



Rose Reflections...

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Hope that the last couple months of 2024 treated everyone well. The Winter Workshop was awesome. We got rave reviews and several new members! A BIG thank you to everyone who helped put this on. We had over 100 people attend. And it's official. Cherry Hoover is the chili champ extraordinaire. She has won 5 years in a row!

May Chen, Linda Knowles and I drove down to Regans Nursery to pick up our order of bareroot roses plus Dave Coops' and Cherry Hoover's. We stopped and had a lovely lunch at Baldi's Café just down the street from Regans.

If you ordered and just got notice that your roses are available. Check around, there may be other members planning a trip to pick up their roses.

When I got home, I soaked my bareroot rose for 24 hours and then potted them up instead of planting them in the ground. The potted soil warms up faster encouraging the plants to break dormancy and grown faster. The roses we picked up were already breaking showing new growth.

The potted roses are in a protected area and receive several hours of sun. Every so often I check to make sure the soil is still damp.

~Charlotte Owendyk



GARDEN ADVENTURES: Our family has had miniature Dutch lops for years. While they are in their condo at night, we let them roam in the garden during the day. Buns (as he is called) usually spends the day with me when I am gardening or pruning roses. He just plops down beside me until I move to the next place He follows! I'd love to know what he's thinking—do bunnies think? He's a good listener when I'm talking to my plants. He also uses the rose garden to escape catching. I'm not going under that thorny place under the roses to get him, and he knows it! **Kris Sinclair**



PLEASE SHARE GARDEN ADVENTURES!

We all have stories to tell about the adventures in our gardens. We invite you to share yours with our members. Please write a little something (humorous, odd, disastrous, unusual, frustrating, glorious), and email it to Charlotte Owendyk at owendyk@gmail.com and it will be included in an upcoming issue of *Rose Reflections*.

Finish Pruning by Valentine's Day!

SFhRS PROGRAM INFO—FEB 6TH

"GARDENS OF FRANCE, Part I" From Paris to private gardens to a few Chateaus for food! It will be almost like being in France hosted by Linda Knowles and Charlotte Owendyk! We are excited to share our 2023 tour with Garden Gate Magazine to Normandy!

We had so many gardens and photos that we had to make our presentation in two parts. In Part I, we will share 4 gardens and the nearby towns, such as Honfleur and Evreux, and, of course, FOOD!

You will experience the wide variety of gardens from the formal to the naturalistic to a unique, sculpture/art garden. We found the French gardeners so friendly and enthusiastic to tell us all about their gardens. They were just regular people! We loved seeing the variety of styles and the attention to pollinator plants and organic gardening!



We hope to give you the feeling of actually being in each garden! We will cram as many photos as possible in as artistic a way as possible so that you are immersed!

We hope you will join us on our fabulous tour, so let's go—"on y va"—and bon voyage!

It's been a couple of months since we have met at Maidu. It will be wonderful to see our members. We have lots of new members so come and relax and enjoy some beautiful gardens. Charlotte



SRS PROGRAM INFO—FEB 13TH

Learn how to transplant roses from folks who have dug a lot of holes

How do you move a full-grown rose bush? How about moving more than a hundred mature bushes?

That's the task that faced Scott and Ann Marie Becker when they decided to combine their households – and their gardens – and move many of Scott's hybrid teas into Ann Marie's Sacramento backyard.

The lessons they learned are invaluable, whether moving dozens of roses or just one.

Hear for yourself during February's meeting of the Sacramento Rose Society as the Beckers present "How to Transplant Roses."

With about 170 bushes now in the ground, the Beckers will share their experiences including how to keep roses not only alive but to help them thrive as they reestablish their roots.

When should you transplant? How big of a hole should you dig? What should you feed that bush to help its recovery? Those are just a few of the questions they'll answer.

Their experience was prickly at times – they tackled some big bushes! But in the end, they were rewarded with countless blooms.

Also at our February meeting, we'll preview plans for our March rose auction (a great reason to learn transplanting skills) and hear winter rose care tips from our consulting rosarians.

Our February meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, in McKinley Park. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. As always, our meetings are open to the public. Bring a friend!

~Debbie Arrington

ARS PRESIDENT MESSAGE TO ARS MEMBERS

Dear American Rose Society Members,

It is no secret that ARS has faced significant challenges recently. There have been many personnel changes with our staff in the past two years. Most recently Executive Director Claire Bissell and her assistant Crystal Aaron have left to accept positions with other organizations. We wish them well in their new endeavors.



