



Rose Reflections...

Produced for members of Sacramento & Sierra Foothill Rose Societies

RENEW your Membership for 2025

DO IT NOW!

Bring \$20 Check or CASH to the next meeting.

<<< This will be your last reminder >>>

I hope everyone had great time at the Holiday parties that Sacramento and Sierra Foothills sponsored which were well attended and lots of fun.

There is one conundrum at the end of the year. There is so much good food around. It is virtually impossible to not gain a few pounds. However, since January is THE month to do most of your rose pruning in our area; we have the opportunity to work off those extra pounds pruning! Didn't think I was going to go there did you?

Gardening is so good for you! Check out the many reasons below:

1. Stress Relief: Gardening's mindful tasks alleviate stress and anxiety, providing a mental sanctuary.
2. Physical Exercise: From planting to harvesting, it naturally incorporates physical activity, promoting fitness.
3. Nutritional Rewards: Homegrown fruits and vegetables enrich your diet, fortifying your immune system.
4. Connection with Nature: Time spent in a garden nurtures a bond with nature, boosting mood and Vitamin D intake.
5. Sense of Accomplishment: Witnessing growth instills confidence, fostering a positive mindset.
6. Social Interaction: Community gardens and gardening clubs foster social bonds, creating a supportive network.
7. Mind-Body Harmony: Balancing planning and presence enhances cognitive health and mindfulness.
8. Therapeutic Benefits: Recognized horticultural therapy leverages gardening for mental and physical well-being.

Prune between raindrops. Do it when the sun is out to get your vitamin D.

Happy Pruning, Charlotte Owendyk, Master Rosarian

January 2025

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**PRUNE
Your
ROSES!**

**SFRS January event will be the WINTER CARE WORKSHOP
Saturday, January 11th from 9 to 12:30 Doors open at 8:30 for sign-in.
See page 2 and 3 for more details.**

If you have a family favorite chili, bring a slow cooker filled with chili and see how ranks.

Sierra Foothills January Meeting is the Winter Workshop for Roses on Saturday, January 11th .

See below and page 3 for additional details.

START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT!

Winter Care Workshop for Roses & Chili Cook-off

January 11th, 2025 Program from 9 am to 12:30pm

Doors open @8:30 am to sign in

Orangevale Grange Auditorium (**ALL INDOORS**)
5807 Walnut Avenue, Orangevale



This popular annual event will take place January 11th from 9 am to 12:30 pm. The informative and fun workshop will cover many topics including pruning tools and their care, pruning principles and will also include hands-on pruning by type of rose conducted by experienced rosarians.

An essential session about precautions for gardeners will be provided by a healthcare professional, and will cover personal protection while caring for roses. In addition, information on controlling pests and diseases will be presented by a renowned entomologist. A PowerPoint about excellent roses to grow in our area will be offered as well.

A raffle for highly desirable roses and/or tools will be held toward the end of the session which will add to the fun. A highly competitive chili cook-off (made by members) will follow the workshop; attendees will judge the chili and the winner will be announced near the close of the workshop.

If you grow roses or are thinking of growing roses, you won't want to miss this informative and fun workshop!

SEE Time & Schedule details on following page.

ARE YOU A CLIMBING ROSE ENTHUSIAST?

This group of roses are spectacular! They add a charming and dramatic element to your garden. Vigorous and relatively easy to grow, climbing roses sprawl on a fence, ascend a trellis, drape over an arbor, or scramble up a tree when trained.

Flowers emerge on the end of the plant's long canes in single flowers or a cluster of blooms. However, with pruning you can get more flowers all along the cane.

This workshop will explain the fundamentals and show how it is done. If you are so inclined, a rosarian will guide you as through the process of pruning a climbing rose.

Cindy Phipps is hosting the climbing workshop in her garden on Saturday, January 18th from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Dress appropriately for the weather since the workshop is outdoors.

Bring your pruners and loppers.



Photo of one of Cindy's climbers with Baldo, Linda, Cindy and Charlotte

2024 Sierra Foothills Rose Society
WINTER CARE WORKSHOP FOR ROSES
Saturday, January 11th from 9 am to 1:30 pm

ORANGEVALE GRANGE AUDITORIUM
5807 Walnut Avenue Orangevale, CA 95662



Baldo Villegas, Linda Knowles, Charlotte Owendyk
Master Rosarians

**Watch Baldo prune a rose in
3 minutes or less.**

EASY TO LEARN TECHNIQUES

Practice under the watchful eye
of experienced rosarians
who prune hundreds of their own roses.

LEARN THE BASICS
OR, REFRESH YOUR SKILLS.
COME AND HAVE SOME FUN!

TASTE & VOTE FOR BEST CHILI

ASK AS MANY QUESTIONS AS YOU WANT!

AGENDA

- 8:30 AM – Doors Open/Registration
- 9:00 AM – Pruning Tools and their care
- 9:15 AM – Pruning Principles & Tips by Rose Types
- 10:00-10:45 AM – Hands On Pruning by Type
 - Hybrid Teas & Floribundas....
 - Old Garden Roses & Polyanthas....
 - Shrubs & Climbing Roses....
 - Miniatures and Minifloras.....
- 10:45-11:45 AM – Roses in the Landscape
- 11:45 AM -12:30 PM Controlling Pests & Diseases in the Garden (Q & A)
- 12:30-1:30-Q&A and Chili Cook-off (Vote for BEST Chili)



WHEN YOU LEAVE YOU WILL CONFIDENTLY PRUNE YOUR ROSES!

