



Rose Reflections...

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This is the time to enjoy your garden and also to take stock of your garden. What worked this year and what didn't. Personally, I loved my raised beds this year. I enjoyed the produce of my garden—tomatoes, green beans, Armenian cucumbers, and cantaloupe. I should have planted more large tomatoes. Also, I should have started with a larger dose of fertilizer and added some each month. My plants were not as vigorous.

The zinnias were a so much fun! Will do that again next year. I have already gotten some different seeds both flowers and vegetable to try this fall and for the spring. I even bought garlic. I have never grown that.

OCTOBER has a ROSE SHOW.

Mother Nature, please make me some winning roses for the upcoming rose show on October 18th. The rose show chairs are looking for help. It takes a lot of labor to do set up and take down, let alone all the stuff to make it work. Please help if you can.

Lastly, think about entering at least a few roses. If no one entered any roses, Baldo would sweep the show! WE need to give him some competition. Also, let invite your friends to see the rose show!

A bird told me KXTL Channel 40 is planning come to our rose show!

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The District Silver Medal is awarded to an ARS member in good standing who, "in the opinion of the District Awards Committee, has provided meritorious service to the rose and its culture, for efforts expended in support of the American Rose Society and its objectives within the District.

Sue Bennett has met or exceeded in all aspects of this award .

Congratulations Sue!

SFhRS PROGRAM INFO—OCTOBER 2ND

Entering a Rose Show Demystified!

With the SFhRS Rose Show coming in October, this entertaining meeting is not to be missed! Master Rosarians Kay Jelten and Sue McGill will be demonstrating how to select, groom and display show winners at the next meeting. Kay and Sue have been successfully showing roses for a long time and have personal tips they are willing to share.

While the presentation will focus on hybrid tea roses, the principles can be applied to mini's and miniflora's as well. They will talk about what tools they use and how to show a roses at their best.

The meeting will be begin at 7:00 pm at Maidu Community Center, 1550 Maidu Drive, Roseville. Come at 6:30 to catch up with your rose friends.

Come and bring a friend. As usual, there will be a **Do-nation** and abundant refreshments.



Baldo along with Kay Jelten and Sue Magill at SFhRS Rose Show of 2024.



Linda Knowles and Charlotte Owendyk met up with our favorite hybridizer, Tom Carruth, at the NCNH District meeting. We had a great time listening to Tom's presentation on roses.

ADD THESE SFhRS DATES TO YOUR CALENDAR!!!

January 10, 2026 for the Winter Workshop at the Orangevale Grange Hall. It starts at 8:30 am and ends at 1 pm.

Everyone is invited to this FREE event.

Sierra Foothills Rose Society is trialing a **new Time for the General Monthly** meetings.

The three "trial" meetings will be in early 2026. The meetings are scheduled for the **first TUESDAY—February 5, March 5, and April 2— from 12:30 to 3:30 pm** at Maidu Community Center.

The Board decided to try meeting during the day in response to many requests. We hope that the members will enjoy this time slot.

There should not be a conflict with either the Sacramento Rose Society or Gold Country Rose Society general meetings.

2 Minute FALL TIP Instead of pulling annual or perennial plants up by their roots. Cut these plants at the soil line and leave the roots in the ground. Those roots will rot and feed plants adjacent to and any new plants you add. If you are planting immediately after you rip up the old annuals, dig the hole some distance away from the roots.

SRS PROGRAM INFO—OCTOBER 9TH

Learn about racy roses in this Thoroughbred talk

Ever hear of Whirlaway? Do you mean the rose – or the racehorse?

From Thoroughbred racing's earliest days, the Sport of Kings has been linked to the Queen of Flowers. Some connections are well known such as the Run for the Roses – the Kentucky Derby.

But racing's rosy traditions run deep – and so does its inspiration on the roses we grow.

Learn how from someone who has plenty of experience with both roses and horses. At our October meeting of the Sacramento Rose Society, longtime member Debbie Arrington will present "Thoroughbred Roses: The Sport of Kings and the Queen of Flowers."

A master rosarian, Debbie has been showing roses for decades and is a longtime turf writer, covering the sport of horse racing.



Secretariat (R. Turcotte - Up) - 1973 Kentucky Derby Winner

and grows more than 140 varieties. She's also a voter for the National Racing Museum Hall of Fame in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and the annual Eclipse Awards, racing's top honors. More recently, she became a horse owner via the micro-share syndicate, MyRacehorse, and has tiny fractions of a Kentucky Derby champion and a Preakness winner.

In this presentation, Debbie combines those two interests to show how racing and roses connect including David Clemons' famed collection of miniature and miniflora roses named for racing champions.

Our October meeting is set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, at Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, in McKinley Park. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission and parking are free and the public is welcome; bring a friend!

This meeting includes another Little Rose Show; get there early to enter your October blooms.