I am pleased to inform you that our Publications Director Beth Smiley has taken on the additional duties as Interim Executive Director. Please welcome her in her new position.

ARS has also experienced severe cash flow problems in recent months, no doubt due in part to the decline in membership we have experienced. Help has come in the form of a \$100,000 appropriation from the State of Louisiana to cover certain expenses and from a grant of \$100,000 from the Franks Foundation for upkeep of the gardens. We, the officers, board and staff are committed to a balanced budget for 2025.

Your Annual Fund donations are much appreciated, and as long as the books are available, a copy of *Rose Atlas, Creators of Roses* will be sent as a gift of \$150 or more.

You can also help by recruiting or gifting memberships. New first-time members may still join for one year for \$50 and will receive the *Rose Atlas, Creators of Roses* book.

Finally, after many production delays, the 2025 ROSES calendar was delivered to headquarters, and all 500 calendars have been shipped. The majority of calendars, more than 400, were shipped on 1/8/25 and the remainder of about 80 (all orders of more than five) were mailed on 1/15/25. We certainly appreciate your patience and understanding with this process.

Thank you for your support, and let's make 2025 a great year for the American Rose Society.

Craig Dorschel

ARS President

ATTENTION ARS MEMBERS!!!

ARS is making some BIG changes in 2025 at The ARS and this is an **IMPORTANT** message for **YOU**.

In February ARS will launch a new membership database.

According to Gary Chin the conversion of the current American Rose Society database will begin February 9, 2025. This means the ARS database will be down for an extended period of time. The conversion is scheduled to be completed February 25, 2025.

These are the activities that **must** be completed prior: 1) Renew ARS Membership if it expires in February, 2) Join ARS, 3) Register for an ARS Webinar, 4) Register for ARS Webinar beyond February, 5) Request any certificate, award, and 6) Complete any purchases or donations.

We will not be able to update or check your membership status until the end of February. Please make sure that your membership is up to date by **FEBRUARY 7th 2025**.

ARS would like to extend our deepest appreciation for your understanding on this matter while we work to make sure you have the best experience with our organization going forward.

Planning to Attend CR School February 15th and 22nd?

YOU MUST be registered no later than **February 7th**. Your membership will also need to be up to date no later than **February 7th 2025 NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!** If your membership is not current on or before **February 7th 2025** you will **NOT** be able to attend CR School.

Meet Me in the Rose Garden

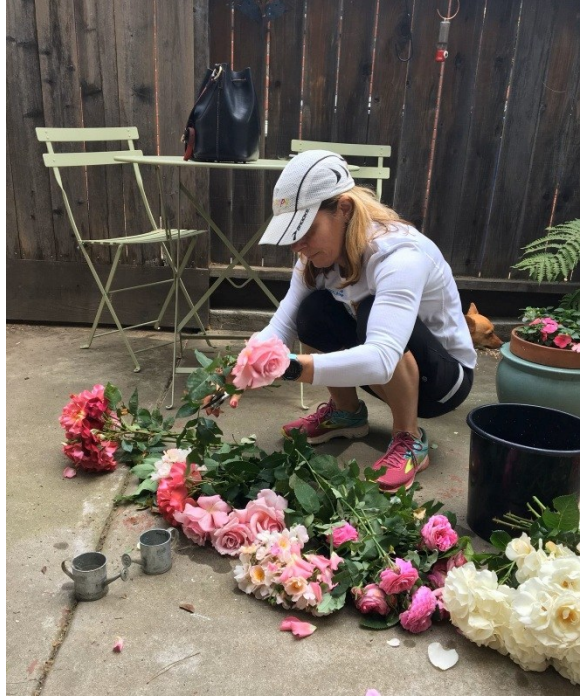
It was a cold, overcast morning when I met Cindy Nalepa-Nelson inside a cozy, warm Pocket Starbucks with her Instagram photos stepping in for her "rose garden". Cindy had just completed teaching a yoga session and I would attend my own yoga session later that morning. I am joining Cindy on the Sacramento Rose Society Board for 2025. We have spoken numerous times before, but never on a one-on-one basis. Delightfully the stories tumbled out, providing insight into her longtime passion for roses. Time ran out before the conversation ended but I am encouraged it will not be our last visit.

