



Rose Reflections...

Produced for members of Sacramento & Sierra Foothill Rose Societies

Sierra Foothills Rose Society
WILL NOT meet Thursday May 1st.

May 2025

SFHRS WILL HOST A ROSE AUCTION

Plus an Enchilada Cook-off
on May 4th from 1 to 5 pm

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WANT to Join ARS?

Check out pages 19 & 20 to learn about the benefits of joining ARS whose primary goal is to promote the ROSE, America's National Flower.

SIT. BREATHE. LOOK AROUND.

Some days, the best thing you can do in the garden is nothing at all.

We often think of gardens as places to work...pulling weeds, planting, pruning, and tidying. And yes, tending a garden is part of the rhythm, but there's another kind of tending that's just as important: sitting.

Sitting in the garden is a practice. Not just resting, but really being there. You feel the air move across your skin. Hear the layers of sound such as birds, bees, the breeze and maybe even wind chimes. Watch the way sunlight moves through the leaves. The garden reveals itself bit-by-bit when we slow down enough to notice.

WHY SIT IN THE GARDEN? Sometimes doing nothing is the most restorative thing we can do. Sitting in the garden has so many benefits!

It quiets the mind as nature invites a slower rhythm.

You notice more from bees to breezes. The details come alive.

It deepens your relationship with the space and you see the garden differently when you're not working in it.

You become part of the ecosystem...not just as the designer, but a participant in the space.

It restores energy for your body and spirit.

It sparks creativity as ideas tend to bloom in calm spaces.

You remember why you garden in the first place...for beauty, peace, and connection.

It helps you mark time by seeing shifting light, the seasons, and the life of plants.

Sit down in your garden for a few moments while enjoying a cup of tea. Close your eyes, take a deep breath and enjoy the beauty around you.

Raffle Rick WANTS

Donation Items!

**Plants, Pots,
Tools, other
garden stuff**

SRS PROGRAM INFO—MAY 8TH

Farmer Fred & Debbie Flower share best garden tips.

Get ready to be inspired by a pair of homegrown experts. Two of the Sacramento area's most beloved gardening personalities combine for a one-of-a-kind evening at the May 8TH meeting of the Sacramento Rose Society at Shepard Garden and Arts Center in McKinley Park.

Farmer Fred Hoffman, Sacramento's longtime radio gardening host turned national podcaster, will be joined by professor emeritus Debbie Flower of American River College, or as Farmer Fred calls her, "America's Favorite Retired College Horticulture Professor."

Hoffman describes the evening's program as "Debbie Flower's 10 Best Garden Tips from the Garden Basics Podcast" plus a wide-ranging Q&A – whatever the audience would like to discuss.

Arrive early. Fred and Debbie will be on hand to meet society members and chat at 6:30 p.m. May 8. The meeting and program start at 7 p.m. Also arrive early if you'd like to enter flowers in our first Little Rose Show of 2025.

Shepard Center is located at 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento. As always, guests are welcome. Bring a friend!

-- *Debbie Arrington*

SFhRS PROGRAM INFO—MAY 4TH

NORMAL SCHEDULED MEETING WILL NOT BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 1ST.

Last year we had our Sierra Foothills Rose Society Rose Auction at Baldo's Acres. Several people made enchiladas and we ate and bought roses. This is our major fundraiser for our outreach efforts.

Well, the decision was made to do this again. We did tweak it a bit...the enchiladas taste test will be before the rose auction. It will satisfy your hunger surrounded by lots of AWESOME roses. Plan on strolling through the roses just to see so many different varieties of roses in one location. ALL have name tags!!!

The list of auction roses is really outstanding. 100+ roses, of all types! Many are not commercially available. They are in one gallon pots or larger. There will also be some bargain Kordes roses in 4" pots for \$10 each. If you get one, pot it up immediately in a one gallon pot. Keep in where it gets shade in the afternoon. When the rose has sized up, plant it where you want in your garden.

Everyone Is Welcome!

WHAT: Rose Auction & Enchilada Cook-Off

WHEN: May 4th

WHERE: Baldo's Acres 7556 Hickory Ave, Orangevale

START TIME: 1pm

AUCTION TIME: 2 PM

Please bring cash or checks.

THE ROSE CATALOG WILL BE SENT IN A SEPARATE EMAIL.

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SRS LITTLE ROSE SHOW STARTS IN MAY!

Have you ever exhibited a rose at a Little Rose Show? The Sacramento Rose Society offers a Little Rose Show (LRS) open to all members and guests at the May, June, September, October and November monthly meetings. This offers everyone repeated opportunities to practice exhibiting Roses.

Even after visiting multiple rose shows and seeing the many classes - such as hybrid tea or grandiflora, one bloom per stem; or miniature or mini-flora spray, one spray per stem; the concept of exhibiting roses might make sense, but it takes practice, getting feedback, and refining your approach in order to become a skilled exhibitor. No matter what skill one is learning - whether you aim for "pretty good" or "expert," deliberate practice is essential.

The LRS is divided into two sections, NOVICE (a person who has not won a trophy in an official rose show) and AMATEUR (anyone who is not a novice). Points will be awarded to the winners in each class and a running total will be kept. See the Little Rose Show schedule for explanation of the point system.

A "Prize" will be awarded in December to the person or team in each section who accumulates the most points for the 2025 season. There is also an opportunity/Class for participants to identify "mystery roses" in their gardens.

There are multiple ways to get feedback on your exhibit at a LRS. If you are new to exhibiting or have questions about an entry you plan to show, please ask one of our Consulting Rosarians who would be delighted to assist you (we're working on new name badges to help you find them).

Each month a local American Rose Society (ARS) Accredited Judge, operating under standards established by the American Rose Society will judge the roses entered into the LRS. Afterwards, the Judge will openly explain why each exhibition specimen received its score. This allows everyone attending the meeting, including the exhibitor, to learn what an ARS Accredited Judge is looking for and how the judging process works. For the novice exhibitor a thorough knowledge of the ARS Guidelines for Judging Roses is not critical.

THIS IS A FUN & STRESS FREE WAY TO LEARN WHAT MAKES A LOVELY ROSE EXHIBIT.