We'll also discuss nominations for our board of officers for 2026. If you're interested in serving your society, please contact Kris Sinclair (krisinclair@gmail.com) of our nominating committee.

The first rose to leave the earth was as miniature rose called "Overnight Scentsation" that had been cultivated by researcher Braja Mookherjee for experiments in space.

The rose needed to be small to fit inside Astroculture, a plant growth chamber measuring 17 x 9 x 21 inches, developed for the middeck of the space shuttle to provide plants with the appropriate temperature, humidity, light, and nutrients during spaceflight.

The purpose was to measure how low gravity would influence the rose's smell.

Meet Me in the Rose Garden

By Ann Marie Becker

It was a pleasant morning as I approached Kathryn Mackenzie's home on a quiet street in Land Park. Perennial beds lead the way to the front porch, where seating and potted plants welcomed me. What a beautiful spot to enjoy a morning cup of coffee. I had come to know Kathryn during our trip to the World Federation of Roses convention in Fukuyama, Japan in May and was eager to learn more about Kathryn and her roses.

Kathryn and her dog Lucy greeted me at the door. I felt like I had entered a French cottage, with gorgeous landscape painting adorning the walls while a newly remodeled bright kitchen with large windows brought the outside in. The café table looked out onto the backyard providing a tranquil view of the backyard. What a wonderful spot to sit on a rainy winter day.

Iced tea in our hands, Kathryn and I stepped out onto her side yard. Impatiens, salvia, geraniums, and honeysuckle nestled in a border along the wall. A monarch butterfly fluttered amongst the blooms getting its fill of nectar, showed us the way along the garden path.

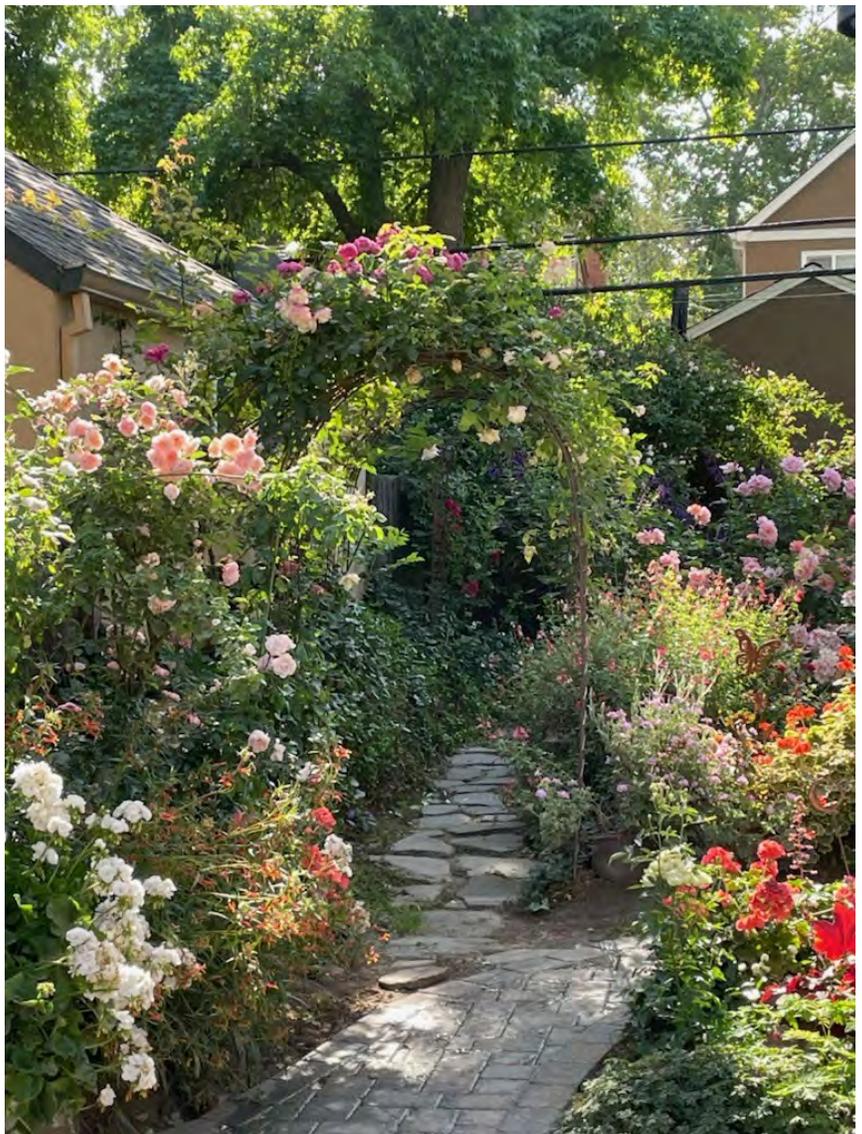
We passed an impressive pine tree surrounded by heuchera, California fuchsia, begonias, and sweet smelling daphne. The polyantha rose Marie Daly peeked out behind sprawling lantana.