Cindy's first memory of flowers was in her grandmother's garden in Ohio consisting of fruits and vegetables surrounded by marigolds. Living in Mammoth Lakes, Shasta daisies captured her attention, but a chance encounter with Dena Wenger introduced Cindy to the wonderful world of roses.

Residing in Land Park, Cindy would often complete her daily sales paperwork at the Tower Café. One day, noticing gorgeous roses throughout the café, Cindy inquired about the roses. A staff member shared that a neighbor lady would occasionally drop off a bucket of roses from her garden. Serendipitously, one such drop-off of a bucketful of Dolly Parton roses occurred while Cindy was at the café. The neighbor lady surprisingly was Dena Wenger, a long-time member of the Sacramento Rose Society (SRS). Conversation ensued and she extended to Cindy an invitation to the next SRS meeting.

Cindy's first Rose Society meeting was in the Fall of 1991, and she fondly remembers the warm welcome she received. A member had won a miniature rose in the raffle that night and generously gave the rose to Cindy. Shortly thereafter she received an invitation to be a Board Member and her rose "career" was launched.

Learning from Dana Wagner and Pam Myzcek, Cindy planted prolific and fragrant roses such as Iceberg, Secret and Dolly Parton. Her neighbor, with a gorgeous garden of her own, quelled her fears by informing her that if a plant does not survive, new flowers can always be purchased.



Advance twenty years and her yard has transformed into an English garden. Whimsical and cottage-like, the roses create vignettes of color. Companion plants are scattered throughout the garden, completing the abundant palette of blooms. A fountain welcomes the birds, and the sound of water provides serenity. Cindy incorporates lavender, impatiens, hydrangeas, poor man's orchids, rose geraniums and tulips to complete the splashes of color. In 2005, Cindy assisted in the Holy Spirit Garden Tour with her garden on display for all to see. In subsequent years the garden dazzled visitors in the Sacramento and Land Park Garden tours.

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ARS DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

~Audrey Brandt

I have enjoyed photography since my mother gave me my first Brownie camera at age 8 just to give me something to do on a cross-country family trip. For many years thereafter, I picked up (and put down) many different cameras but never took photography seriously until about 10 years ago.

In 2022, my friend, neighbor, and fellow Master Gardener Bobbie McCaffrey brought me to a Sacramento Rose Society meeting. Bobbie thought that we would both improve our work with roses in the Sherwood Demonstration Garden, but her bribe was that Debbie Arrington was giving a talk on how to photograph roses for the upcoming rose show. I had never entered a photography contest before. Imagine my surprise when I scored a first in two different categories on my first attempt!

Over the past two years I have enjoyed photographing the Sacramento Rose Society and Sierra Foothills Rose Society's rose shows. At the encouragement of Cherry Hoover, I have spent an increasing amount of focus on photographing the lovely design arrangements.

This year, Cherry encouraged me to enter her winning designs in the ARS Photography Contest. As Cherry's designs are all so lovely, I asked her to choose three for me to enter. Since I was entering the contest anyway, I decided to enter two more rose photos: one of Carding Mills and a kaleidoscope of Sparkle and Shine. The roses had been grown by Bobbie and I (as co-chairs of the Sherwood Demonstration Garden's rose garden) and both photos had placed first in their respective divisions as well as best in show at this past October's SFRS rose show.

On January 18, 2025, the winners were announced for the ARS competition. As I had never entered before, all my entries were in a Novice category. All five of my entries did well: two Honorable Mentions, two Third Place, and one First Place!

Thank you Cherry and Bobbie for your encouragement and help. I could never have done it without you!

Honorable Mention

Audrey Brandt
California

Carding Mill



Meet Me in the Rose Garden

An extensive traveler, Cindy has visited Monet's Garden in Giverny, Keukenhof in Amsterdam and was honored to be a judge at the World Federation of Roses at Parc de Bagatelle in France. Kathryn Mackenzie, a fellow Sacramento Rose Society member, oftentimes travels alongside, providing a wonderful companion to share the joy of the gardens. Cindy, Kathryn, Scott and I will be attending the World Federation of Roses in Fukuyama Japan this May.

In December 2024, the Sacramento Rose Society bestowed to Cindy the American Rose Society Bronze Medal for 2024 for outstanding and meritorious service to a local society. Cindy, surprised and honored to be recognized, demonstrates the attributes of an exemplary member.