Studies have shown that learners receive the greatest benefits from practice when teachers provide them with timely and descriptive feedback. With our Consulting Rosarians available to assist with preparation and the judges' critiques, the LRS gives all participants the opportunity for both! The LRS is a great way to sharpen skills and gain experience for exhibiting your roses in our local and district ARS rose shows.

Doors open at 6:30 pm, entries must be completed by 7:00 pm.

See the 2025 LRS Schedule and Rules on the next page for more information. Exhibiting tags with rubber bands are provided. We do have some vases available for use, however if you have clear and uncolored glass containers to bring and use for your roses that is the safest bet (if you are running late, depending on the number of exhibitors by 6:45 they may all be used).

If you do use one of our vases, we ask that you return it at the end of the evening so that we have enough for the following month.

Bonus - we got a surprise Anonymous Donation for a garden related prize for the "most points winner" in each section Amateur *and* Novice for the May LRS kick-off -

!!! Good Luck !!!

WHAT IS AN ARS RATING?

An ARS (American Rose Society) rating is a yearly rating from 1 (worst) to 10 (best) given to a variety of rose. This is a U.S. national rating, combining several district ratings. The district ratings are an average of individual ratings given by rose growers, beginners to experienced. **Personally I use mine all the time.**

The ARS ratings are print yearly in the "Handbook for Selecting Roses". If you are a member of ARS, each year a copy is sent with their lovely magazine. It can be also be purchased for \$10 from:

American Rose Society <https://www.rose.org/>. Or phone: 1 800 637 6534

Sacramento Rose Society

LITTLE ROSE SHOW Schedule 2025

MAY, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

Open to all members and guests, the Little Rose Show is a great way to sharpen the skill and gain experience for exhibiting your roses in local and district rose shows.

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AMATEUR (anyone who is not a novice).

Points will be awarded to the winners in each class and a running total will be kept. A "Little Rose Show Prize" will be awarded to the person or team in each section that accumulates the most points for the season.

POINT SYSTEM: Best of Show = 5 Points

1st Place = 3 Points

2nd Place = 2 Points

LITTLE ROSE SHOW RULES:

1. Entries must be completed by 7:00 pm.
2. A limit of three (3) entries per class, per exhibitor/team, except for the special
3. Monthly Challenge Class, which is limited to one (1) entry.
4. Each entry in the same class must be of a different variety.
5. Entry tags will be provided by the rose society.
6. Prepare tag in pencil, marking Section "N" for Novice or "A" for Amateur.
7. Challenge and Rose in a Bowl Containers to be provided by the exhibitor, Classes 1-9 limited containers available, if provided by the exhibitor must be clear and uncolored glass.

SCHEDULE

CLASS 1 MINIATURE - One bloom per stem.

CLASS 2 MINI-FLORA - One bloom per stem.

CLASS 3 MINIATURE or MINI-FLORA SPRAY - One spray per stem.

CLASS 4 HYBRID TEA or GRANDIFLORA - One bloom per stem.

CLASS 5 HYBRID TEA or GRANDIFLORA SPRAY - One spray per stem.

CLASS 6 FLORIBUNDA - One bloom per stem.

CLASS 7 FLORIBUNDA or POLYANTHA SPRAY - One spray per stem.

CLASS 8 ANY OTHER TYPE (climber, shrub, OGR, etc.) - One stem.

CLASS 9 FULLY OPEN HYBRID TEA - One bloom per stem.

CLASS 10 ROSE IN A BOWL - Any variety, bloom should just fit diameter of bowl.

CLASS 11 NON-JUDGED opportunity for participants to identify "mystery roses" in their gardens.

CLASS 12 SPECIAL CHALLENGE CLASS - May—ROSE BOUQUET, June—HYBRID TEA or GRANDIFLORA COLLECTION OF THREE – One Bloom per stem of one variety - exhibited in one container, September—ROSE IN A WINE BOTTLE, November—MOST FRAGRANT ROSE

Specific instructions for Class 12 will be published in Rose Reflections newsletter for that month's Challenge.

DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND WE ARE DOING IT AGAIN!



**All Rose
Societies &
friends are
invited!**

**You Are Invited To
"An Evening of Wine and Roses"**

Presented by the Sierra Foothills Rose Society
Thursday, June 5th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

In the gardens of:

**Charlotte Owendyk—204 Park Meadow Court, Roseville &
Linda Knowles—1032 Chippendale Way, Roseville**

The two gardens are a 2-minute walk from each other.

***Both gardens will be open simultaneously,
so that you can wander through each.***

***Wine, appetizers, and other beverages
will be served in both gardens.***

Optional: Bring your own beverage

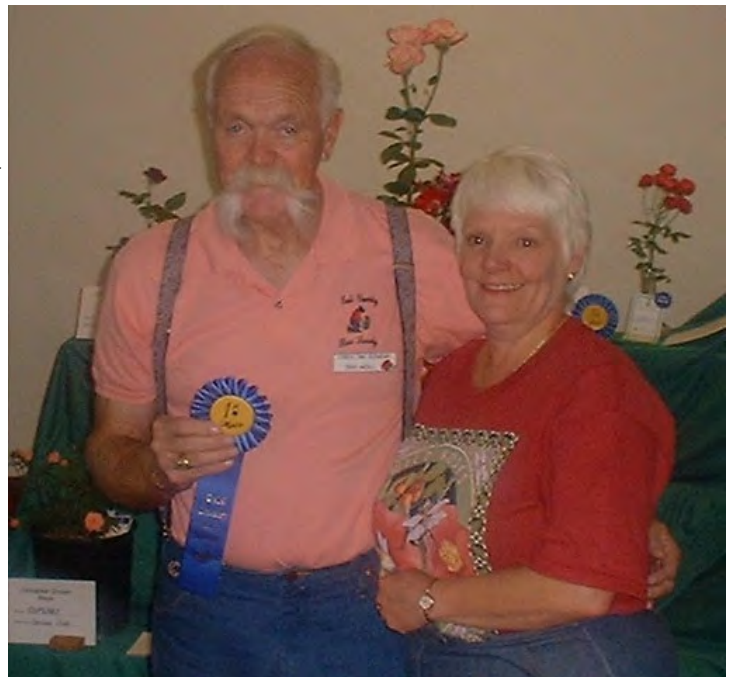
Meet Me in the Rose Garden

It was a cold and wet January day in 2023 and my third date with Scott Becker. The Pruning Demonstration at the Grange in Orangevale had just concluded and my head swirled with the new information acquired, the wonderful people I had met, and the exciting spark I sensed with Scott. As we were leaving, Scott wanted me to meet someone special, the charming Sue Magill. Sue had recently lost the love of her life, Ernie, and I felt an instant connection as I too was a widow, having lost my husband seven years prior. I could see the love and loss in her eyes as she spoke of her beloved Ernie and as I visit her garden today, the presence of Ernie exists throughout.