We continued, passing Etoile de Lyon, Monsieur Tillier and Madame Berkeley eventually arriving at her magical backyard oasis. A commanding wooden pergola provides welcome shade for the gathering place. A wood-burning fireplace encompasses the back wall, and French tablecloths covered scattered tables and chairs. The connecting wall features a mural of a garden path leading the eye to an imaginary secret place. Two large trees provide additional shade, creating a cool refuge for entertaining or quiet reading.

Blooming rose bushes edge the patio, and many may recognize these roses: Secret, Crescendo (her favorite exhibition rose), Memorial Day, Apricot Candy, Diana Princess of Wales, and Miss Congeniality. Additional beds featured several Old Garden roses such as Placerville White Noisette which was found in the Placerville Cemetery by Gregg Lowery. Kathryn also planted a hybrid musk seedling found by Mel Hulse in the San Jose Heritage Rose Garden that he named "Lupe's Buttons."

We sipped our tea under the pergola, and I learned more about Kathryn's journey with roses. Her father was an avid gardener, and their family home in Ross was near the Marin Art and Garden Center. Her first rose memory was from around 1970 when she and her father planted the varieties Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy, Peace, and Tiffany in a rose bed outside the kitchen door.

Later at her first home in Long Beach, Kathryn planted a climbing Queen Elizabeth



Meet Me in the Rose Garden

rose to celebrate the birth of her daughter. After moving to Sacramento and ripping out her backyard pool, she planted the roses Oklahoma, Sheer Bliss, Peace and Touch of Class after her mother-in-law gave her a birthday gift card to Capital Nursery. Needless to say, Kathryn was hooked!

In the early 1990's she met Sacramento Rose Society member Michelle Flicht-McDonough, an avid rosarian and an advocate of Old Garden Roses. Michelle convinced Kathryn to join the Sacramento Rose Society in 1991, where she met many knowledgeable rosarians and won the Novice 1st Prize at her first rose show with an Iceberg spray. Muriel Humenick and Betty Ann Cassina were excellent mentors and teachers. Volunteering at the Historic Rose Garden in the Sacramento Old City Cemetery near her house occupied her time, along with many years on the SRS Board.

Where Kathryn previously grew roses so she could win trophies, she now grows roses for beauty and the memories they bring. The garden containing 250 roses has been pared down to 50 as Kathryn is focusing on traveling. Recent trips have included Japan for the World Federation of Roses Convention and a glorious trip with her daughter to France. Additionally, as a true Francophile, Kathryn is learning French.

Having finished our tea, we ventured to her side yard and found of course more roses! The aromatic hybrid musk Prosperity resides alongside Cornelia, Felicia and two tree roses of Grand Prize complete the rose bed.

I left Kathryn on her lovely porch with her dog Lucy in tow. I think to myself as I drive away -What a wonderful morning spent in her magical garden! Au revoir!



Pull WEEDS when they are tiny, tiny, tiny.

Small is easier to pull AND small weeds have not set seed yet. A TWOFER

FALL GARDEN MUSINGS

Charlotte Owendyk, Master Rosarian

Well, for a few days, I have been pondering what to write for the October newsletter. Maybe an educational article; nope, didn't feel like researching and then distilling stuff in a short article. Let's try something different, something meditative or philosophical. Whoa, that could be challenging. So here goes.

Recently, I had a birthday, and I feel blessed to have good genes and relatively active. However with each year, I notice it takes me longer to accomplish something. My body takes longer to return to "normal" whatever that is. And the temperature that I quit working in the garden during summer is dropping. I remember faintly working when it was 100 degrees. Not anymore. When it hits 90 degrees I am done.

Whenever, I take the time to stroll the garden with my morning coffee I give thanks for being alive. It never ceases to amaze me, especially in the quiet of the early morning, how magical the garden feels, It doesn't matter if my garden is in full bloom during the spring and summer or if the blooms are less abundant, like this time of year or in winter. I appreciate the miracle of like every day, every season.

I appreciate the time I have been given to devote myself to enjoy my garden and to make it a place of peace and harmony for me. In fact, I call it my heaven on earth. I have been gardening on this piece of earth for over 40 years. Did you know that gardeners live happier, healthier and longer lives?

It never ceases to amaze me how much wisdom I have learned just gardening. There are some things that I have learned that helped me along the way.

Become acquainted with your property. Take the time to familiarize yourself with trees, bushes, perennials and bulbs. If you don't know the names of them, don't worry. You'll find out soon enough. (Make labels and/or maps with the plants and their name). The important thing is to get up close, and to look, touch and smell. Also, feel your land. Let it speak to you. Each property has its own history, energy, and aura.

Know how the sun plays in your garden, it is one of the most important things that affect your garden.