Learn about new rose introductions for 2025

What will you be planting in 2025? If you're like most rose growers, January is a time of re-evaluation. As we prune, we judge our plants – which did well, which need help, which must be replaced. And where or where can we squeeze in more?

Rose breeders have some suggestions (at least on what to plant) – “New Rose Introductions for 2025.”

At the January meeting of the Sacramento Rose Society, longtime plant tester Debbie Arrington shares highlights of the Class of '25 just in time for bare-root season. She'll cover recent trends and what to expect from the latest hybrid teas, floribundas, shrubs and more.

We'll gather at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 9, at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, in the northern end of McKinley Park. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. As always, our meetings are open to the public – bring a friend!



SRS REFRESHMENT CORNER

A very Happy New Year to all! Please come and enjoy of some delicious refreshments at our January meeting, courtesy of our board members! Our board members generously provide the refreshments in January and February!

Our December holiday lasagna dinner was a great success! Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped with the setup, the serving, and the cleanup! We couldn't have done it without you!

See you at our January meeting!

PRUNING SESSION AT FAIR OAKS GARDEN

Fair Oaks Community Garden located at 11549 Fair Oaks Blvd. Fair Oaks, CA

Saturday, February 8, 2025 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM

This pruning session is hosted by Cindy Phipps with experts available to help you learn, including T.J. David, creator and keeper of the Sacramento World Peace Rose Garden, and Sue Magill, member of all three local rose societies: Sacramento, Sierra Foothills, and Gold Country, who has over 30 years of experience.

This workshop will allow you to reinforce what you learned at the Winter Workshop. Cindy tends over 75 roses at the Fair Oaks Community Garden including all types of roses. Her garden has climbers, hybrid teas, floribundas, shrubs, and miniatures. If you have ever attended the Fair Oaks Horticulture Center Harvest Days, you may have noted that the Community Gardens are adjacent.

Bring your own pruners +/- or loppers. Refreshments will be served.

From Fair Oaks Blvd use Temple Park Road to enter the park, then take the first left to wind toward the horticultural center. Parking is near the Horticulture Center. Call Cindy at 916-420-0344 to get clear directions to her garden area .

Q: CAN I PRUNE MY ROSES IF THEY ARE STILL BLOOMING?

A: Bushes never go fully dormant. Warm sunny days in late fall and winter trigger late bloom cycles. Barring a hard frost or rain, there could be fresh roses past Christmas. Last year was very dry so I was picking blooms that lasted at least a week. However, this year has been wet and the rose blooms are full of botrytis.

Regardless if they are blooming or not, now is the time to prune. Our goal is to finish by Valentines day.

You'll thank yourself next spring when your bushes produce bigger and more abundant blooms.

~Charlotte Owendyk, Master Rosarian

THE GOPHER HUNT

~*Ramon Lopez*

Sitting on my easy chair, cup of tea in hand, relaxing while I can. It's raining torrents of water, an atmospheric river they call it. And the wind is gusting so hard it blew our Yorky over when he tried a three-legged stance. No man or beast will willingly be out in such weather conditions – unless it's a gopher.

As soon as I finish my tea, I have to go out and brave the elements to check my gopher traps. How I wish those buck-toothed varmints hibernated like bears do. Or went south, way south for the winter like geese do. Or only ate weeds. Or?

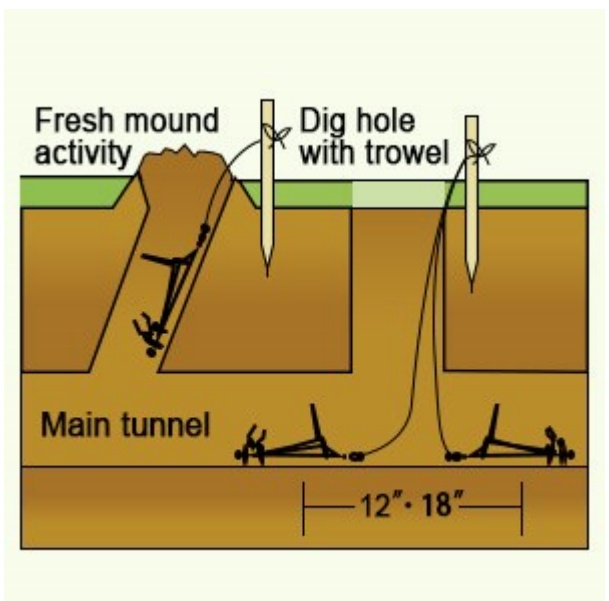
When we first moved onto this property, I thought gophers were cute little critters. I enjoyed watching them pop out of their holes, look around and pop back down. I didn't mind the holes and dirt mounds they left behind. I just told myself it all added character to the backyard. All that changed one day when we were out weeding our flowerbeds and checking drip lines. One rose bush, a very expensive bush (I overbid at the rose auction), didn't look like it was doing too well. My wife went over to look at it. She barely touched it and it fell on its side. All the roots were gone!!! My wife gave me her famous death-ray stare. I knew the gophers had to go. I had thought that maybe they would just die off on their own but I knew better. Gophers typically live one to three years although they have been known to live up to five years.