A native of Sacramento, Sue's first encounter with gardening occurred in the second grade. The class planted okra seeds in paper cups. Her okra sprouted into a wonderful plant but was never eaten as she detested okra. Her grandmother grew roses, and she remembers the Peace rose in her garden. Sue graduated from Sacramento High School, the same school her parents attended and continued her education, receiving a BA from UC Santa Barbara, a master's degree from University of San Francisco and a Teaching Credential from UC Davis. Sue would teach primary education, and mostly third graders for thirty-three years.

I'm getting ahead of myself, so let me get back to the best part. In 1977, a teacher friend introduced her to his co-worker, the illustrious Ernie Magill. A whirlwind romance ensued and the two married six short weeks later. In 1980 they relocated to Newcastle on three acres in the foothills. Shortly thereafter, Ernie's staff gifted them two mandarin trees. Those two mandarin trees grew into an orchard of 300 trees. Sue and Ernie joined the Mandarin Growers Association and became an integral part of the Mountain Mandarin Festival.

Not until Ernie's retirement in 1990 did the pair encounter roses. While listening to the Auburn Gardening Show on the radio they heard an announcement that the Gold Country Rose Society would give a free rose to those that joined. They joined and received their first rose, but didn't attend another meeting until a year later. By chance, that meeting was also Dave Coop's first meeting and a lasting love of roses, and a friendship was born. Shortly thereafter, a training class for Novices conducted by Mike Becker provided Sue and Ernie the confidence to enter their first rose show. Their Touch of Class rose proved to be a winner and received the King of Show. Over the years their garden grew to over 800 roses.



**Ernie & Sue Magill, from the
2002 Gold Country Rose Society rose Show**

In 2006, needing a long-term care plan, Sue and Ernie moved to Sun City Roseville. They found an exceptional home with room enough to house 450 of their most cherished roses. As you walk outside under a sprawling veranda, the garden wraps around the home in four sections. The far right initially featured a putting-green but is now a moonlight garden consisting of white and pale pink fragrant roses such as The Charlatan, a Baby Blanket tree rose, Pretty Lady and Mother of Pearl. The view from the master bedroom window is spectacular as they illuminate in the moonlight.

To the left of the moonlight garden resides the "spool", a spa/pool. Along the back fence they retained a few bushes for a bird habitat. The added tree roses (Knock Out, Pink Promise, Julia Child, Happy Chappy) along with numerous feeders and bird baths provide a welcoming home to the hummingbirds, gold finches, doves and quail. The veranda works as a potting location and a wonderful winter sitting area.

Continuing to the left side of the home is the orchard, now with more roses than mandarins. Decorated with statues and an old oar cart, the area works as the "nursery" for young cuttings and tender plants. Nestled un-

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Bring on the Hummingbirds

Did you know hummingbirds are only found in the Americas? That means most of the world never gets to enjoy these dazzling creatures.

Let's celebrate our good fortune by filling our gardens with nectar-rich blooms that feed hummingbirds and add vibrant beauty.



Focus on bright, tubular flowers—perfectly shaped for their long beaks. But the real key? Diversity. Hummingbirds feed every 10–15 minutes and visit up to 2,000 flowers a day. A mix of plants keeps them coming back, and even supports their insect diet (like aphids!).

Meet Me in the Rose Garden

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der the mandarins, the shade provides Play Boy, Old Blush, Abbey's Angel, Easy Does It, and of course Mandarin Sunblaze with a perfect shelter.

The front yard is divided into colored beds. The orange bed consists of Vavoom, Tropical Lightening, Carding Mill and Strike It Rich to name a few. The red bed, to the right of the driveway, houses a fragrant Double Delight rose tree, Red Drift, Wing Ding, City of San Francisco, Roseville Centennial, and Always and Forever, which was in bloom on the day her beloved Ernie died. A dry riverbed breaks up the expanse for Veteran's Honor, Valentine's Day and Betty Boop. Lastly, Sue's favorite roses are Lyda Rose and Color Magic, while Ernie's was Paradise.

My visit with Sue concluded on the veranda sipping coffee and listening to the cacophony from the plethora of birds feasting in the feeders. The prescience of Ernie is sensed as I scanned Sue's garden for their shared love created and nurtured the gorgeous expanse before me.



Ann Marie Becker

The first guide to roses was written around 300 BC by Theophrastus, a pupil of Plato and Aristotle. Pliny the Roman went into more detail 200 years later with the equivalent of the world's first catalogue, which listed thirteen roses.

ROSES & PRICKLES (AKA THORNS)

~Charlotte Owendyk, Master Rosarian

If you grow roses, I'd be surprised if you haven't been pricked by a prick. However, rose "prickles" are commonly, though technically inaccurately, referred to as "thorns." You ask, what is the difference?

Prickles vs. Thorns: While both are sharp projections, prickles are superficial outgrowths from the plant's epidermis (the plant's outer layer), while thorns are modified stems or leaves that are more deeply embedded in the plant's structure. *Prickles are easily removed without tearing the plant's fibers.*

Purpose: Prickles, along with thorns, serve as a defense mechanism against herbivores (animals that eat plants), helping to deter them from feeding on the rose bush. Rose lovers who live in deer country know that prickles don't work that well since most erect 8 foot high fences if they want roses.