Develop a beginner's mind. If you experience fear when you start learning something new, that's OK. It's more common than you think. Just note the fear and then try to 'drop it'. Even if it persists, don't let it stop you from moving forward with gardening. Rollo May wrote in *The Courage To Create* that "we create, not because we don't have fears, but in spite of them."

Perceive gardening as an adventure. It truly is one of life's great joys and mysteries. Landscaping and gardening can be static for a little while, but then something will change. The loss of a tree, a new plant love, less rain, etc. For example, I went from an all grass front yard to one with no grass due to drought caused by the changing climate.

Start slowly. Look at gardens and determine what you like—the feel of the garden, what plants attract you. I like curves and open areas that give me vistas. Others like to feel cozy in their gardens so use garden rooms.

I started by putting in grass, trees and shrubs first. I personally like to leave tons of room between plants. That way I can always add. Most of the trees are at the edge of the property except in the front yard. The house faces west so there are trees that shade the house from the western sun in the afternoon.

Select plant material that's easy to grow and that you can reap pleasure from quickly like annuals, perennial grasses, sunflowers, veggies, and some native perennials. Remember most things can be shovel pruned! Smaller shrubs can be moved.

Take the time to learn the basics of gardening before spending a lot of money and time on developing your garden. There is a plethora of wonderful resources on the internet that offer a slew of terrific information. Invest in at least a couple of books that can serve as references as you begin your journey as a gardener. Attend seminars and classes in your area.

A word to the wise. Unless you have lots of land, trees should be well researched. These take the longest to mature, have the most effect on the surroundings, and are the most expensive to remove. I learned this the hard way. Stay away from trees or shrubs that spread by seeds. You will have plenty of seedlings from other gardens which are spread by birds or wind.

MORE MUSINGS...

If you love roses, sunshine and wide open spaces, the less trees the better. I love the shade that trees provide, however placement is key. It is not just the shade, trees have roots that compete with the roots of other plants.

Let go of being a perfectionist. When much younger, I had a neighbor who used to spend time placing rubber bands around the strap-like leaves of already spent daffodil blooms and pruning her shrubs into tight little balls. She worked relentlessly to keep her garden looking manicured. But what she never acquired was the artistry of gardening. Her addiction to being a perfectionist kept her from gaining access to her internal landscape where all creativity takes place (and which all of us possess).

Research all plant material before buying. Unless you're a seasoned gardener who is familiar with a large variety of specimens, it's easy to impulse buy. You see a plant, love it, and feel a sweeping desire to buy it. Don't. Even if a plant has a tag with information on it, it's important to go home, decide on the precise location where you want to plant it, and be reasonably certain that the plant will not only thrive there but complement other plant material that's already in the ground. Beware plants will most likely be bigger than the stated size. If you plant close together, you will have to prune or pull out plants. So, my default is to always leave lots of room around my green landscape shrubs.

The last few years I have started a new bed where I first plant six fruit trees. The trees are gone replaced by a walkway and patio surrounded by fragrant roses. I have some evergreen plants planted in the back of this border and climbing roses planted years ago on the wire fence which no one noticed before. I left lots of space in front of this border. Here, I planted lots of petunias, salvias, lavender. The petunias were so showy! I have to move a few of the roses to the front of the border since their rose neighbors are bigger than expected. I probably will have petunias again next year....or ?

Learn how to propagate plants. Join plant groups which is great way to get lovely plants and find out how the plants perform in your area. Try growing plants, especially annuals, from seeds.

BEST ADVICE I CAN GIVE IS: ENJOY YOUR GARDEN, IT'S A PLAYGROUND FOR YOUR IDEAS.

FALL/WINTER CARE

Charlotte Owendyk Master Rosarian

For those of you that fertilized and cut back your roses around Labor Day, your roses should be blooming for the rose show. In fact most of my roses are still sending up new growth and producing blooms. I will continue to cut blooms for inside and deadhead until it gets too cold and rainy. When depends on weather. Usually by December I let the roses develop rose hips. Some roses have beautiful rose hips. Plus, if you are inclined you can make rose jelly.

Dial back your watering schedule. Turn off the sprinkler system when we have had a good rain.

Cut back tall rose canes in preparation for wind. The advantage is that your green can is full for each pick up.

Do not fertilize your roses anymore until Feb/March after you finish winter pruning.

Clean up any fallen rose leaves and toss in the trash. Those leaves usually harbor disease so this is a great way to reduce the amount of spores that infect the new leaves in the spring.

Put down pre-emergent to stop weeds. The weed is eliminated permanently, because the seed is allowed to germinate, and the young tender sprout is killed. This is less work than pulling weeds. **Remember Roses DO NOT tolerate round up.**

Prune lightly: Cut back any perennials that will blacken and turn mushy, like geraniums or other frost tender plants; and those that just don't provide attractive winter interest. For other shrubs, cut crossing branches that can be damaged from rubbing in high wind.