Her garden provides the backdrop for numerous dinner parties. Jeanne Lajoie cascades over the pergola, with floral tablecloths dressing the tables and of course her roses attend as the "Guests of Honor". Her son, Connor (28) and her daughter, Grace (25) have shared her wonderful garden by hosting garden parties of their own.

I am delighted to add a fellow rose enthusiast as a friend and now the only question that remains is how do I get invited to her next garden party?

Ann Marie Becker

1st Place Winner

Audrey Brandt
California

Arranger, Cherry Hoover



Audrey Brandt winning
ARS Photograph entries are
displayed on this page
and previous page.

Winning Arrangements
by Cherry Hoover.

3rd Place Winner

Audrey Brandt
California

Arranger, Cherry Hoover



Honorable Mention

Audrey Brandt
California

Arranger, Cherry Hoover



2024 ARS Digital Photography Contest Participation Hits a High Note

111 Exhibitors entered 1,382 photos

7 Judges 20

3 Juniors 18

41 Novice 389

50 Experienced 647

10 Masters 3 308

3rd Place Winner

Audrey Brandt
California

Sparkle and Shine
Kaleidoscope



FEBRUARY GARDEN NOTES

January is almost done as I write this. I can't believe that I am almost done with pruning my roses. The weather has been perfect; I go out when the temperature is 50 plus and if possible I prune in the sunshine which warms me up. The goal is to finish by Valentines Day. There is already new growth showing on the roses. .

THINGS TO DO IN THE GARDEN

When finished pruning the roses, **remove last year's leaves** from the bush if they are not already gone. Next step is to rake and/or blow leaves to remove them by hand or with a lawnmower. Those old leaves harbor fungal spores of blackspot and mildew so the goal is to strip the garden of as much inoculant as possible.

Next **spread organic fertilizer around roses and other perennials**. I purchase whatever is reasonably priced. Using my garden cart, I mix all the fertilizer together along with earth worm castings and for seaweed powder added for additional micronutrients. I will add alfalfa pellets (without molasses) as a nitrogen boost. It also contains triacontanol, which is a growth stimulant, that is reported to encourage basal breaks (canes emerging from the bud union of grafted roses.) This will go spread before a rainstorm due this weekend.

Shovel pruning will commence as soon as the pruning is done. Afterwards, I will plant or move roses to their new locations. I purchased several roses last year so I will be planting them.

Pot up your Bareroot roses that you purchased this year have already been potted up and I won't plant them until they start to bloom so I know that the rose is what I ordered. Occasionally there is a mix-up.

Check your irrigation system. Since my system is 35+ years old and I am adding a large new rose bed, I am having a professional do this work as well as upgrade the irrigation system in the backyard so it is more efficient.

Spread compost in my garden beds which will be done after the irrigation upgrade.

Lastly don't forget to **WEED, then follow up by spreading pre-emergent** which stops weed seeds from sprouting. (Follow the directions, if the coverage is not adequate weeds will germinate in the areas that are missed. The weeds are target are Oxallis which worms it long stems under the top inch or so of soil and Bittercress which shoots out its seeds (~6') are my main targets.

~Charlotte Owendyk, Master Rosarian

NPK

Nitrogen (N) is for foliage development.

Phosphorus (P) is for root growth and flowering.

Potassium (K) is for overall plant health:

- larger plants size,
- improved yield,
- better resistance to environmental stress.

WHY ROSARIANS PREFER ORGANIC OVER CHEMICAL FERTILIZER

By using organic vs. chemical fertilizer, you'll enjoy the perks of:

Creating a more self-sufficient soil structure. Chemical fertilizers will nourish your plant, but the minerals will not linger in your soil. By creating rich, nutrient-dense soil with organic materials, your lawn will have a better chance of thriving on its own— tapping into stored minerals when needed.

Fertilizing less. Because you're creating a mineral-rich soil structure, the live organisms who call your soil home, and your turf itself, won't go hungry. Many granular organic fertilizers are considered "slow-release" because they break down over a few weeks, gradually feeding your soil. Chemical fertilizers need to be applied more frequently, as they are absorbed by the plant itself and not stored in the soil.

Protecting your family and pets and the environment. Chemical-free, organic solutions are also safe to use around your loved ones and your neighborhood. Dogs who have ripped into bags and ate non-natural fertilizers often suffer from vomiting or diarrhea, tremors, or even seizures. In addition, chemical fertilizers have been shown to pollute local waterways and surface water due to rain and runoff. Learn more by reading our article.