Genetic Basis: Studies have shown that a single gene is responsible for controlling prickly development in plants, including roses. They're not the only plant to have this defense mechanism. Other flowers such as spider flowers or brambles, the flowering shrub responsible for raspberries and blackberries, bear the sharp points, as do certain crop plants such as tomatoes, eggplants, barley and rice.

Prickles have been around for at least 400 million years, dating back to when ferns and their relatives emerged with some bearing prickles on their stems. The trait has since then popped up — and disappeared — at different points in evolutionary time. Prickles and thorns are an evolved defense against herbivores — animals that eat plants — and can also aid in growth, plant competition and water retention.

But how could all these species, many of which evolved separately over the course of millions of years, come to have the same spiny feature? A team of international researchers found that the answer lies in their DNA, tracing the origin to one ancient gene family that's responsible for the prickles in all these variations.

Now that the gene responsible for prickles has been identified, scientists can remove the prickles utilizing genome editing techniques such as CRISPR, a method scientists use for DNA modification of living organisms. *

Prickle-less or almost prick-less varieties are useful when roses are planted along walkways or other high-traffic areas. They are also a great idea for children's gardens, elderly gardeners, or anyone who has let thorns get in the way of enjoying the world's most popular flower.

While there are not many, some truly prick-less roses do exist. Several "nearly prickless" roses are available, which have scattered thorns along the stem. Certain roses, such as Polyanthas (a class of roses), tend to have fewer thorns.

However, until prick-less roses are bred, this article will describe roses that have none or few prickles that I grow in my own garden. This way I can verify that there are few prickles on these rose varieties.

The first two roses listed are often mentioned as being devoid of prickles.

LADY BANKS ROSE (SPECIES, COMES IN WHITE OR YELLOW)

Per Robert Ripley's "Believe It or Not". the world's largest rose bush is a white Lady Banksia rose (*Rosa banksiae*) located in Tombstone, Arizona. It covers over 8,000 square feet and has a 12-foot circumference trunk.

This rose can easily climb up a 20 ft. tree. Once established, 'Lady Banks' will do her thing beautifully with minimal care. An incredibly tough variety, you must keep an eye on pruning to maintain desired shape and



Spider flower, *Cleome hassleriana*

**Article referenced: Convergent evolution of plant prickles by repeated gene co-option over deep time. Published in Science, 2 Aug 2024 Vol 385, Issue 6708*

NO PRICKLE ROSES

size. Or, you could let it grow wild and turn your garden into a traffic stopper! It is known for its intense damask fragrance, you'll be tempted to let 'Lady' take over.

Lady Banks is the grandest of all Climbing Roses with the potential to grow up to 20' tall! She can be trained to climb just about anything and does so with a grand display of flowers if you give her good soil drainage and sturdy support. Lady Banks is a rambling and nearly thornless rose that produces hundreds of miniature (about 1'in diameter, 25-40 petals) yellow blooms.

This rose blooms on old wood. The fragrance is like violets and the white has a slightly stronger scent. Drought resistant. Prune after flowering is finished. The rose will put out new growth 6-8 feet per slender cane. I trim the new cane whenever I notice back to the originating cane. The canes are soft and flexible.

I never thought I would grow this rose. However, Linda Knowles set the example on how to manage this rose. She has two. One on her pergola and another by her vegetable garden. She has controlled them for many years. So I decided to give it a try and I am so glad I did. It is essentially evergreen and it covers 15 feet of a field (wire) fence to give me some privacy. This rose definitely needs sun to bloom. One year, I did not have any bloom since the oak tree nearby leafed out first. I have limbed up the oak tree last year, so this year I had blooms. It is the first rose to bloom every spring.

ZÉPHIRINE DROUHIN

Zéphirine Drouhin, is a large climbing Bourbon rose that will bloom in flushes of deep pink large blooms throughout the season. It makes a stunning backdrop trained along an arch or stone wall. Its thornless canes and strong damask scent make it an ideal choice for high-traffic areas.

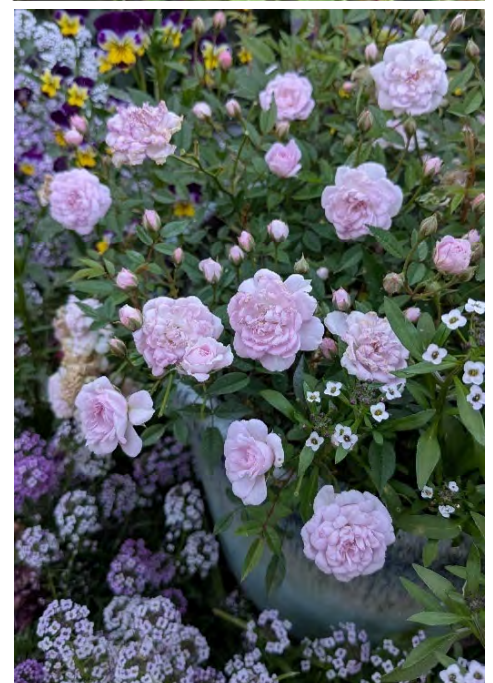
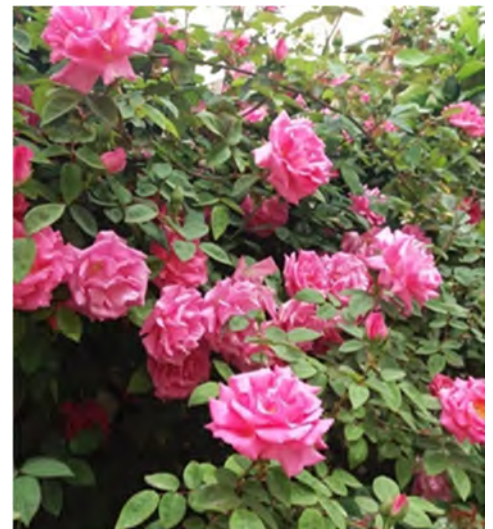
Another perk: Zéphirine' is tolerant of shade and poor soil conditions, making her a no-brainer for those difficult spots in your garden.

Zéphirine Drouhin is hardy and will take off if she is given time to establish her roots and make sure she has space to send out her long canes that can grow upwards of 10-15' with a width of 6-8. I found that her first flush was the best. Sadly, I did lose this rose to oak root fungus.