MORE FALL/WINTER CARE ITEMS

Water: Root systems of newly planted bushes and trees aren't established enough to readily replace water lost from dehydrating winter winds or lack of rain. Use mulch to help retain moisture. If your soil is dry, be sure to water before an expected freeze.

Eaves: Plants located under eave lines stay warmer since they are close to the house. However, this area gets little rain. So check periodically and water if needed..

Apply mulch: An insulating layer of mulch can help dormant perennials survive the winter with little or no damage even if we have a few good frosts.

Protect your plants: Huddle plants together, placing the most cold-sensitive ones in the center. Locate the grouping in a sheltered area against a building or structure. Provide protection from wind with a windbreak or screen.

Bring them in: Tender perennials and tropical plants can be moved indoors where they will get bright light. Or take cuttings to overwinter.

Cooler weather in the fall is a great time to plant. Warm damp soil fosters root growth which helps the plant settle in. Plant roses, trees, shrubs and perennials. Remember to deep-water any transplants and make sure that they do not dry out.

Plant seeds for many flowers directly into the garden, including cornflower, nasturtium, nigella, alyssum, fox-glove, forget-me-not, sweet pea and stock. Only do this in areas where you haven't put pre-emergent.

For instant gratification, set out cool-weather bedding plants, including calendula, pansy, snapdragon, primrose and viola.

Think About Spring, Bulbs That Is. Daffodils never stop giving. Some of my daffodils in the front yard were planted over 35 years ago. When they multiply, you can move them to other parts of the garden or share with your friends. I also bought grape hyacinths 30 years ago and I still have lots of them. I like planting them at the base of trees.

Shop catalogs or visit your garden stores to find the bulbs that you want to plant in your garden. Green Acres has a great selection of bulbs and they are priced right. I already bought some to plant in pots and in my garden.

Try a lasagna bulb pot. Layer bulbs, daffodils, tulips, hyacinth, crocus, dwarf iris, close together and enjoy. Place where you can see it. Plant in early November.



GERTRUDE JEKYLL—A FAVORITE FRAGRANT ROSE

In May 2025, Gertrude Jekyll, an Austin Rose was honored as the World's Favorite Rose by the World Federation of Rose Societies, a distinction decided by rose lovers across 40 countries.

Since its introduction in 1986, this elegant rose has quietly captured the hearts of gardeners everywhere. Named after the iconic British garden designer Gertrude Jekyll, it perfectly embodies the spirit of the classic English garden, blending structure with softness, color with scent.

With large, glowing pink blooms and a rich, evocative Old Rose fragrance, Gertrude Jekyll has been filling gardens with a warm and familiar aroma from early summer right through to late autumn for nearly 40 years.



A Rose Grown for Scent There are roses one grows for color, for form, for habit. And then there are those chosen simply for how they make the air feel. Gertrude Jekyll is one of the latter. Not merely scented but steeped in scent. Fragrance is its character, its memory, its presence in the garden long after the blooms are gone. The flowers are full and mid-pink, with petals that fold inward like pages. They open gradually, slowly releasing their perfume, as if the scent had been held within and only now, under warmth, can begin to rise.

The Damask Inheritance: What gives the rose its fragrance is not just breeding, but ancestry. At the heart of the scent lies the Damask rose; an old and generous parent, grown for centuries not for show, but for perfume. The Damask carries with it a rich, almost velvety sweetness. There is depth to it, a kind of warmth that sits low in the air. Sometimes there's spice. Sometimes a thread of lemon. Always something soft, rounded and rooted. This inheritance lives on clearly in Gertrude Jekyll. When in bloom, the scent is unmistakable. It doesn't float or flicker. It settles.

A Fragrance That Unfolds in Layers: The first impression is of a rose in the most traditional sense—full, sweet, and lasting. But the scent doesn't stand still. Closer to the bloom, there may be a note of raspberry or a brightness that catches at the edge of the breath. As the flower matures, the perfume deepens, becoming rounder and darker, like fruit warming on the vine. In still weather, the scent often meets the gardener before the plant does, carried quietly in the air around it.

Shaped by Light and Time: The fragrance changes as the day turns. In the morning, it is cooler and brisker, edged with green. As the sun rises, the scent warms. By late afternoon, it grows full and mellow, taking on a certain ease. On warm evenings, it drifts without effort, resting in the garden like mist. A single bloom brought indoors can scent a room for hours, even quietly after nightfall. This gentle movement, the way the scent breathes with the day, is part of what makes it feel alive.

What Gives It Power: Roses are generous in ways we are only beginning to understand. A single bloom may hold over a hundred aromatic compounds, each one contributing to the whole. In Gertrude Jekyll, those compounds are present in generous balance. The result is a scent that feels natural and complete. It does not announce itself sharply, but reveals itself in slow, shifting layers. Familiar, yet never tired. Deep, but never heavy.