Gophers live in underground burrows. They tunnel from burrow to burrow. Gophers, more properly called pocket gophers, have pouches (pockets) in their cheeks to transport food. They store food in some burrows, give birth in others, and even have burrows specifically for pooping. You don't know they're in your yard until the half-circle mounds start appearing and your plants start disappearing. A single gopher can create multiple mounds, several yards apart. It might look like you've been invaded by an army but the chances are there aren't too many of them. Unless you thought they were cute little critters and let them multiply. And multiply they will.

Gophers are basically solitary rodents, there is usually only one per tunnel system. However, when they're looking to mate or are nursing a litter, there will be at least two in a tunnel system. Most litters consist of two to five young, but some species have larger litters. There are around 41 species of gophers endemic to North and Central America.

The only proven effective way to control them is by trapping them. I use a slender metal rod to probe the ground between mounds until I find a tunnel. You can tell it's a tunnel because the probe will suddenly give way. I open up a small hole, place two traps in the tunnel, facing each other, cover the hole with a circular steppingstone, and pile dirt around the edges so no light gets in. Then I wait. In the summer I check the traps twice a day. In the winter just once a day. When I trap one, I open up the trap's pinchers and shake the gopher loose. And toss it in the trash.

The first summer I started trapping, I caught about 7-8 a week for about three weeks. Now it's more like three to five a month. As soon as I see gopher activity, out come the traps. I have about 20 traps. I place 6-8 traps in a tunnel system. This mamma's boy is not taking any chances. No more death-ray stares for me.



Meet Me in the Rose Garden

January 2025

Hello and welcome to my new column "Meet Me in the Rose Garden" where I will be interviewing a Rose Society member and sharing their story with you all. Propriety dictates that I introduce myself first, so here goes. I am Ann Marie Becker (nee Santana), and this is my first foray into writing a column, so please be gentle with the criticism but generous with the praise!!

I have always loved gardening, and I say that I paint with flowers in the summer and paint with acrylics in the winter. The assorted colors, patterns, and vignettes that flowers create bring me tremendous pleasure. Butterflies, bees, and birds fluttering through the garden smelling the flowers bring joy exponentially.

Roses shared space in my garden alongside my hydrangeas, black-eyed susans and hibiscus, but my first introduction to the "big league of rose growing" was in January 2023 at the Sierra Foothills Rose Pruning Clinic. It was my third date with Mr. Rosebud (Scott's new nickname) and as we entered the Grange, I anxiously sensed whispers passing through the crowd. I was Scott's new girlfriend. My jitters subsided as I perceived a kind and caring community. I enjoyed learning more about pruning roses, and I truly relished the warm welcome.



As Scott's and my relationship grew, I began attending the Sierra Foothill and the Sacramento Rose Society's meetings and learned the various classifications of roses, how to enter roses in a show and I purchased new roses at the Rose Auction. I deemed Scott a "keeper" when one night while doing dishes, my heart fluttered as I noticed him outside my kitchen window transforming a disappointing flower bed into a miniature rose garden. There was no better way to demonstrate true love to a gardener.

I clerked for the first time at the Sacramento Rose Show and listened intently as the judges discussed the attributes of each rose, rating one above the other. Scott and I traveled to other Rose shows that spring where he was a judge, and my confidence clerking grew. At the District Conference in October 2023, I entered my first rose, Ketchup and Mustard. The rose is truly special for both its spectacular color, and as Scott presented the rose bush to me on our fourth date. I entered the show as a Novice and when the rose was awarded the best floribunda, I delightfully became an Amateur within the span of one show!

Scott proposed in November 2023, and immediately began moving his roses to my home, which soon became our home. We added a rose garden in the front of the house, complete with firepit and a wrought iron fence to keep the dogs safe. The rose garden debuted at our Post-Wedding Brunch in September 2024 and did not disappoint. Over 150 bushes are now spread throughout the yard with more arriving soon.

I find both Rose Societies truly special. The members graciously share their knowledge and friendship, be it teaching me how to prepare my roses at the Little Show, training me to clerk, and welcoming me with kindness. I feel blessed to find a community that loves to garden as much as I do, and I am forever grateful to be a member.

Ann Marie Becker

ESSENTIAL ROSE TOOLS

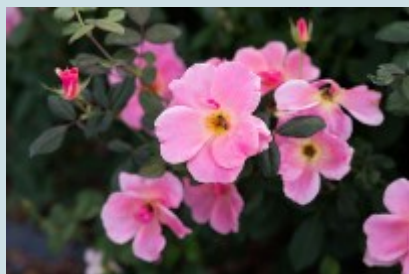
Good pair of Pruners, Ability to spot a WEED, Rose Society membership, Rose Friends, and Love of Good Food!

THE 2025 AGRS™ ROSE WINNERS

The AGRS™ testing program is renowned for its thorough evaluation process, which assesses roses based on their performance in different regions, disease resistance, and overall health. The winners of the 2025 AGRS™ selections have excelled in all these areas, showcasing their ability to thrive and enchant in a variety of settings.

For more information about the 2025 AGRS™ winners and the American Garden Rose Selections program, please visit AmericanGardenRoseSelections.com

1000 Wishes™



Regional Choice Award in four regions: Northwest, South Central, Southeast and Southwest. Created by Mike Shoup. Introduced by the Antique Rose Emporium.