CINDERELLA

I love the miniature called 'Cinderella'. The buds are soft pink and open to a beautiful little blooms with 40 petals that age to white. It has a light spicy scent. In the summer the blooms open as white even in the shade. As you can see by the picture at left, it is a sweet rose.

In a pot, it only grows to about 2' x 2'. It would be excellent as a low blooming hedge next to a sidewalk or patio. Its nearly thornless canes make it perfect for a children's fairy garden. Cinderella has been in a pot for years. I occasionally lift and trim the roots and add new soil.



OTHER NON POKEY ROSES

SALLY HOLMES

This is a climbing/shrub rose that produces stunning white single flowers with bright yellow stamens. What tickles me most are the long slender buds that look like they are pointing. The are that soft apricot pink that I think are the color of ballet shoes.

Sally Holmes' is free-flowering rose that blooms all season long. Apricot buds open to white ruffled, single blooms with golden stamens. These flowers come in clusters of up to 60 flowers! It is truly easy care, growing vigorously despite lack of attention or poor conditions. 'Sally' can handle shade...this will slow progression to white blooms. With cooler temperatures the blooms of 'Sally Holmes' take on a hint of blush pink.

I call Sally Holmes a big girl because she is a large shrub and produces so many blooms. One is trained on a tuteur, tall, pyramid-shaped trellis, that is 10' high. I wrap the canes around the tuteur. It is in a back corner of the garden and the white blooms seem to last forever. They don't drop so I have to deadhead to remove the spent blooms. I wish I had a picture of it in bloom to share with you. My other Sally Holmes in a corner of the garden that has a lot of competing roots and shade. These conditions are not daunting for Sally. She may be smaller in stature but she still gives lots of blooms.



PURPLE SPLASH

Wine-purple and white striped, speckled blooms with a sweet apple fragrance cover all 9-13' of Purple Splash. This stunning rose's blossoms are produced in clusters on nearly thornless canes. Her unique flowers stand out against medium, glossy green foliage. A prolific bloomer and healthy. Purple splash has no thorns on the end of the new growth and an occasional thorns along the older portions of the cane.

I can say that this is one of my favorite climbers and it has pride of place next to my garden shed. She is in bloom all season long.



Purple Splash can display its' color two ways. Varies due to environmental factors.



The view of Purple Splash outside the shed and looking out the window at Purple splash.



MORE HUGGABLE ROSES

ICEBERG

An excellent rose, this white Floribunda has very few thorns. It is one of the roses in the White Garden at [Sissinghurst Castle Garden](#) in Kent, which was designed to be enjoyed in moonlight.

The elegant, fragrant double flowers are usually pure white, but sometimes – especially in colder areas – take on pale-pink tints, and they are produced relentlessly from June to November. This rose is often planted by landscapers because it is bullet proof. It is hardy, vigorous, and shade tolerant. Plus it is very disease resistant.

I have it because its blooms are lovely and never stops blooming. I often use it as a filler rose in my bouquets because it has a lovely light honey fragrance that strikes me as a fresh scent.



MEMORIAL DAY



Memorial Day™ is a lovely, orchid pink Hybrid Tea rose with enormous, old-fashioned full, 5-6" flowers of 50+ petals. She is saturated with

an extremely strong, classic, old rose fragrance. The long stems with minimal thorns are adorned with clean green leaves on a continually blooming plant.

When I first started growing roses, I purchased this rose as a "tree rose". It never should have been sold as a tree rose because its grows 5' by 3'. Who want a 5' on top of a 36 inch stalk? That's a minimum of 8+ feet tall! (Only get small 3'x3' floribundas as a tree rose!) I am always cut long stems on the roses it produces just to keep it at 6-7' tall!

This is one of the roses in my garden that blooms even during our very hot summer. It is not uncommon to pick a dozen roses and leave more on the bush. I absolutely adore this rose! I would never be without it. I also have a bush variety in case I lose my tree rose.

DEJA BLUE

Dejá Blu™ is a nearly thornless Miniflora with classic, Hybrid Tea-shaped blooms. She produces large long-lasting blooms in a beautiful mauve and fuchsia blend. She is an easy-to-grow rose that thrives in pots or in the ground. Déjà Blu™ is moderately fragrant and produces 2.5" blooms almost always borne in solitary with an occasional one to three in a cluster. As soon as I planted this rose, it produced a bloom.



FIREFIGHTER

What's not to love. As soon as I saw and smelled this rose in another rosarian's garden, I had to have it!

This rose can withstand intense heat which is perfect for our area. Firefighter is an upright Hybrid Tea with small, semi-glossy, dark green foliage that provides the perfect backdrop to intensely red blooms. The exceptionally fragrant blooms have a high-centered form and 40 large, full petals borne mostly solitary. Blooms last well in a vase. When I have them in the house the scent waifs as you walk near them.

This repeat blooming rose is almost thornless, making it perfect for walkways, too. He will grow to be 3' wide and 5-6' tall. It is very disease resistant too. Men love red roses and this is a perfect gift for that man in your life.

ROSES THAT DON'T STAB

MAROON EIGHT

This dark red single miniflora is special. I love stamens and this rose with it's 3 inch wide blooms knows how to show them off. This rose is bred by Burling Leong of Burlington Rose Nursery in 2015 and as soon as I saw this rose, I ordered one from Burling who has a rose nursery in Visalia, California.

After I had this rose for a while, I noticed that there were few if any prickles on the 3'x3' plant. It is also disease resistant.



MOONDANCE, FLORIBUNDA

Moondance™ is a vigorous bloomer, displaying creamy white blooms atop tall stems, making it perfect for cut flower arrangements.

She offers a sweet, raspberry fragrance from oval-shaped buds that grow in clusters, unfolding into high-centered blooms. Against here glossy, dark green foliage, Moondance's blooms seem to be illuminated and nearly glowing. S

This rose is exceptionally disease resistant. Again this rose has few prickles. It will grow 5' high by 3' wide.



