per acre by 16,500 gallons. It could be leaves from the yard, compost or wood chips, the addition of organic matter to your garden every year is the key to keeping your soil healthy. These techniques are affectionately know as Back to Eden and No-Till Gardening. These approaches focus on enhancing soil health by mimicking nature's processes.



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MOVING ROSES, ALL THROUGH THE YEAR

~*Scott Becker*

Having been involved with my local Rose Societies, on and off since 1997, I have had to move roses from residence to residence a few times over the years and have learned quite a bit about them and myself. Since 1997 I have moved my roses four times. Once from Orangevale to Fair Oaks, once from El Dorado Hills to Citrus Heights, from one house to another in Citrus Heights and now from my house in Citrus Heights to Ann Marie's house in the Pocket area of Sacramento. The first time moving the bushes was June of 2000 and at that time I wasn't the primary keeper of the rose garden, so I wasn't quite "enthusiastic about moving them as I have been the last three times.

Living in the Sacramento area of Northern California, it is my opinion that we have only three seasons, summer, fall and spring. I have lived in Northern Illinois for a few years and Michigan for seven years, so that is why I didn't mention winter. If you have spent a winter back there, you will understand what I mean.

Speaking of the weather, you need to understand what the outside temperatures will be like where you are relocating to, if it might rain or have other precipitation, so that you can plan for moving the bushes. If you are like me the first time, moving the bushes in June, you will need to have the expectation of possible losses of 10% of the plants. They might not be able to recover from the shock of being uprooted and moved to a new location with the heat of the summer. But moving the bushes in the fall, winter, or early spring, you will most likely not lose one plant, like I have done the last three moves.

Another thing you need to plan for is prepping the area where you will be moving your roses. Whether it is a raised bed, flat area, a hill or embankment, or containers. The first time moving the roses, we had to build an approximately 60 foot long retaining wall, about four layers of bricks at the highest point, then bring in soil where the roses were to be planted. All this while moving the household items and pets.

Moving to El Dorado Hills and getting back into the Rose Societies, it was decided to take out the front lawn. I bought the stone wall bricks and placed them to follow the outline of the concrete edging that went around 2/3 of the yard. It was funny as the rose planting area ended up looking like the State of Michigan with the "thumb"!! We were able to put in about 45 roses with Miniatures in the front, followed by a couple rows of Floribundas and Hybrid Teas and Grandifloras taking up the rest of the space. All the sprinkler heads were removed, and a drip system was installed by using one of the sprinkler risers, and a drain was installed to help with water run-off. The last picture shows just one or two roses left in the yard right before moving.



Moving from El Dorado Hills to the Citrus Heights house, there was a large amount of weeds in the backyard where about 50% of the 300 or so roses to be moved were going to be placed. I finally got the idea, before I put one in the ground, to hire someone to come and grade the space. Which was about 120 feet long by 50 feet wide. This helped with taking care of the weeds in the yard. Notice I didn't say getting rid of them. It also leveled the ground as the previous owner had a kid riding his dirt bike in the back yard and I didn't have the energy to fill in all the ruts that were caused by this. You can see in the pictures below the roses laid out in the lower area with the Grandifloras/Hybrid Teas in two rows along the fence, Floribundas on the left side with Miniatures in front of them, and with circles of Miniatures to the right. In the last picture, along the front wall beyond the stones, trellis' line the wall, both below and above it, preparing to support the growth of climbers.



Rose FACT: Roses are prevalent in literature and songs.
There are over 4,000 songs dedicated to roses.



PLANTING AND REMOVING



And before selling the first Citrus Heights house, the backyard was re-landscaped, all the roses moved out of the lower yard and placed into containers, except for the ones along the wall.



Green Acres Podcast

Have you ever listened? This podcast prides itself in teaching gardeners to grow their green thumb. No matter how experienced, you're sure to learn something new. Get to know hosts, Kevin and Austin, as they have conversations with community gardeners about houseplants, starting seeds indoors, backyard orchard, growing greens, evolution of gardening, Japanese Maples and much more.

Go to <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1610311> to select and listen to different podcasts. Or listen on your favorite podcast player/app.

Here are just a few topics and speakers you may know:

Charlotte Owendyk, <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1610311/14419579-ultimate-rose-guide>

Baldo Villegas, <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1610311/13213703-know-your-bugs>

Rose Show Competitors <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1610311/11534619-competition-at-the-rose-show>.