Not worrying about over-fertilization. Because organic fertilizers naturally break down slower, it's hard to overdo it. When overapplied, chemical fertilizers can become toxic and kill your plants.

TOM CARRUTH SOCIAL FIRE UPDATE

On the early morning of Jan 8th Tom Carruth, chief hybridizer for Weeks Roses for 26 years, lost his Altadena home of almost 40 years and virtually all of his belongings in the Eaton Fire. All Tom and Rob were able to escape with were their cell phones, iPads, meds, and a change of clothes. That's it. Everything else was lost in the devastating fire.

Tom and Rob were finally allowed back into their old neighborhood on January 20th. According to Beverly Rose Hopper, a close friend who set up the GoFundMe account, Tom called the visit to his home "Very numbing." The whole neighborhood is no more. Below are two pictures of what remains of their home. To say farewell to what was their lovely home, they tossed their house keys into the ash, which is all that remains.

For those who wish to express love and support via mail, Tom has a new address which we can share:

Tom Carruth and Rob Krueger 2275 Huntington Drive PO Box 134 San Marino, CA 91108

Tom is very appreciative of the outpouring of support from around the country and the world.

Over Tom Carruth's lifetime, he has given so much to the rose world and the community at large. As one of the top rose hybridizers, he has created many of the world's most beloved roses. Since his retirement, he's been serving as Curator of the Rose Collection at The Huntington. A kind and generous soul, he has touched many lives, whether you know him personally or not. Due to the fire, he has lost almost everything. It's time for us to give back; show our appreciation, and support.

Please donate to help Tom with expenses incurred by the sudden displacement, loss of possessions, uncertain future, and more. It's hard to process how difficult it is when so much is gone forever. This is our opportunity to show we care and are there for him in this difficult time as he tries to rebuild his life.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-tom-carruth-rebuild-after-eaton-fire>

Thank you to all who have supported and shared the news of the GoFundMe fundraiser on Tom's behalf. Your help to continue to get the word out is appreciated.

Green Acres Nursery just released a **podcast of a recent interview with Tom Carruth**. It includes discussion of hybridizing, rose culture, and his work as Curator of the Rose Collection at the Huntington. You can listen to the interview on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGCKpHZPoYE>

Also check out the news article from Debbie Arrington "**Famed Rose Breeder Loses Home in Wild-fire**" <https://sacdigsgardening.californialocal.com/article/296358-carruth-fire-fundraiser/>





Sierra Foothills Rose Society

Good Roses, Good Friends!

President's Message



It was great seeing so many members and guests at our January events! At the 26th Rose Pruning and Chili Cookoff we had about 100 people at the Orangevale Grange. We also gained four new members. Congratulations to Cherry Hoover for winning the Chili Cookoff again! The Climbing Rose Pruning Workshop at Cindy Phipps also had a great attendance and gained three members. All the SFHRS Board members and many SFHRS members helped in making these two events a success!

At the January Board Meeting we went over this year's schedule of events and we are planning several new ones especially for our new members that would like to see some of our gardens after we prune them and what cultural activities we use and do to produce beautiful roses and beautiful rose gardens. Besides our regular meetings at the Maidu Community Center, we are going to have garden visits throughout the year. In February we will be visiting the garden of Linda Knowles to see how it looks after it was pruned and what kinds of activities she is planning to take. This activity is scheduled for Saturday, February 15th. More information on this event at the general meeting.

If you would like to become an American Rose Society Consulting Rosarian (CR), you need to sign up right away as the deadline is February 5th. There are several requirements to be a CR. 1) The main one is that you have to have been a member of the ARS for at least two years; 2) demonstrated your knowledge of rose growing as three CRs have to write letters of recommendation and have had a chance of visiting your garden; and 3) You need to successfully pass a rose culture test given on March 1st. Please let Sue Magill know if you are interested in becoming a CR so she can provide you with the forms and additional information.

The CR School this year will be in two separate webinars starting on February 15th and the second one on February 22nd. I will be giving the presentation on Insects Pests and Diseases on February 15th. Anyone can attend the webinar. This is free to all ARS members.