Firefly™



Regional Choice Award in four regions: North Central, Northwest, South Central, Southwest and Fragrance Award. Created by Ping Lim. Introduced by Altman Plants.

Like No Other™



Regional Choice Award in three regions: Northwest, South Central, Southwest. Created by Christian Bebard. Introduced by Jackson & Perkins.

Soaring to Glory™



Regional Choice Award in three regions: Northwest, South Central, Southwest. Created by Keith Zary. Introduced by Jackson & Perkins

Ruby Red™



Regional Choice Award in four regions: North Central, Northwest, South Central, Southwest. Created by Meiland Roses. Introduced by Star Roses® and Plants.

Fiesta Veranda™



Regional Choice Award in three regions: NW, SC, SW. created by Kor-des Roses. Introduced by Star Roses® and Plants.

Blushing Drift™



Regional Choice Award in all six regions. Created by Meiland Roses. Introduced by Star Roses® and Plants.

Grand Baby™



Regional Choice Award in three regions: North Central, Northwest, Southwest. Created by Mike Shoup. Introduced by the Antique Rose Emporium.

Brindabella Crimson Knight™



Regional Choice Award in three regions: Northwest, South Central, Southwest and Fragrance Award. Created by Sylvia E & John C Gray. Introduced by Dig Plants Company & Suntory Flowers.

JANUARY GARDEN NOTES

~Charlotte Owendyk, Master Rosarian

It officially is time to prune. The goal is to finish by Valentines Day. Pruning is crucial for healthy rose bushes. It's a chance to rid the plant of fungal-bearing foliage and eliminate diseased canes. Pruning should improve air flow in and around the bush (another way to cut down on fungal disease).

Another reason to prune is to manage the size of your rose bush. Last year, I never managed to prune the three Cinco de Mayo roses by the sidewalk. They were at least a foot larger all around than usual which was ok with me since they did not impede the sidewalk or driveway. But they will be pruned this year.

The reason to finish by Valentines Day is that by late February early March, bushes will be pushing out new growth. After pruning it is important to get rid of as much debris from under the rose bush. I rake whenever possible (I have a small hand rake that I use. It allows me to get under the bushes easily without risking my hands. After I rake, I use a blower to move the remaining leaves onto the grass so the mower will pick them up.



I also put a layer of Soil Conditioner under the miniatures to reduce the amount of blackspot on the new leaves. In past years, the miniature roses have totally defoliated in the spring. A layer of conditioner covers dormant spores on/in the soil that may be splashed up on the new leaves. Last year I did have less blackspot. The conditioner contains recycled forest products, arbor fines, composted chicken manure, gypsum, oyster shell & dolomite limes (as pH adjusters), vermicompost, bat guano, kelp meal, Mycorrhizae.



This is also a great time to evaluate your roses. I already have several roses that will be shovel pruned since they are declining. When I do my pruning I evaluate how well each rose is doing. Did they put out new canes? Is there a lot of dieback on their canes? Some roses go on the watch list—that means I make sure that they get extra attention. Do they have enough water, sunlight. Is there too much competition from trees? Should I move them? This is an excellent time to select new roses. I have already purchased a few.

Happy 2025—this is a BIG year for me. I will become an "Oma". My granddaughter is due to arrive this January 26th. I've been told that being a grandparent is wonderful—no sleepless nights.



A December without rain and one with several rainstorms makes a BIG difference in the last remaining buds and blooms. At left, Marilyn Monroe picked 12/1/23 and the other pictures were taken 12/30/24 after rainstorms.

What you see (center) is the beginning of botrytis cinerea (also called gray mold) and when the botrytis has fully engulfed the bloom (right). This is a common fungus that attacks many different types of plants. In our Mediterranean climate it is generally seen with during and after inclement weather since it needs moisture to germinate and grow. Good sanitation practices removing diseased blooms and clearing debris is sufficient in our area.

SHARP TOOLS ARE A MUST

~Charlotte Owendyk, Master Rosarian

Before you start pruning, it is important to make sure that your pruners are sharp and clean. Sharpening your pruning tools makes yard work easier for you and keeps your trees, shrubs and rose plants healthy with clean not frayed cuts. In my opinion the most important reason is that it takes less effort to cut with sharp pruners resulting in less wear and tear on your hands.

SHARP TOOLS HELP YOUR TREES & PLANTS

The University of California, Davis sums it up well, “**Keep pruning tools sharp: dull tools make rough cuts, which can promote insect damage or disease.**” This expert advice is in a UC Davis article on fruit trees and applies to all kinds of trees and plants. Sharp pruning tools make clean cuts, which heal quickly, reducing the risk of plant disease or attack by insects.



SHARP TOOLS HELP YOU TOO

How many times have you attempted a pruning cut and grumbled when your loppers/pruners did not slice quickly through a branch? After a while, your hand will begin to ache. If not, they may be stiff in the morning.

Do you remember when your pruners were new—they cut rose canes like butter! With a little sharpening, your pruners/loppers will cut your roses like they were new!

It's easy. Get a sharpening tool (aka file) Corona sells the one above for less than \$10. It works like a charm. The objective is to file from the widest part of the blade to the top only where there is a bevel (slanted to a sharp edge).