LAVENDER LASSIE

Lavender Lassie produces beautiful trusses of pretty lavender-pink, semi-double, 3½"blooms on a strong growing plant that is more upright than most Hybrid Musks. She is a wonderful plant and extremely fragrant. Blooms do fade, see picture at right. Expect Lavender Lassie to bloom in flushes and reach heights of 5-10' tall.

I have two. The newest one anchors an arbor with Cornelia. The other which I have had for many years is in a semi-shady area and does extremely well. She throws out long canes so I have to keep her in bounds. As a rule Hybrid Musks can tolerate some shade and Lavender Lassie handles shade with no problem.



CORNELIA

Cornelia is a lovely Hybrid Musk that produces arching trusses of 2 ½", double, rosette shaped blooms with 30+ petals in an apricot-copper color. Her blossoms with a delightful musk scent will age to soft apricot shaded on this nearly thornless plant. Expect her to be a strong growing and continual blooming rose with glossy, dark green foliage. Grows to 5' to 10' tall by 5' to 6'. This rose is hardy, vigorous and shade tolerant. Prune lightly or not at all. I have an arbor that goes over a new walkway and she is one of the anchors. The other rose is Lavender Lassie.

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LESS IS MORE

SECRET

This is one of my favorite roses; I just planted three more. IMHO, this rose is stunning and fragrant too. As you can see in picture it is a blend of yellow and pink. The rose will vary depending on temperature and the strength of sun.

It has a strong, spicy yet sweet fragrance. The rose is large since it has 30 to 35 petals. Generally it blooms are solitary and occasionally in small clusters. It presents a lovely high centered bloom. What I especially like is the quick repeat. Normally it takes 6-8 weeks per bloom cycle. This rose averages a 5-6 week repeat.

This rose is very vigorous, heat tolerant, shade tolerant and very disease resistant. Size is 4' tall by 4' wide.

BERRIES 'N' CREAM

Is a Large-Flowered Climber that has a really sweet expression vis it's white and pink, stripes on 9-16 petals per bloom which occur in small clusters. . It has a strong, apple fragrance. 10 to 19 petals. Average diameter 3.5". It has few prickles. It's disease resistant and heat tolerant.

FIREFIGHTER

A wonderful rose with a strong, fruity, musk, old rose, raspberry, sweet fragrance. Generally one bloom with 40-45 petals on each stem. With that many petals the bloom has a large presence. It is heat tolerant and disease resistant. Overall size is 6' tall and 3' wide. This rose is named in honor of the firefighters that tackled the towers destroyed in 9-11.

In closing, each of the roses that I covered in this article are wonderful roses to have in your garden. However, remember there may be some prickles, especially on the older canes.

Heirloom Roses has a good prickle-less list.

https://heirloomroses.com/blogs/all-about-roses/thornless-roses?_pos=2&_psq=thorn&_ss=e&_v=1.0



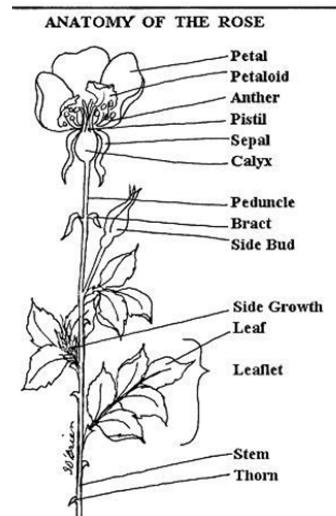
TIP to Minimize being Pricked when picking or Deadheading Blooms:

To reduce the probability of being pricked, hold the bloom gently just below the base of the bloom with your non dominant hand.

This part of the rose is called the peduncle. It is between the bloom and the uppermost leaves of the stem below the bloom.

Then use pruners to cut the cane further down.

Peduncle. This rose has a long peduncle. others can be much shorter.



~Charlotte Owendyk, Master Rosarian

April 22nd I discovered the first *Hoplia* beetles in my garden. Each year we get this beetle sometime in April to early May and they eat mainly our light colored roses. After feeding for several weeks, adults fly back to their egg-laying sites which is undisturbed soil and then lay eggs which will develop into whitish larva/grubs.

The larvae feed on decaying vegetation and plant roots but don't damage woody plant roots. They develop slowly, remaining in the larval or pupal stage throughout the winter. In early spring they complete development, and adult beetles emerge from the soil. The adults fly to gardens start the entire process again feeding on roses and other flowers. Thank goodness there is only a single generation each year.

I found two *Hoplia* beetles that were feeding on my white Pope John Paul II rose. They were on top of each other so I sandwiched them in two petals and squished them. I made sure that they were dead when I dropped them on the ground. I am a bit squeamish, but I wanted them gone. Normally, I walk around the garden with a container of soapy water and knock the beetles in to drown them. Smushing and drowning are the best ways of getting rid of them. No chemical control has proved to be effective. Birds will also eat the beetles. This spring I did a lot of digging in the soil and whenever I saw a white grub, I disposed of it. However, apparently, I did not do a good enough job.

The weather has been lovely so far. There was enough rain and cool enough weather for the rose buds to become fat which turn into large blooms. The buds and flower size is a reflection of the amount of water and cooler temperatures which slow down the maturation time of the bud. The first blooms are gone. Dead-heading to start as soon as this newsletter is done.

BLACKSPOT I have fielded several questions about blackspot this season. In my garden, I see some blackspot on the leaves of the roses that have less disease resistance and on older leaves near the base or center of the plant. Overall, I do not have much blackspot this year. In past years, some of my roses have almost defoliated.

When we have some rainy weather and temperature of 65-80°, it is possible to have at least 7 hours with free water on leaves which allows for the germination of the blackspot spores. Remember one of the objectives of pruning our roses is to open up the center of the rose to get air circulation. Any movement of air will increase the probability that water on the leaves will evaporate and reduce the amount of blackspot spores that germinate and infect the rose leaves.