Baldo



Sue's Consulting Rosarian Corner

Oh boy, a new year in the rose garden. The garden is beginning its' time of rest and rebirth. Roses can take care of themselves but do so much better with a little tender care—ok maybe not so tender. There is a partnership we should establish with the garden so we can get full enjoyment from it.

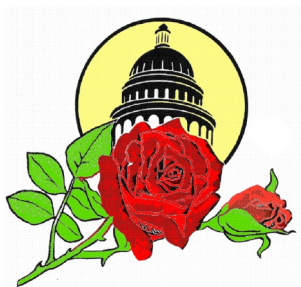
If you haven't done your pruning, it's time. After the roses are pruned, clean up the ground around them. Be sure to take off any leaves that are still hanging on. Don't worry new ones will come out pop out as the weather becomes more spring like. If you choose to use dormant spray, now is the time. Think about adding new soil, compost and mulch. Remember how you feel after getting ready for a big party—a shower and new clothes can make a world of difference. Your roses will feel that way too!

Once the roses are neatly pruned and the ground is tidy and well nourished, all you need to do is keep the garden watered if we don't have rain. Your part is done until next month while your roses are ready to gather strength to get ready for spring. Enjoy your time reading plant catalogs or visiting nurseries to acquire new roses. More next month on your partnership with your garden. Your roses will be waiting for you.

SFHRS CALENDAR OF ROSE ACTIVITIES—2025

JANUARY	1/11, Saturday 8:30 am- 1:30 pm,	WINTER ROSE CARE & PRUNING WORKSHOP Orangevale Grange, 5807 Walnut Ave, Orangevale, 95662
	1/18, Saturday 9:30 am to 1 pm	CLIMBER WORKSHOP "IN GARDEN" PROGRAM Cindy Phipps, 4977 Chicago Ave, Fair Oaks, CA 95628
FEBRUARY	2/6, Thursday, 7-9:30 pm, General Meeting	GARDENS OF NORMANDY - Linda Knowles and Charlotte Owendyk Maidu Community Center at 1550 Maidu Drive Roseville
	2/8, Saturday 10:00 am– 12:30 pm	PRUNING WORKSHOP "IN GARDEN PRACTICE" Fair Oaks Community Garden at 11549 Fair Oaks Blvd. Fair Oaks, CA
	2/15, 2/22, 3/1	CONSULTING ROSARIAN WEBINARS
MARCH		Baldo visiting East Coast & Egypt 2/20-4/1
	3/6, Thursday - 7-9:30 pm, General Meeting	NEW ROSES - Debbie Arrington Maidu Community Center at 1550 Maidu Drive Roseville
	3/29, Saturday 9 am– 1 pm	NCNH DISTRICT SPRING MEETING San Mateo Garden Center 605 Parkside Way, San Mateo, CA Representatives: Sue Magill, Paula Agostini, and Ramon Lopez
APRIL	4/3 Thursday 7-9:30 pm, General Meeting	OLD GARDEN ROSES IN YOUR GARDEN - Anita Clevenger Maidu Community Center at 1550 Maidu Drive Roseville
	4/5 Saturday	PLACER COUNTY MG SPRING FAIRE @ Maidu Community Center
	4/19	BALDO'S ACRES OPEN GARDEN –Full Bloom Display
	4/27 Sunday	SRS ROSE SHOW @ Gibbons Community Center, Carmichael
MAY	5/1 Thursday 7-9:30 pm—General Meeting	TBD Maidu Community Center at 1550 Maidu Drive Roseville
	5/3 Saturday	CO ROSE SHOW: NCNH DISTRICT & NORTH BAY ROSE SOCIETY IN VALLEJO
	5/4 Sunday 1-3 pm	SFHRS ROSE AUCTION @ BALDO'S ACRES
JUNE		Rose show Kick Off Meeting, Baldo visiting East Coast 5/31-6/30
	6/5 Thursday	WINE & ROSES IN LINDA'S & CHARLOTTE'S ROSE GARDENS
JULY		No general meeting is scheduled.
AUGUST		No general meeting is scheduled. Selection of Nomination Committee
	8/2 Saturday, 7am-2pm	SACRAMENTO MG'S HARVEST DAY @ FAIR OAKS HORTICULTURE CENTER
SEPTEMBER	4/3 Thursday 7-9:30 pm—General Meeting	TBD Maidu Community Center at 1550 Maidu Drive Roseville
OCTOBER	5/1 Thursday 7-9:30 pm—General Meeting	TBD Maidu Community Center at 1550 Maidu Drive Roseville
	10/18 – Saturday	SFHRS ROSE SHOW @Green Acres Roseville
NOVEMBER	5/1 Thursday 7-9:30 pm—General Meeting	Rose Show Celebration & Awarding of Trophies, Vote for 2026 Board Officers
DECEMBER	12/4- Thursday 6:30 to 9:30 pm	HOLIDAY PARTY & INSTALLATION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2026