MORE REMOVING & PLANTING

At the second Citrus Heights house the backyard had not been maintained for quite some time and the bushes were taking over all along the back fence. I hired a guy who came in and took out most of the bushes and their roots, built a retaining wall about 6 feet off the fence and filled it in with soil. This was a tremendous

improvement as you can see from these pictures.

And now I am moving the four dozen or so roses I have from my house in Citrus Heights to Ann Marie's house in the Pocket area of Sacramento, with the hope of never having to move them again. Stay tuned, right?

A few other things to think about are how long will it be from the time you dig up the rose bush until it is planted in the ground and what type of container should you place it in. If you are going to dig up the bush, take it right over to the new location and plant it the same day, you can either place it in some type of bucket or container or

even a plastic bag for transporting to keep your vehicle clean. Or if you know it will be a few days/weeks/months until you can put the bush in the ground or a permanent container, you should place it in a container with decent soil so that the rose has the best chance to continue to thrive. I would also suggest pruning the rose at the time you dig it up, as this will make it easier to transport and handle. Oh, and if you are moving a couple of hundred roses like I did from El Dorado Hills to Citrus Heights, you might need to place them at a friend's (Baldo) house to store them until you can find the time to get them to your new location.

Process of Moving Roses

So, let's get to the actual moving of the roses from my experience. I like to use the KISS method...Keep It Simple Scott!! Nothing too exotic or unusual about what I have done in the past or have done most recently.

One of the first things you need to look at is how far out the canes are extending from the base of your bush. Think of this as the "circle of life" for your rose bush. You will want to start digging down with your shovel at that point. You can see in the pictures below what I have done with this rose bush, digging down around the bush, and each time wedging the shovel up to loosen up the roots and soil around the bush. Most likely you might cut through a root or two, but your bush should be fine. If you buy bare-root roses from a nursery, you already know they trimmed back some of the roots before shipping.



PLANTING YOUR ROSES

After you have dug around the bush, try lifting the rose from the base/bud union and see how much resistance it will give you. You might have to go around the bush one more time until the bush pulls out easily. Once the bush is out of the ground you can either place it in a plastic bag or a container, readying it to move to its new location.

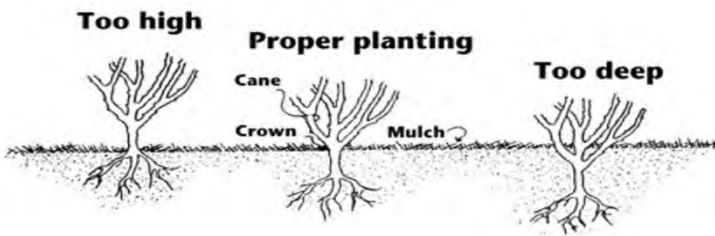
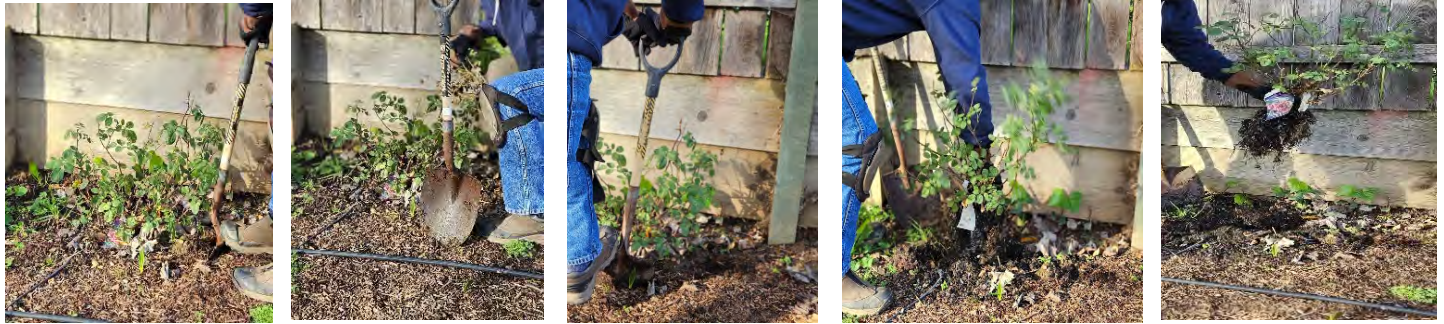


Photo courtesy of hubpages.com

Before you place the rose bush in the ground at the new location, you need to understand how far down the bush should go into the ground. In the diagram below you will see the proper way is to have the bud union/own-root base at the top of the soil/mulch line, not several inches above or below this line.