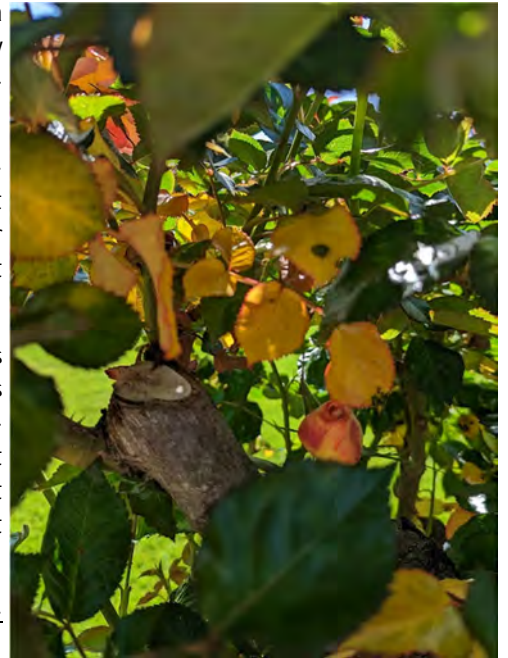
If you already see blackspots, there is **no** fungal spray that will eliminate this fungal disease. Eventually the leaves with the blackspot will yellow and fall off. You can also knock off these yellow leaves with a water blast from a hose. Then rake up those leaves which contain the fungal spores and dispose in a trash can. Spread some organic fertilizer and then water. This will help the plant can produce more green leaves.

We are so fortunate to live here where there is little disease pressure. Once we reach 85 degrees on a regular basis, blackspot will no longer infect leaves of the roses because it is just too dry. Whereas, in the east coast blackspot is an issue.

Continue Weeding. I just saw some Spurge in the cracks of my



Two *Hoplia* beetles mating on
Grace Seward



WHAT TO DO IN MAY

concrete. I dislike this ground hugging weed that produces “millions’ of seeds. It usually pops up when the temperature warms. I never thought of sprinkling some Preen in the cracks. Oh well, a little hot water should do the trick.

Stroll around your garden and admire all those roses. As you do, **cut back spent blooms** and remove any fallen petals and foliage from the ground around the roses. This is great horticultural sanitation advice to reduce the potential for diseases on our roses. However, during our hot weather, I am not so concerned about petals on the ground. They dry up and compost quickly. I will rake up old leaves from under my roses.

In newly planted roses remove only the blooms. In well-established plants, make the cuts on pencil-diameter stems, or thicker, and cut above 5-leaflet leaves. This needs to be repeated after every bloom cycle which is about every 6-7 weeks.

Monitor for the presence of spider mites by checking for discolored leaves and webbing on the undersides. Since we live in a dry environment, I like to give my roses a shower every few weeks. This discourages spider mites especially if you get the undersides of leaves wet with a water wand. Usually spider mites are found in very hot and dry situations, e.g. roses along a south facing wall. (Mine against a south wall get a shower once a week). For severe infestations, apply pesticides containing miticides or spray the roses with insecticidal soap but make sure that the spray is directed to the undersides of the leaves. Do not apply horticultural oils as they can damage the foliage during hot weather.

ARS 2025 WEBINAR LINE-UP

May 17, 2025 · 11:00am – 2:00pm: “Coming Up Roses – The High Country Roses Story”

Matt Douglas, Owner, of High Country Roses will provide a inside look of High Country Roses. This family run business was started by the Campbell family in 1970, when the High Country Rosarium was founded in Denver by Dr. Bill Campbell after he had spent a decade collecting and testing many varieties of old garden roses in the tough climate of Colorado. The business has grown over the years, but they are proud that it has stayed in the family and continues to be a high-quality small business offering superior roses.

They offer over 750 varieties of hardy roses.

<https://www.highcountryroses.com/>

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.

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

- 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



Sierra Foothills Rose Society

Good Roses, Good Friends!

President's Message



April and May are the two best months to see roses at Baldo's Acres! Generally, some roses start to bloom in early April and by the end of April, my garden is mostly in bloom. This year, the bloom is delayed by about two weeks due to the cool weather we had earlier in the season.

The Miniflora roses Dr Troy Garrett and Simple Splendor, the Shrub Sally Holmes, and the China rose Mutabilis have had outstanding bloom which I hope will continue for a few more weeks.

I have invited the membership to visit my garden on Saturday, April 26 th from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm My garden is a sustainable garden. In the past I have added lots of horse manure to all the rose beds, and I have not sprayed the roses with insecticides or fungicides to control insect pests or diseases.

I have put together a collection of roses for our second annual "Rose Auction and Enchilada Cookoff" which will be held in the back acre of my property.

In the past few weeks, I have been clearing the weeds from the back pasture the members to park near the roses like last year. The hours are 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. The enchilada feed will start at 1:00 PM. Registration for the Rose Auction will be from 1:30-2PM followed by a short tour of the rose garden to show how the roses that are in the auction grow in my garden.

The list of Auction Roses will be available as a separate attachment.

Baldo



Harvard research confirms what we've always suspected—fresh flowers do way more than brighten up a room. They can actually help you feel less stressed, more compassionate, and even boost your energy! We have long known that gardening is meditative, grounding, and stress relieving. Now, a new study has revealed that even a simple vase of fresh flowers in your home delivers proven benefits.

In a behavioral study led by Harvard psychologist Nancy Etcoff, Ph.D., participants who lived with flowers for just a few days reported:

More Compassion	Regarding flowers makes us kinder and more compassionate
Less Anxiety	Every bloom is a natural mood booster, and that high vibration is contagious!
Fresh Energy	Your morning coffee just got a new best bud.
A Brighter Outlook	Waking up to beauty sets the tone for the day.



Sacramento Rose Society

Take time to Smell the Roses!

President Message



Thank you to all the Board members who brought treats to eat for our April meeting, and thank you to the members who donated items for the fund-raising table. Special thanks to member Debbie Bray who brought several garden items with a blue theme for the table!

Another BIG thank you to our program panel of award winning exhibitors who demonstrated how to enter many of the challenge classes at a rose show. I gained a few more tips on how to prepare and place my entry on the show table so that it catches the judges' eyes in a more favorable way! Remember, no one except the exhibitor, *not even the judges*, can touch or move a challenge class entry, so get your challenge entries in right away to be first to select where and how you want each one to be placed!