Board Meetings: SFHRS Board Meetings are generally held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, from 6pm-8pm. No Board meeting in June & July. Location varies for each meeting so check to verify for time and location. Interested members of Sierra Foothills Rose Society are welcome to attend. Contact Barbara Patman or any other board member for more information.



Sacramento Rose Society

Take time to Smell the Roses!

President Message



Thank you last month to all the Board members who brought treats to eat and thank you to the members who donated items to the raffle fund raising table. Special thanks to Debbie Arrington, our January speaker, for showing us the exciting new roses released for sale this year! With the hybridizers focusing on disease resistance, ease of care, fragrance and color, there are several new ones that rosarians are eager to acquire.

This month I'm working to finish pruning my roses. I'm about 1/3 done so far. With many older plantings, I want to encourage strong new canes to emerge from the base of the bush to refresh the plant. These are called "basal breaks" and to encourage them, I apply a cup of plain rabbit pellets made from alfalfa around the bush, then cover with a few shovels of compost to help keep the ground from drying out and prevent mud from splashing up on the plants. I just buy bags of fir compost from my local nursery. A 1.5 cu foot bag of compost covers about 4 to 5 plants.

February is the perfect time to dig out (aka "shovel prune") any rose that doesn't please you and replace it with one that's new and exciting! It's also a good time to move a rose you love to a different spot or where you can see and enjoy it better.

Our February 13th program is all about how to do that. Scott and Ann Marie Becker have lots of recent experience designing an entire front, side and back yard for roses. They've planted, relocated and transplanted over a hundred roses! Scott is also a rose horticulture and photography judge, and Ann Marie has a knack for garden design and painting. They have much wisdom and many tips to share with us. Come join us on February 13th at the Shepard Garden and Art Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento. Parking and entrance is behind the building off of Park Street. Doors open at 6:30 and meeting begins at 7 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

I'm excited to announce our potted rose auction will be held on March 13th this year, to be held at Shepard Garden and Art Center. Doors will open at 6:15 pm for bidder registration and viewing the roses. The first plant goes on the auction block at 7:00 pm. Please bring your checkbook. (Sorry, we still don't have access to electronic payment.) We have quite a selection of 1 and 2 gallon size own-root roses planned for the auction. See the next page in this newsletter for the preliminary list so far. I expect a couple more varieties may be added. We'll have the full list and descriptions available in the March Rose Reflections Newsletter.

~Kay

SRS will be holding a Rose Auction at their March 13th Meeting.

The various members who grow and select the roses that are ready for auction has worked hard to provide such a great selection.

Check out the list of roses on the next page. The list of roses is certainly tantalizing. There is a lot of variety and some real outstanding roses.

If you are not familiar with some of the roses on the list. Click on the following link and type in the name of the rose. This site has a descriptions and pictures.

<https://www.helpmefind.com/rose/plants.php>

Another way to see how well these roses will do is check their ARS rating which is listed if available in the third column from the right. The higher the number the better the rose will perform for you. This information is from the ARS handbook for Selecting Roses.