Now it is time to put the bush in the ground. Of course, your partner might be a little more creative and need to make sure the roses are “color coordinated” in the yard around the other plants and other roses in the area. But once the “chosen” location is decided on, in this case, I cleared away the mulch that was on top of the soil and then dug my hole. Ensure the hole is deep enough and wide enough so that the roots are not crammed into the ground and the bud union/base is sitting right above the soil/mulch.

I will typically dig the hole a little deeper and fill it in with some good soil so that the roots have the best chance to thrive. When I moved to El Dorado Hills, I found a lot of clay and rock in my yard, so I had to bring in bags and bags of soil, dig the holes deeper and wider, to give the roses the best chance of surviving.



Once your hole is dug, you can take the rose out of the container and place it into the hole. Often, I have had to remove the rose from hole and dig down farther and deeper until the hole is the correct size. Notice in the picture below, when I removed the bush from the container, I kept as much soil on the roots as possible. You already know that the bush is growing well in its original soil, so bring it along with you to better your chances of that bush surviving the move.

Also, think about the position of the canes when they are sitting in the hole. How many times have you planted a rose bush, stood up and looked at it and thought, “I need to dig it back up and start all over again because the canes are not pointing in the direction that looks the best.”!!

ROSES BLOOM WHERE THEY ARE PLANTED

After the hole is sized to your liking, either fill the rest of the hole with the soil you just dug up to create the hole or use new soil. I have done both ways and haven't seen any difference in the health of the bush.



And of course, one of the last things you need to do is water the bush, unless the ground is already wet, which was the case of moving the roses to Ann Marie's house in January 2024.

Lastly, you need to feed the rose. In most cases when I have moved roses, I will use the time-release granules that lasts up to 3 or 4 months and spread them around the base of the bush. I would suggest if you were going to use any type of fertilizer, keep it organic so that the roots are not "burned" by non-organic fertilizer. I don't put any type of fertilizer, Epsom's salts, or anything in the ground to assist the rose. Again, KISS - Keep it Simple Scott!!

By the way, here is a picture of the Fair Oaks yard, 2 years after moving the roses in June. Although a few were lost, the rest of them were thriving!!



Why do my plants grow like weeds after a rain but seem to hold tight when I water them?

Nothing compares to Mother Nature for taking care of our gardens. Rainwater is naturally soft and slightly acidic and it contains nutrients such as nitrogen. But and perhaps more importantly-it's what the rain lacks that makes it ideal for house and garden plants: the salts and chemicals (such as sodium, fluorides and chloride) that we add to drinking water.



Sierra Foothills Rose Society

Good Roses, Good Friends!

President's Message



Hope everyone has finished pruning their roses and doing all the winter chores like weeding, fertilizing, and mulching around your roses. I am way behind because of my large rose garden and my gardening addiction, but I hope to have most of the rose garden done by early March.

In addition to the rose garden, this year I am planting more cool season veggies like kale, broccoli, lettuce, and rhubarb. My friend Jacqui Nye introduced me to rhubarb pies last year and I got hooked so I planted nine crowns about and I am hoping to have some established plants by this fall so I can try my own rhubarb pies. Later in April, I will be planting my regular garden veggies that will include tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, pumpkins, zucchini, melons and watermelons.

I scheduled a workshop in the back acre of my property on Sunday, March 10th from 10AM-2PM on rose propagation in preparation for the upcoming "Cinco De Mayo Rose Auction and Enchilada Cookoff" that will also be held in my property on May 5, 2024, from 10AM-2PM.

On March 10th, we will be discussing rose propagation and then repotting roses that I propagated in the past two years for the upcoming auctions for both Sierra Foothills and Sacramento Rose Societies. I will have tables spread out along with fertilizer, labels, pencils, and one-gallon pots so that everyone attending will have a chance to help with the repotting or assisting in the process (see attached pictures). Ellie Longanecker graciously donated three bags of RediGro potting soil for the workshop. If anyone wishes to donate any materials such as 1-gallon pots, alfalfa pellets, any complete granular fertilizer, potting soil, etc. let me know by March 5th.

I am co-chair for the American Rose Society 2024 National Convention roseshow that will be held in Warwick, Rhode Island on September 9-13, 2024. I will be traveling to Rhode Island several times before the convention to make sure that everything is going smoothly with the rose show. If you would like to attend the convention, the website is <https://seaofroses.org>. The convention will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick. The phone number is (401) 732-6000 and the convention rate is \$149/night. The convention code is "ROS".

I look forward to seeing everyone at the March rose society meeting at the Maidu Community Center.

Attached are two pictures of me and Lu-anne Leineke repotting roses this past fall.