I have been cruising my rose garden, with an eye out for roses that should be ready on April 27 for the Sacramento Rose Show (remember it is held this year at Gibbons Community Center, 4701 Gibbons Drive in Carmichael). I plan to cut lots of roses the day before as possible entries. I hope to get as many cleaned, prepared, and show entry tags written ahead of time.

The week before the show, one of the things I do, to encourage nice "sprays" of two or more blooms at the end of the stem, is to pinch or carefully snip out the big bud that begins to open in the center of the flower group. I don't like to waste flowers, so I recut the short stem underwater and put those big opening buds around the house in various short vases or bowls. Pictured here is the floribunda '**Easy Does It**'. I love the soft coral peach color in the cobalt blue round vase!

Our May 8th program will be an exciting evening with Debbie Flowers, renowned horticulturalist paired with "Farmer Fred" Hoffman, the current popular garden podcaster and former "Get Growing" radio talk show host! They are coming early for a Meet 'n Greet at 6:30 pm followed by a special talk on gardening at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento. Come join us. **Doors open at 6:15 pm.**

May 8th is also our first "Little Rose Show" as part of our evening meeting. We even have a "Mystery Rose" class that is for you to display a stem with leaves and a fresh bloom of a rose you want help to identify.

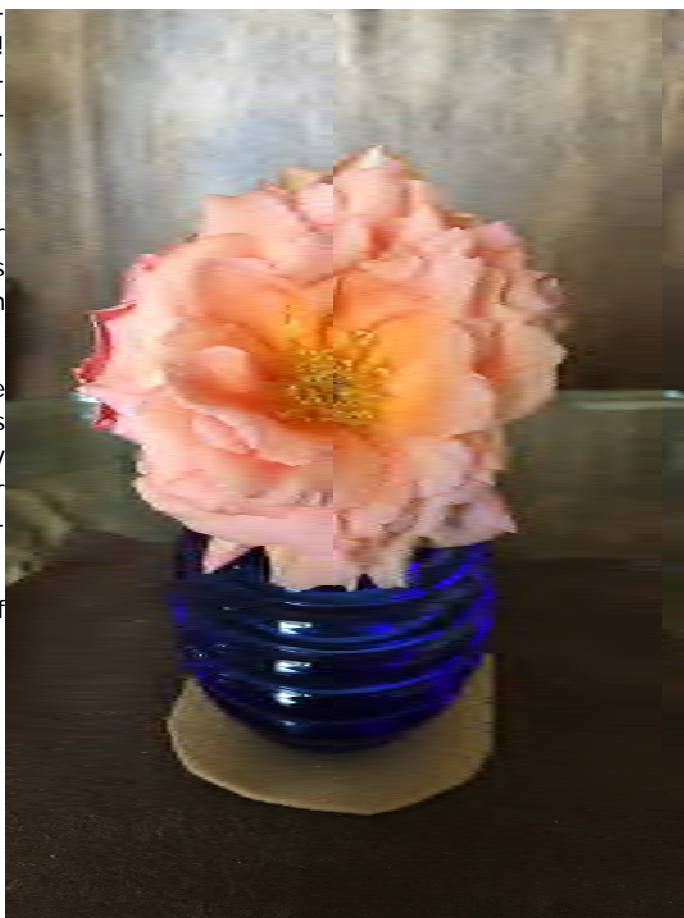
There is a class for everyone to enter a rose in our little show. If you need help on how to enter, just ask. It's fun to learn and we have lots of folks who will be happy to help. We'll have entry tags and a few regular flower vases you can use for that evening to help get you started.

Entries may be placed from 6:30 to 7:00 pm. Lots of roses sure brighten up the room.

Besides, that's what we are all about: Roses!

I'll see you there!

. Kay



SRS Raffle will have some special items this May

Debra Bray in addition to being an accomplished gardener and baker is just an all around delightful individual. Her hobby is visiting donation shops. She is always looking for something special. She had a windfall and is sharing it with us this month. She sent me some pictures to tempt you.



DON'T FORGET TO BRING GARDEN ITEMS & PLANTS TO SHARE!

Linda Knowles & I are hosting two open houses to let everyone view the garden's first bloom which is the most floriferous of the season. The next two open gardens are April 29 and May 6th from 10 to 1 pm. Audrey Brandt's photograph of Linda and guest. ~Charlotte Owendyk





Sacramento Rose Society

2025 Calendar

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

May 8, Thursday 7-9 pm	Farmer Fred & Diane Flowers (SRS) General Meeting First "LITTLE ROSE Show" Entries open 6:30 – 7:00pm
May 31, Saturday 10:30 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	Greg Gayton (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.*

SFHRS CALENDAR OF ROSE ACTIVITIES—2025

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	SUZANNE HORNE, MINIATURES Maidu Community Center at 1550 Maidu Drive Roseville
	5/1 Thursday 7-9:30 pm—General Meeting	HOW TO ENTER A ROSE SHOW Maidu Community Center at 1550 Maidu Drive Roseville
OCTOBER	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
	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.

HOW DO YOU RATE AS A GARDENER?

Are you a Good Gardener? Do you:

- Select plant varieties by researching which are the most disease-resistant for your area?
- Do you plant sun-loving plants in the sun, and shade-loving plants in the shade?
- Do you water your plants adequately?
- Do you amend your soil with organics, and top your soil with organic mulch?
- Do you spend time in your garden observing your plants and catching the first sign of damage, pests and fungal disease?
- Do you mechanically interrupt pests and disease and remove them from your garden?
- Do you encourage beneficials to your garden by growing nectar- and pollen- rich plants, and providing them with water?
- Do you use pesticides only after identifying the pest and only when absolutely necessary? Do you use the least toxic product and follow directions on the label implicitly?

If you answered, "yes" to these questions, well done! You are practicing Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Baldo knows and talks about it, but we all practice it to some extent.

University of California-Integrated Pest Management (UC IPM) website is a great place to go to identify all types of pests and what you can do to control them.

<http://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/menu.homegarden.html>



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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.

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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

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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
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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!



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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

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

Meeting location is at the **Roseville Maidu Community Center unless otherwise noted in program info in the newsletter.** Located at 1550 Maidu Drive Roseville