Fragrance Rooted in History: Although this rose was introduced in the late twentieth century, its scent reaches much further back. The Damask rose, thought to have arrived in Europe from the Middle East centuries ago, became a favorite in monastic herb gardens and apothecaries. It was used in oils, waters, and balms, and above all, grown for the sheer pleasure of its perfume.

Later came the Portland roses, believed to be a cross between the Damask and the China rose. These offered something rare: a compact habit, repeat flowering, and fragrance that lingered. Gertrude Jekyll belongs firmly in this line of inheritance. Bred from both Damask and Portland ancestry, it carries not only the perfume but the poise of its predecessors. Though few Portland varieties are widely grown today, their influence remains, shaping both the form and fragrance of many modern English Roses.

A Place in the Garden: This rose does well wherever its presence can be felt. Planted along a path, near a doorway, beside a bench or a sheltered wall, it rewards the passerby without calling attention to itself. It can be grown as a shrub or trained as a climber in warmer gardens. The growth is strong, the flowering generous, and the blooms are always carried with purpose. This variety blooms all season long.

GERTRUDE JEKYLL—A FAVORITE FRAGRANT ROSE

A Lasting Impression: This rose is known first and foremost for its scent. Strong, full and unmistakably traditional, it leaves a lasting impression without ever needing to demand it. The fragrance stays with the gardener not as something remembered, but as something returned to - familiar, rooted, and enduring.

As a Climber: A short climber, it is always one of the first English Roses to start flowering, its perfect scrolled buds open to large, rosette-shaped flowers of bright glowing pink. It has 80 petals and is suitable for zones 4-11.

Plant dimensions: Climber: Height: 10' and Shrub height of 5' and a width of 3 1/2"

Source: David Austin Website. Some editing done for brevity.

Editor's Note: I just planted Gertrude Jekyll this spring and I think Helpmefind size description is more accurate for our area: Height: 4' to 10' and Width: 4' to 6. In it's first year, Gertie is sending out 5 foot canes in all directions. .



GABRIEL OAK—AN AWESOME AUSTIN ROSE

~ Charlotte Owendyk, Master Rosarian

David Austin's 'Gabriel Oak' rose has been highly praised for its vibrant, deep pink rosette blooms with a strong, fruity fragrance, dark green foliage, and striking purplish stems. It is a vigorous, healthy, and free-flowering shrub rose with excellent disease resistance. While considered a standout, some gardeners note that the blooms may appear small initially and the plant is quite thorny.

Three Gabriel Oaks in my garden produced blooms all summer long so I can verify that it has excellent repeat. Many of the bouquets on my kitchen table had at least 5 stems of Gabriel Oak and generally lasted 5 days. If you pick a spray, with just the one bloom, the younger side blooms did not open well. I preferred picking sprays after the center bloom was done, so I would have 2-3 blooms open blooms on one stem.

This is it's first year and expect the blooms to be bigger next year. The blooms are deep pink color with some yellow underside base of the petal and smell AMAZING! Also the canes are dark burgundy red when dormant and provide winter interest. In its first year, the smallest bush is 3' x 3" the largest is 4' x 4'.

Excellent rebloomer, blooms hold up in weather, even has good vase life up to 5 days.

Blooms: Large (3.5-4 inches), heavily petalled (100+ petals) rosettes that start as deep pink and fade to softer edges.

Fragrance: A powerful, rich, and fruity scent with notes of apples and blackberries.

Foliage/stems: Dark green leaves with a dark edge. Purplish stems with attractive flame-red growth tips.

Growth Habit: A rounded, compact English shrub that can grow to about 4 to 4.5 feet tall and wide.



Gabrial Oak in my late September Garden. One year old plant.



Sierra Foothills Rose Society

Good Roses, Good Friends!

President's Message



Congratulations to our member Sue Bennett for having received the Silver Medal which is the highest honor that the NCNH District gives to a deserving rosarian that has worked for the district in many ways.

As I write my October column, I am still in Rhode Island helping my friend Jacqui Nye with her garden and household while she tends to her husband who entered hospice in August. I am due back on September 30th to take care of my garden and see if the new sprinkler timer is keeping my roses watered. Otherwise, I might not have too many roses to exhibit in our rose show on October 18th .

I will be bringing some rooted cuttings of Altissimo, a medium red, single petaled climbing rose that was adopted as the Sierra Foothills Rose Society rose. I joined the Society around 1984 and my friend and mentor Wiley Molder gave me a plant in a five-gallon pot. I would like to continue this tradition of giving new members a potted Altissimo rose. I will extend the offer to any SFHRS member that does not have this rose, to get one for free. Please let me know if you would like to get one so I can bring plenty of roses to the October and November meetings.