Do not pull back across towards you (reverse direction) because the file above only works in one direction. It only takes about 3-5 swipes across the bevel edge to sharpen the blade.

There are several youtube videos that describes the cleaning and sharpening process. This is one that I thought was good in that it was concise and well done.

[Youtube sharpen tools](#)



Don't forget to sharpen **your loppers too**. Afterwards, spray a little oil on the blades to protect from corrosion. Early winter is a great time of year to sharpen tools, when there are fewer urgent tasks in the garden. However, since I use my pruners year around, I sharpen them when ever they are dull. I don't like dull knives either!

Clean tools are also crucial for pruning. Take a bottle of rubbing alcohol and a rag with you, and clean the cutting surfaces of your pruning tools if you have accumulated lots of sticky plant sap. On the cautionary side, I will spray Lysol on my pruners. I especially do that when I go to someone garden to prune. I then spray when I am done.

Pruner Brands

Personally, I have only seen Felco's, Fiskars and ARS brands used by rosarians. The majority of rosarians that I know have switched from Felco to ARS brand. (ARS is a company out of Japan not the American Rose Society.) They are excellent quality. The steel used to manufacture the blades hold its sharpness for a very long time—a definite plus..

So I have included the more popular ARS styles which can be seen on the next page.

POPULAR ROSARIAN PRUNERS

Below are the more popular ARS styles available via Amazon. This link will take you to all ARS Pruners. They have a good selection. . [ARS Pruners at Amazon](#)



At left: ARS HP-VS7Z Heavy Duty Hand Pruner, 7-Inch (for small hands) \$25 @ Amazon. I like this pruner



At right: Some rosarians (Baldo's preference) use rotating pruners:

ARS HP-VS8R Rotating Handle Hand Pruner, 8-Inch \$37@Amazon



Before and After Cleaning, Sharpening and Oiling

ADDITIONAL POWER TOOLS TO CONSIDER

Cordless Reciprocating Saw for pruning. If you don't already have one or Santa had you on his naughty list (really?) get one of these! It is perfect for making cuts especially those adjacent to the crown of the rose bush. You can check the following website for cordless reciprocating saws that are good for pruning.

<https://www.top5-usa.com/reciprocating-saw-cordless>

Another power tool to consider is the **cordless pruning saw** and if needed with extensions that allow a great reach. Check out these: <https://www.top5-usa.com/cordless-pruning-shears-with-battery>

One of the things to consider is the weight of the battery and tool together. Recent improvements in battery designs have made them smaller and more effective.

Power tools allow you to be more efficient and effective. In other words, quicker and with less physical effort.



Sierra Foothills Rose Society

Good Roses, Good Friends!

President's Message



Happy New Year everyone!

I am presently recuperating from a nasty flu-cough that laid me down for the past three weeks. It seems this is the stuff that is going around and has affected me hard. I hope everyone is doing much better.

This is the season that I am most busy. I usually start pruning my roses in mid-December and because of the number of roses that I have, I usually don't get to all of them. This year, I need to get as many roses as possible by February 20 th as I will be on vacation through the end of March.

We will be having our 26 th Annual Rose Winter Pruning Workshop and Chili Cookoff again at the Orangevale Grange (5807 Walnut Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662). This event is in place of our January meeting so please do not go to the Maidu Community Center. The schedule will be very similar to that of previous years. Most of the Society's Consulting Rosarians will be on hand to show the public how to prune roses and give rose horticultural advice. The event will start at 9:00 AM and will continue to about 1:00 pm. We have been inviting gardeners from other gardening clubs in the area to attend this event. Our editor, Charlotte Owendyk will be preparing a flyer listing all the activities for this event.

Cindy Phipps has volunteered her garden for a pruning demonstration on a variety of roses. Again, several of our Society Consulting Rosarians will be there to demonstrate and work on a one-on-one with members and the public. This event will be the following Saturday, January 18 th from 9:00 to Noon.

If you live near me (7556 Hickory Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662), You are welcome to stop by and either help or get individual one-to-one pruning instructions from me.

Baldo

HOW TO KNOW MORE ABOUT GROWING ROSES

We love our roses, and we all want to grow healthy plants that produce lots of lovely blooms. Like anything else, our rose society offers great opportunities to learn from others how to and which roses are the best to grow. At least those are a couple of reasons why many join the rose society and many stay for the friends they made.

In addition to reading this newsletter (thank you for doing so), attending meetings and asking lots of questions are great ways to learn. Most of us have heard that gardening is local and we do have some wonderful local experts who are members or speak to our group.

However, I would like you to consider attending two horticultural webinars on February 15 and 22 that ARS is hosting. They are designed to take the place of a in person class for Consulting Rosarians. It will provide a framework/overview of the following topics: soil and water, fertilizer, Insects & Diseases, and Chemical Safety. It highlights topics that are covered in more detail in the Consulting Rosarian Manual. To view the presentations usiw a Smart phone, tablet, or computer. See page 15 to enroll for these courses.

Another wonderful resource that provides a ton of horticultural information about growing roses is the Consulting Rosarian manual. It is available for free as a download to your computer or you provide the ink and paper to produce a print copy. This is the link for the free download. <https://rose.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Consulting-Rosarian-Manual.pdf> If you are a member of ARS, a copy of the Consulting Rosarian Manual can be accessed via Manage Your Account.

If you are interested in becoming a Consulting Rosarian see the article on the next page.