Sophie's Rose

List of Roses for Sale at the March 13th General Meeting

# Of Roses	Name of Rose	Type	Color	Intro Year	Rating	Frag	
2	Home and Family	HT	Pure White	2002		Light	
2	Marilyn Monroe	HT	Apricot Blend	2001	8		
2	The Impressionist	LCL	Yellow Blend	2000	8	Med sweet Myrrh	
2	First and Foremost	Min Fl	Pink Blend	2010	7.5		
2	Ingrid	Min Fl	Red Blend	2005	7.5		
2	Olympic Gold	Min Fl	Light Yellow	1983	7.8		
2	Sleepy (7 Dwarfs Series)	Poly	Pink	1955			
2	Sneprinsesse (Snow White)	Poly	White	1946			
2	Lil Red Lyda Hood	Shrub	Deep Red	2025			
2	Sophy's Rose	Shrub	Red Blend	1999	7.9	Mod. Tea	
1	Valentine's Day	Cl. Min Fl	Deep Red	2004	7.9	Slight	
1	Baronne Prevost	HP/OGR	Med. Pink	prior 1841	8.5	Strong	
1	Just Joey	HT	Orange Blend	1972	8	Strong	
1	Love and Peace	HT	Yellow Blend	2001	7.9	Slight	
1	Moonstone	HT	White (Ivory)	1998	8.3	Light	
1	Welcome Home	HT	Light Yellow	2007	7.4		
1	Whisper	HT	White (Ivory)	2003	7.6	Light Musk	
1	George Olivia (Med. Cl to 8 Ft)	Hyb Multi	Pink Blend	2017		Moderate	
1	Amber Star	Min	Orange Blend	1999	7.6		
1	Floranne	Min	Med. Yellow	1996			
1	Gourmet Popcorn	Min	White	1987	8.6	Strong	2.5 gal
1	Grace Seward	Min	White	1991	8.3	mild	
1	Grandmaw's Girl	Min	Med. Pink	2003	8		
1	Jean Kenneally	Min	Apricot Blend	1984	8.9		
1	Ruby Pendant	Min	Mauve (red-purple)	1980		Slight	2.5 gal
1	Sam Trivitt	Min	Apricot Blend	2000	7.7	Slight	
1	Stars 'n' Stripes	Min	Red Blend (Striped)	1977		Med. Sweet	
1	Foolish Pleasure	Min Fl	Pink Blend	2003	7.9		
1	Gold Country	Min Fl	Med. Yellow (Single)	1986		Strong	
1	Sierra Foothills	Min Fl	Yellow Blend	2014	7.6		
1	Whirlaway	Min Fl	White	2005	7.7		
1	Dopey (7 Dwarfs Series)	Poly	Med. Red	1954			
1	Grumpy (7 Dwarfs Series)	Poly	Pink	1956			
1	Happy (7 Dwarfs Series)	Poly	Med. Red	1957	8.1		
1	Bow Bells	Shrub	Deep Pink	1994	8.1	Mod	
1	Gina's Rose	Shrub	Red Blend	2006			No Prickles
2	Reine des Violettes	Hyb Perp	Mauve (red-purple)	1860	8.2	strong	No Prickles



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 (SRS) General Meeting 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 (SRS) General Meeting 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 (SRS) General Meeting 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! (SRS) General Meeting "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 (SRS) General Meeting "LITTLE ROSE Show" Entries open 6:30 – 7:00pm
Oct. 9, , Thursday 7-9 pm 6:30-9:00 pm	TBD-Educational Rose topic (SRS) General Meeting "LITTLE ROSE Show" Entries open 6:30 – 7:00pm
Nov. 13, , Thursday 7-9 pm 6:30-9:00 pm	TBD-Educational Rose topic (SRS) General Meeting "LITTLE ROSE Show" Entries open 6:30 – 7:00pm
Dec. 11, , Thursday 6:30-9:00 pm	HOLIDAY DINNER, Awards, Presentation & Installation of Officers (SRS) General Meeting

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 info 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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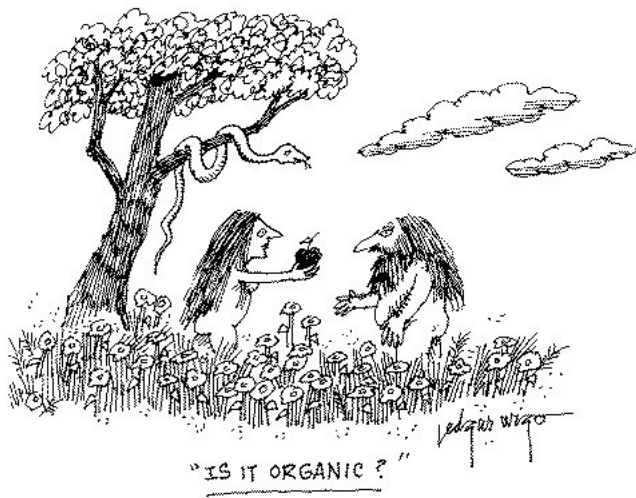
Raffle Rick Is
Always looking for
GOOD BUYS!

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!



This is Punxsutawney Phil's ex-wife, Phyllis, who now lives in Florida and said that Phil is a compulsive liar.



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
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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