We are still in need of a webmaster for our rose society website. If you have website designer skills that you would like to try on our website, let any of the Board Members know.

~Baldo



Altissimo is a Medium Red Large Flowed Climber

The single 5 petaled blooms are often called Chinese red and can be 4-5" wide. It has a shallow cup, borne singly or in small clusters. It is consider to have a slight fragrance.

This rose is a tall grower that can be grown as a tall Hybrid Tea or as a climber. Given that it has very fat non pliable canes I grow it in a pillar shape or tall Hybrid Tea. When I prune, my canes are 3 to 4' high. I have seen it larger, but I prefer to keep it under 7-8 feet.

ARS Rating 8.5 Parentage: Tenor x seedling
Hybridizer: Delbard-Cuthbert 1966

SFhRS NEEDS A NEW WEBMASTER!

First, we want to thank Vanessa Lindberg for her skill and dedication to serving as webmaster for our Society for many years. Vanessa is stepping down to enjoy her garden and tend to her roses.

Since Vanessa is retiring, SFhRS is looking for someone who likes working with websites, enjoys learning new things, and helping others. We are looking for a volunteer webmaster to keep our website running smoothly and looking great.

If you have experience as a webmaster or would like to become one, this great opportunity is for you! Note that if you don't have ANY experience, one of our in-house retired IT professionals will be your consultant or mentor when you need any help or support.

If interested, please contact May Chen at (630) 995-5555 or meishengchen@yahoo.com



Sacramento Rose Society

Take time to Smell the Roses!

President Message



Fall is officially here! Yellows, yellow-blends, orange and orange-blends, and even some scarlet and deep reds are the colors of many blooms starting to show in my rose garden, and in many of the leaves on the trees too! I'm looking forward to the fall Rose Show on October 18th hosted by Sierra Foothills Rose Society at the Roseville Green Acres, and another fun rose show on October 25th in Jackson, hosted by Mother Lode Rose Society.



I am happy our fall meetings for Sacramento Rose Society remain at Shepard Garden & Arts Center through December of this year. Remember, the December Holiday meeting is on FRIDAY Dec 12th. We have requested rooms at the Shepard Center for the first half of 2026, and hope to hear back soon if those are approved. In 2026, we plan for doors to open at 6:00pm with the meeting starting 30 minutes earlier, at 6:30 pm, ending at 8:30 pm.

Our October 9th meeting is at 7:00 pm at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center, featuring Debbie Arrington. Debbie will offer a new presentation on "Thoroughbred Roses: The Sport of Kings and the Queen of Flowers!". Join us for a lively and fun evening. It's also our next to last Little Rose Show, so bring some blooms to enter! There's still time to earn some points towards the perpetual Little Rose Show Trophy. **Doors open at 6:30 pm** for Little Rose Show entries and networking. Bring a rose or two to enter or just to share with others and bring a friend two as well!

Also at the October meeting, the nominating committee will propose a slate of officers and directors who will guide our society in 2026. They definitely want your input if you know of a member who would like to be involved, learn more about how the society operates behind the scenes, give their input and help as a member of the Board. It's also a great way to expand friendships and have fun! Feel free to call me if you have any questions or ideas.

November, we have a change of topic for our program. Our guest speaker is a representative from E.B. Stone, Co., our local producer of soil amendment products and fertilizer blends. We love their Rose & Flower Food blend. Come learn about enriching your soils and giving your roses and other plants what they need to succeed and thrive! November is also our final Little Rose Show for the year. The Challenge class is Most Fragrant Rose, and you the meeting participants will vote to see who that winner will be! So plan ahead to bring your favorite fragrant rose bloom and give everyone one more flower to sniff!

See you soon!

Kay Felten

Bring a bloom got the LRS at the October meeting. It sure brightens up our meeting room.



Hey Hottie Miniature Rose hybridized by Dave Bang exhibited by Scott and Ann Marie Becker at the September LRS. This rose was stunning.



Sacramento Rose Society

2025 Calendar

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

Oct. 9, , Thursday, 7-9 pm **World Federation of Roses International Conference** General Meeting

Nov. 13, , Thursday, 7-9 pm **TBD-Educational Rose topic** General Meeting

Dec. 11, Thursday, 6:30-9:00 pm **HOLIDAY DINNER, Awards, Presentation & Installation of Officers** General Meeting

SRS Board Meetings are held on the Monday prior to each month's general meeting, from 10 am–noon. Meeting location varies so check ahead of time. Interested SRS members are welcome to attend as a guest. Contact Kay Jelten for more information. Board meeting dates for 2025 are: January September 8, October 6 , November 10, December 8. Check with board members to confirm date and location.