Consulting Rosarians

Consulting Rosarians have attended classes to learn how to grow the best roses. If you have problems or questions and would like personal assistance the following individuals are Consulting Rosarians (CRs). These individuals are committed to help others with rose related questions. Upon request, many CRs will visit your garden on request.

Location	Consulting Rosarian	Phone	Email
Carmichael	Ellie Longanecker	916.715-1102	ellie1433@msn.com
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WHY NOT CONSIDER becoming a CONSULTING ROSARIAN? The requirements:

- Must be either a regular, joint or associate member of the American Rose Society for two consecutive years and an active member of a local rose society.
- Must have grown roses of various types for at least five years and should be knowledgeable in all equipment and materials related to rose culture. (Almost everyone meets this requirement!)
- Must attend an ARS school/workshop for Consulting Rosarians and complete an open book examination based on the material contained in the Consulting Rosarian manual. Once you pass the exam, you do not have to take it again.
- Must know and be willing to live up to the Consulting Rosarian Guide.
- Must be willing to attend no less than one Consulting Rosarian School in every four-year period or earn four Continuing Education points from accredited sources (authorized by your District CR Chair).
- Must submit a completed individual annual report form to the District Chairman of Consulting Rosarians AND submit a Roses in Review Report to the RIR District Coordinator each year.
- Must exhibit a continuing willingness to share knowledge and an enthusiasm for the rose and the American Rose Society.

How easy can it be??? You are not expected to be a genius, or to know everything there is to know about roses. That's what the CR Schools and Seminars are for - they teach us more about the flowers we love.

Contact Sue Magill if you are interested. 916-599-7673 rosemtn@surewest.net

SFHRS CALENDAR OF 2025 ROSE EVENTS

January 11, Saturday 8:30 am -1:30 pm,	WINTER ROSE CARE & PRUNING WORKSHOP Orangevale Grange, 5807 Walnut Ave, Orangevale, 95662
January 18, Saturday 9:30 am to 1 pm	CLIMBER WORKSHOP “IN GARDEN” PROGRAM Cindy Phipps, 4977 Chicago Ave, Fair Oaks, CA 95628
February 6 Thursday 7 to 9:30	GARDENS OF NORMANDY - <i>Linda Knowles and Charlotte Owendyk</i> Maidu Community Center at 1550 Maidu Drive Roseville
March 6 - Thursday 7 to 9:30	NEW ROSES - <i>Debbie Arrington</i> Maidu Community Center at 1550 Maidu Drive Roseville
April 3 Thursday 7 to 9:30	OLD GARDEN ROSES IN YOUR GARDEN - <i>Anita Clevenger</i> Maidu Community Center at 1550 Maidu Drive Roseville
May 1 Thursday 7 to 9:30	TBD Maidu Community Center at 1550 Maidu Drive Roseville
May 4	ROSE AUCTION @ Baldo's Acres
June 5	WINE & ROSES in local rose gardens
July & August	No meetings are scheduled these months.
Sept Thursday 7 to 9:30	TBD Maidu Community Center at 1550 Maidu Drive Roseville
Oct. Thursday 7 to 9:30	TBD Maidu Community Center at 1550 Maidu Drive Roseville
Oct 18 –All Day	SFHRS ROSE SHOW @Green Acres Roseville
Nov 6 Thursday 7 to 9:30	TBD
Dec 4- Thursday 6:30 to 9:30	HOLIDAY PARTY & INSTALLATION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2026

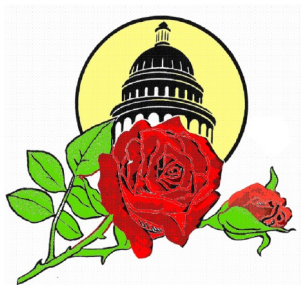
Board Meetings: Sierra Foothills Rose Society Board Meetings are generally held on the second Wednesday of the month, from 6pm-8pm. Location varies for each meeting so check ahead of time to verify for time and location. Interested members of Sierra Foothills Rose Society are welcome to attend as a guest. Contact Barbara Patman or any other board member for more information.

Q: When is the BEST time to Shovel Prune?

A: Before you plant a new rose.

What does SHOVEL PRUNING mean? It literally means digging out a rose that you no longer want in your garden. There are numerous reasons: failure to thrive, stingy bloomer, disease prone. Then there are the personal reasons; don't like the color, don't like the growth pattern (too lanky, too big or small), ugly bloom, bloom doesn't last, no fragrance, etc.

You can shovel prune a rose anytime.



Sacramento Rose Society

Take time to Smell the Roses!

President Message



Here we are in the middle of winter looking at a busy January in our rose gardens!

I'm starting my winter rose pruning while still picking a few more rose blooms for

vases in my house. Some of the hybrid tea blooms are a bit waterlogged, however my English roses, pink



('Darcey Bussell', photo by Kay Jelten)

'Boscobel' and apricot 'Carding Mill' are throwing out big end of the year blooms and really showing off their fragrance with the cool weather. Inhale deeply. Yum! Darcey Bussell, though not as fragrant, still has several buds and blooms and is loaded with bees collecting late season food.