Baldo





Sacramento Rose Society

Take time to Smell the Roses!

President Message



What a good time we had during our **February 8th** meeting with “Farmer Fred” Hoffman. He shared helpful information on heart healthy vegetables as companion plants! Well, not really what you think of as companion plants for roses, but certainly worth their weight in health benefits and flavor when you grow your own veggies almost year round.

Welcome to Spring! If you are looking for something to do on **Saturday, March 10th**, come join a group of us at Baldo’s Acres in Orangevale for a **propagating/pot transplanting workshop & work party**. Good fun with dirt loving gardeners starts at 10 am, 7556 Hickory Ave, Orangevale, 95662.

Our **March 14th** meeting topic is “**Why We Love Roses**” presented by the dynamic duo of Linda Knowles and Charlotte Owendyk. Come learn more about the fabulous roses that are great for our Sacramento area climate in an interactive presentation! Networking & social half hour begins at 7 pm, with our program starting at 7:30pm. **Location is the Shepard Garden & Art Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento.**

Mark your calendar for our **May 18th “High Tea & Garden Tour” fundraiser**. Gorgeous rose garden owners Dave & Ruth Coop have offered their garden & big shaded patio to us for this event. Tickets are limited in number, by advance purchase only & will sell out fast.

I recommend you purchase yours now for this really unique event! We also have some opportunities for helpers for the event, so talk to one of the Cindys on our Board if you would like to join our team of volunteers.

My garden activity focus for March is to finish putting down organic fertilizer to support the roses in pushing out strong new growth, buds & future flowers. And, I’m looking ahead to **April 27th, our annual Rose Show** - which in rose time, is just around the corner! So as I fertilize, I’m looking at the new growth, and already pinching out one of two when there are double stems coming out of the same bud node, and pinching out shoots growing inward toward the center of the bush that will choke out air circulation.

On my HT/Gr bushes, as the bloom buds begin to take shape, I’ll select some stems to promote the biggest bud to grow into one big rose bloom by carefully pinching out the smaller buds that accompany it. On my Floribunda roses, I’ll choose stems that look like they will grow into nice sprays and pinch out that biggest center bud (eek! That is so hard for me to do!) Then the uniform size smaller buds all grow bigger & tighter together. And, I’m already on aphid alert to catch the first glimpse of those pesky critters and wash them off with a good spray of my water wand.

Last, I want to extend an invitation for any interested members who would like to join the Board for a trip to **Vallejo on March 24th for the NCHN (Northern California/Nevada/ Hawaii) spring business meeting**. Come see how your local Society networks with all the other rose societies in our American Rose Society (ARS) District, and how we provide input to ARS. Let me know if you want to join our car pool caravan for the day.

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Please join our SRS meeting on Thursday, March 14, and enjoy some delicious refreshments and great conversation! Our thanks to everyone who signed up to bring a treat in 2024!

Therese Ruth will be bringing a refreshment item this month.

We also appreciate our board members who brought goodies to our last meeting!

See you on March 14!

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Rose Society Membership INFO

SACRAMENTO ROSE SOCIETY: Dues are \$30 for paper newsletter or \$20 for email recipients of the newsletter. Make the check payable to the Sacramento Rose Society and send to Cheryl Duncan 2460 Hidden Hills Ln Lincoln Hills, CA 95648.

SIERRA FOOTHILLS ROSE SOCIETY: Annual dues are \$20 per household. Members will receive issues of this newsletter by email or snail mail. For more information contact .Cindy Phipps 4977 Chicago Avenue, Fair Oaks, CA 95628

AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY (ARS): membership entitles you to five issues of their bi-monthly magazine The American Rose plus Handbook for Selecting Roses, and the American Rose Annual. All this for \$49 and \$46 for seniors. **Trial Membership Available!!!** Contact ARS at (800) 637-6534 or www.rose.org.

When you become a member of ARS via a rose society, you will receive an American Rose Society Handbook for Selecting Roses when you present your ARS membership form and a check for payment.



Sacramento Rose Society

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Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month except July and August in the Shepard Garden & Arts Center at McKinley Park located at 3330 McKinley Blvd. Sacramento. Room opens at 6:45 pm.

Take E Street (southbound) or H Street (northbound) exit off business I-80; go east past the park. (E Street turns into McKinley Boulevard.) Enter parking lot off 34th Street and Parkway.

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Sierra Foothills Rose Society

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Meeting are at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month except for January, July and August unless announced otherwise room opens at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting location is in the **Crafts Room at the Maidu Community Center in Roseville**. The address is: 1550 Maidu Drive Roseville