SFHRS CALENDAR OF ROSE ACTIVITIES—2025

OCTOBER	5/1 Thursday 7-9:30 pm—General Meet-	HOW TO ENTER A ROSE SHOW 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 Meet-	Rose Show Celebration & Awarding of Trophies, Vote for 2026 Board Officers
DECEMBER	12/4- Thursday 6:30 to 9:30 pm	HOLIDAY PARTY @ SPEGETTI FACTORY & 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 SFhRS members are welcome to attend. Contact Barbara Patman or any other board member for more information.

ARS 2025 WEBINAR LINE-UP

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.

- 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



"I will now play a familiar seasonal piece."

Gardening success!
(Hand for scale)



Rose Society Membership INFORMATION

SACRAMENTO ROSE SOCIETY: Dues are \$30 for paper newsletter or \$20 for email recipients of the newsletter. Make the check payable to the Sacramento Rose Society and send to Rick Sydor 1092 Salmon Drive Roseville, CA 95661.

SIERRA FOOTHILLS ROSE SOCIETY: Annual dues are \$20 per household. Members will receive issues of this newsletter by email or snail mail. For more information contact .Ramon Lopez 5837 Eureka Road, Granite Bay CA 95746

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



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Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month except July and August in the Shepard Garden & Arts Center at McKinley Park located at 3330 McKinley Blvd. Sacramento. Room opens at 6:30 pm.

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

Rose Reflections...

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



Sierra Foothills Rose Society

SierraFoothillsRoseSociety.org

Meeting are at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month except for January, 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



Sierra Foothills Rose Society

PHOTOGRAPHY Workshop

WHEN: Sunday October 5, 2025 from 10am-2pm

WHERE: Sue Magill's home, 324 Stonework Court, Roseville

FREE to attendees (limit 15). Snacks will be provided.

RSVP by October 2nd

TO RESERVE A SLOT CONTACT CINDY PHIPPS :at either

acura9797@yahoo.com or 916-420-0344

Would you like to enter a photo in a rose show but don't know where to start?

Do you want to learn how to take a better photo for a rose show?

Do you want to learn how to mount the photo in a frame to exhibit?

Come join us on Sunday, October 5th to learn the tips and tricks for entering a photo in a rose show. The workshop, led by Eileen Jackson, Photography Chair for the NCNH District. Fred Eshpeter and Audrey Brandt will be on hand to help. All are experienced photographers and exhibitors.

Please bring a photo to the workshop that you may be considering to enter in Sierra Foothills Rose Show on October 18th at Green Acres Roseville . Please bring a 8"x 10" glossy photograph printed on quality paper. We will have frames on hand to help you mount the photo for display in the show.

Lastly, there will be lots of tips for taking quality photographs.

To help you decide what photographs to bring, the following are Photography Division Classes

Class 100 One Bloom: Any type at its most perfect stage of beauty. (Note: Roses designated as single must be entered in fully open bloom class, 102.)

Class 101 One Spray: One stem, with two or more blooms, any type at it's most perfect stage of beauty.

Class 102 Full Open Bloom: One bloom, fully open and stamens must show. (ok to enter single roses (5-8 petals/bloom)

Class 103 Rose Garden: Any garden (arbors, garden ornaments permitted, as well as people) Some layout of the garden should be visible. Name of Public Garden should be on the tag.

Class 104 Bouquet or Arrangement: Mixed bouquet or arrangement. Roses do not have to be identified. Arranger's name should be noted.

Class 105 Macro, Creative, Misfit: Macro, Creative interpretation or any photo not fitting into another class. Photograph does not have to be in color.



Sierra Foothills Rose Society

ROSE SHOW

Saturday, October 18th from 1 to 4:30 pm

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

*Beautiful Roses on Display, Rose Photographs
& exquisite Rose Arrangements.*

Got Roses, Have Questions, Get Answers.



**7300 Galilee Road, Roseville
(916) 782-2273**

OUR GOAL IS TO HELP YOU GROW BETTER ROSES!

More INFO at: sierrafoothillsrosesociety.org

HAPPY Holidays

CELEBRATE THE START OF THE HOLIDAYS WITH YOUR ROSE FRIENDS

LOCATION: 731 Sunrise Avenue, Roseville

DATE/TIME: December 4th at 5:30 pm in the banquet room.

COST: \$25 per person includes...

CHOICE OF 3 ENTREES: Fettuccine Alfredo, Chicken Marsala, and Meat Lover's Treat. Meal also includes crisp salad, hot fresh bread and spumoni ice cream.

Each member is responsible for paying for their beverages.

CONTACT Paula Agostini if you have questions. hapisle@sbcglobal.net or (916) 806-2750



EAT AND BE MERRY. BRING/BID ON ITEMS IN THE SILENT AUCTION.

Reservation due NOVEMBER 30

Name: _____ @\$25

Circle Entrée: Fettuccine Alfredo Chicken Marsala Meat Lover's Treat

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RETURN by Nov. 30 TO: Paula Agostini 5837 Eureka Road, CA 95746

Make check out to *Sierra Foothills Rose Society*