The Board has begun mapping out our year of events and educational activities. I'll have a calendar available for you at our January 9th meeting when we have our local Sacramento rose and garden guru, Debbie Arrington, presenting the new Rose Introductions for 2025. Come learn about these roses and where to find them! Doors open at 6:30 and our meeting begins at 7:00 pm. Location is Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento, CA. Parking lot and entrance to the meeting room is located one block over off Park Street.

We had a fabulous December Holiday Dinner enjoyed by 41 members! Linda Larsen presented the awards to the Little Rose Show exhibitors who garnered the most points while providing lovely roses for us to smell and admire. Dave & Ruth Coop took home the Perpetual Little Rose Show Trophy to enjoy for this year, while last year's winners Linda Larsen and Bob Been came in Second, yours

truly in Third, and Scott and Ann Marie Becker in Fourth place. Congratulations also to Joanna Boettcher for winning Novice high point again this year, another blue ribbon for her.

Kay presented Awards of Merit to the Board members and Directors who comprised the hardworking team for 2024. Extra special awards were presented to Barbara Lane-Piert for ARS Horticulture Judge Emeritus after uncounted years of service judging many ARS Rose Shows all over California! Thank you, Barbara! Cindy Nalepa-Nelson was awarded the Bronze Medal Award, which may be given only once each year to a Society member who has contributed greatly to the success of the society. Board members voted unanimously that the award should be presented to Cindy. Congratulations, Cindy, and Thank YOU for all that you have done for Sacramento Rose Society!

Most of the attendees that night also received special Thank You certificates for their contributions to events and support for our general meetings. It was great to see how much involvement we have from our membership offered in so many different ways! I want to say a special Thank you and offer up a "Hi-Five" to all of you! You are what make the "work" worthwhile and our meetings fun.

Speaking of Thank You's: the December 12th Holiday meeting took a host of helpers who planned, schlepped lots of stuff in their SUVs or cars, and decorated the tables in a festive frenzy of activity before many of you arrived! Thanks to Rick and Vanessa, Cindy N-N, Linda L and Bob, Cherilyn and Janice, Scott and Ann Marie, Joann S, Barbara L-P, Bobbie McCaffrey, Audrey Brandt, Linda Rivera, and Sue Magill for their help in making the evening so festive and fun! Starting the evening with a Blessing for our dinner, and ending the evening was our special guest, Bill Terrell, who performed the official installation of the Officers and Directors for 2025. Thank you, Bill!

Stay safe in the garden; keep bundled up and warm. I'll see you soon!

Kay



Sacramento Rose Society

2025 Calendar

General Meetings are at Shepard Garen & Art Center 3330 McKinley Blvd. Sacramento

January 9, Thursday 7-9 pm	"New Rose Introductions for 2025" (SRS) General Meeting
January 11, Saturday 8:30 am -1:30 pm,	Winter Care & Pruning Workshop (Sierra Foothills RS) Orangevale Grange, 5807 Walnut Ave, Orangevale, 95662
Feb. 13, Thursday 7-9 pm	"Transplanting & Moving Roses" (SRS) General Meeting
March 13, Thursday 6:30-9:30 pm	ROSE AUCTION, non-patent potted roses Bidder registration 6:30-7:00 pm
April 10, Thursday 7-9 pm	Program TBD (SRS) General Meeting
April 12, Saturday 10 am to 1 pm	Beginning Exhibitor's Workshop: How to select rose blooms in the garden & prepare entries for Rose Show Exhibition Scott & Ann Marie Becker's garden, 7345 Durfee Way, Sac, 95831
April 27, SUNDAY Public 1:30 to 5pm	Annual Rose Show of Sacramento Rose Society (SRS) Enter Roses starting @8 to 10:30 am. Exhibitor Prep area opens at 7 am. Gibbons Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive, Carmichael, CA 95608
May 8, Thursday 7-9 pm 6:30-9:00 pm	TBD-Special Speaker on Roses First "LITTLE ROSE Show" Entries open 6:30 – 7:00pm
May 31, Saturday 10 AM	High Tea & Rose Garden Tour , Dave & Ruth Coop's, Roseville Tickets \$40. Advance tickets only; Seating is limited
June 12, Thursday 7-9 pm 6:30 -9:00 pm	Ice Cream Social & Rose Show Celebration! "LITTLE ROSE Show" Entries open 6:30 – 7:00pm
July/August	No meetings. Enjoy your summer vacation!
Sept. 11, Thursday 7-9 pm 6:30-9:00 pm	TBD-Educational Rose topic "LITTLE ROSE Show" Entries open 6:30 – 7:00pm
Oct. 9, , Thursday 7-9 pm 6:30-9:00 pm	TBD-Educational Rose topic "LITTLE ROSE Show" Entries open 6:30 – 7:00pm
Nov. 13, , Thursday 7-9 pm 6:30-9:00 pm	TBD-Educational Rose topic "LITTLE ROSE Show" Entries open 6:30 – 7:00pm
Dec. 11, , Thursday 6:30-9:00 pm	HOLIDAY DINNER, Awards, Presentation & Installation of Officers

Board Meetings: *Sacramento Rose Society Board Meetings are held on the Monday prior to each month's general meeting, from 10 am – noon. Location varies for each meeting so check ahead of time for location. Interested members of Sacramento Rose Society are welcome to attend as a guest. Contact Kay Jelten for more information. Board meeting dates for 2025 are: January 6, February 10, March 10, April 7, May 5, June 9, September 8, October 6 , November 10, December 8*

ARS ANNOUNCES 2025 WEBINAR LINE-UP

Check out this line up of interesting webinars!

I have already signed up for the CR webinars. It is always a good thing to refresh what you know and learn something new. The remaining programs should be great, just check out the speakers: Christian Bedard, of Weeks Roses, Matthias Meilland of Meilland Roses, Paul Zimmerman, and Dr. David Zlesak .I plan to at-

The American Rose Society offers numerous educational opportunities including monthly webinars on a variety of topics. Pat Shanley, Chair of the Webinar Committee, has put together an exciting line up with speakers from around the world. These webinars are provided free of charge for all American Rose Society members. There is a \$5 fee for all others interested in attending a webinar. Questions about registering for webinars should be directed to Tanya Cole at Tanya@rose.org or 318-938-5402, ext.108.

- January 18, 2025 · 11:00am – 1:30pm: "2024 Digital Photography Contest Winners Reveal" Speaker: Pam Powers, Chair ARS Digital Photo Contest <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5348277886587620191>
- February 15, 2025 · 1:00 - 3:00 pm: Consulting Rosarian School Part 1: CR Mission & Ethics, Soil & Water, Insects & Diseases Speakers: Craig Dorschel, Diane Wilkerson, Bill Kozemchak, Dr. Baldo Villegas <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1221854729406187102>
- February 22, 2025 · 1:00 - 3:00 pm: Consulting Rosarian School Part 2: Fertilizers, Chemical Safety Speakers: Brenna Bosch and Jim Beardsley <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8977110462342866784>
- March 22, 2025 · 11:00am – 2:00pm: "Special Roses!" Speaker: Christian Bedard, Research & Licensing Director, Weeks Roses <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3991848876343001941>

SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE FUTURE PROGRAMS: Registration information will be issued at a later date.

- April 26, 2025 · 11:00am – 2:00pm: "American Garden Rose Selections™ Regional Rose Trials – Bringing You Roses You Can Grow where You Live!" Speaker: Chris VanCleave, the Redneck Rosarian, RoseChat Podcast; Marketing & Publicity Director, American Garden Rose Selections™
- May 17, 2025 · 11:00am – 2:00pm: "Coming Up Roses – The High Country Roses Story" Speaker: Matt Douglas, Owner, High Country Roses
- June 28, 2025 · 11:00am – 2:00pm: "Rose Selection in Different Soil and Climate Conditions" Speaker Matthias Meilland, Sixth Generation Rose Breeder, House of Meilland
- July 26, 2025 · 11:00am – 2:00pm: "An Update on Breeding Roses for Black Spot Resistance" Speaker: Dr. David Zlesak, Professor of Horticulture, University of Wisconsin River Falls
- August 23, 2025 · 11:00am – 2:00pm: "Rethinking Late Summer & Fall Rose Health Strategies" Speaker: Dr. Mark Windham, Professor Emeritus of Plant Pathology, The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture
- September 27, 2025 · 11:00am – 2:00pm: "Designing a Garden for Rose Collectors. The Normal Rules Don't Apply!" Speaker: Paul Zimmerman, Owner, Paul Zimmerman Roses Consulting and Design
- October 25, 2025 · 11:00am – 2:00pm: "What's New with Jackson & Perkins" Speaker: Wes Harvell, Rose Category Manager & Rosarian for Jackson Perkins Park Acquisitions Inc.
- November 22, 2025 · 11:00am – 2:00pm: Topic TBA Speaker: Thomas Proll, Chief Hybridizer, Kordes Roses

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Anyone can attend the board meetings. Officers love to talk to members to answer questions about the society. Anyone who wants to have some fun and is willing to help can be an officer. Elections are held each year.

If you want to volunteer, please talk to one of the officers.
Both societies are small so any help is appreciated.

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Raffle Rick Is
Always looking for
GOOD BUYS!

Bring something
you would like—
Plants, AND
other garden stuff

Everyone has a soft spot in our hearts for Raffle Rick. We all have at some time got a wonderful item at the Raffle that made our heart pitter patter. It could be a plant, vase, tool, book or other garden related item.

As we start this year, let's all make a resolution to bring a few items this year. You could be splitting a perennial, making preserves from fruit from your garden, donating a tool that you think is fantastic.

Gardeners are good at sharing. So let's make Raffle Rick HAPPY!



SPEED BUMP DAVE COVERLY



"I KNOW THAT'S WHAT YOUR FATHER CALLS IT, SWEETHEART... BUT A NICER WORD FOR IT IS FERTILIZER!"

Rose Society Membership INFORMATION

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 Rick Sydor 1092 Salmon Drive Roseville, CA 95661.

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 Ramon Lopez 5837 Eureka Road, Granite Bay CA 95746

AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY (ARS): membership entitles you to six issues of the award winning magazine, The American Rose plus annual Handbook for Selecting Roses which rates over 3,000 roses, and much more. Contact ARS at (800) 637-6534 or <https://rose.org/join-renew/>



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Meetings are at 7:00 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 6:30 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.

Rose Reflections...

Charlotte Owendyk, Editor
204 Park Meadow Court
Roseville, CA 95661



Sierra Foothills Rose Society

SierraFoothillsRoseSociety.org

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 **Roseville Maidu Community Center**. Located at 1550 Maidu Drive Roseville