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THE BIZZ BUZZ

Dave Mahoney, President

The Phoenix Rose Society meets the third Tuesday of each month at the Valley Garden Center, 1809 North 15th Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, 7:30pm.

We are a 501-c-3 non-profit affiliate of The American Rose Society, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Chartered in 1958, our objective shall be the encouragement of amateur rose culture and its related subjects; to increase the general understanding of exhibiting and judging, and thereby improve the standard of excellence of the rose for all people.

MEETING;

**AUGUST 16TH
7:30PM
ANNUAL ICE
CREAM SOCIAL**



**ROSES, RAFFLES
AND
REFRESHMENTS...
BASIS FOR GREAT
MEETINGS!**

Ah, August that wonderful time of year when you walk into your rose garden in the morning and before you have gone 5 steps you find you are drenched with moisture. Yes I realize that horses sweat, men perspire and women glow but regardless you have all of your clothes sticking to you. While I really don't like it, I do like the fact that some moisture is going to your roses. This year my garden has received nearly an inch of rain. That sure saves on the water bill.

Speaking of savings, Nancy Medved and I found out the Valley of the Sun Gardeners were vacating their spot at the Valley Garden Center. We accepted an offer to take it over. That will mean we can move most of our show supplies to the Garden Center and save a little money on storage expense. The bad news is we need to clean out what we don't use and that will require some work. It is way too hot to do it now but October would be a good time to clean it out and move things. We will need volunteers to do that. The board will decide when a good time would be to do it and then we will inform everyone. This work will save us money so I urge you to help with this project.

Another project in the works is the garden tea. We need everyone's help with this as well. I am the volunteer coordinator so look forward to me asking you to do something on December 4, 2011 to assist us. It is our largest fund raiser of the year and we need the money to have a rose show next year.

**REMEMBER – DUES WERE DUE
JUNE 1. DON'T LET THIS BE YOUR
LAST ISSUE OF THE ROSARIAN!
SEE PAGE 6 FOR RENEWAL INFO.**

That brings me to the last item: The rose show. I will be asking for volunteers early this year because we need to have a few more people to assist us. It is a great opportunity to meet many other rosarians, see beautiful roses and perhaps see which ones might do well in your garden. Finally, I have just about completed the list of Presidents' since the beginning of our society. Joanna Chamberlain sent me all of the info from the inception until 2001. Now we need to finish the remainder to the present. When completed I hope to have a roster printed in booklet form for everyone. Along with the names phones email etc. I think we should add the list of Presidents and any award recipients we may have in our midst. I will assist in keeping up our history and may make some interesting reading.

Oh, and August is my favorite meeting month. It is our ice cream social. I am an ice cream freak. I hope you are as well. At this meeting we will be having a special event and I urge you to do your utmost to attend I am sure you will enjoy it.

See you on the 16th.

Dave

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IN THE GARDEN

JEANNIE COCHELL, CONSULTING ROSARIAN

Looks like much of the US is feeling our low-desert temperatures this summer and they aren't a bit happy about it. I've seen inquiries about small bloom size, distorted and discolored leaves, shade and water issues from rosarians throughout the Midwest. For many of them, their entire rose season is all but ruined.

Here in the metro-Phoenix area we can expect an average high of 105F, low of 80F and rainfall of .94 for August, according to www.weather.com. As I survey my rose garden, there are a few bushes that probably won't survive another summer of sustained triple-digit temperatures. While I mourn the loss of some favorites, I also get rather giddy perusing the online catalogues for possible replacements. Through the years, I've made list upon list of must-have roses and while I refer back to those lists I also look at the new roses coming into nurseries and the results of the annual ARS Roses in Review which are published in the ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses.

During the hot summer months, pests are limited to cutter bees and spider mites. A strong spray of water to the top and bottom of the leaves a few times a week, especially after a dust storm or haboob, is usually enough to control pests.

Just like the damage to human skin, the sun burns leaves and canes of roses. If the roses aren't receiving enough water, the leaves will show crisp brown tips which are the build-up of salts as water evaporates or transpires. While this condition can't be reversed, simply adjusting the irrigation for longer, deeper watering cycles will limit the salt toxicity. In severe cases, leaves will drop and canes will die-back. Some bushes will tolerate year after year of this but their life expectancy will be shortened, they may not rebound for the fall bloom cycle and the bush will be in decline—sparse blooms, squatter

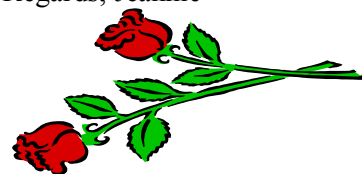
bush size and no new cane growth. To gauge the depth of the water, push a sharp stick into the soil at the leaf-line after watering. It should sink to a depth of 12-16 inches. If it doesn't, increase the water cycle.

We expect the summer dust storms but the big one this year left a coating of thick dust on everything, including the hose. The winds not only leave a dust deposit, they break tender canes and suck the moisture from the leaves and air. Loosely staking new canes will strengthen the bush and hosing off the garden after a dust storm will increase the humidity and clean the dust, spores and pests from the bushes.

As we move into September, we'll begin a fall pruning and feeding routine beginning with a light application of an organic rose food, like Mills Magic, between Labor Day and mid-September. I apply a little Chelated Iron at the same time to encourage strong new green growth. Deadhead spent blooms by cutting 1/4" above a leaf-set on a good strong cane. The bush will begin putting out the canes for the fall blooms which will show up about 6 weeks down the road.

As the temperatures continue to come down, I increase the fertilizer to the recommended labeled amount and/or alternate a dry rose food with a liquid application, using less of each one. It's important to remember that even a light nitrogen application in warm soils can damage roses so ease into your fall feeding program and the roses will love you for it!

Rosy Regards, Jeannie



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Garden Vocabulary, From:
[A Dictionary for Weedpuller, Slugcrashers and Backyard Botanists](#)
by Henry Beard and Roy McKie

"Garden: One of a vast number of free outdoor restaurants operated by charity-minded amateurs in an effort to provide healthful, balanced meals for insects, birds and animals."

(Submitted by Joanna Chamberlain)

VALLEY GARDEN CENTER ROSE GARDEN, 1980's

Submitted by Joanna Chamberlain

This is the second part of a multi-part series detailing the history of the Phoenix Rose Society and the Valley Garden Center Rose Garden. See July 2011 issue for first installment.

In 1980 to 1984 the garden expanded. It began when a Phoenix Rose Society member, Charles Maxwell, suggested the garden be enlarged in order to seek AARS accreditation. Requirements for accreditation were daunting but a design was prepared that would meet the size requirement. The Phoenix Rose Society was the stimulus for the development and the Valley Garden Center provided most of the capital.

The Center budgeted approximately \$8000 for a two-year expansion plan. In return, the Phoenix Rose Society provided the water system, necessary soil amendments and significant voluntary labor. The beds were installed in 1983. Special thanks were extended to PRS members Nelson Mitchell, who oversaw the contractors and garden maintenance, and James Driskell, who designed and guided the general construction.

Again the commercial rose growers were supportive. Vic Thornton and Scott Hansen solicited and received roses from Armstrong, Jackson and Perkins, Ralph Moore and Ollie Weeks. Hundreds of hours of volunteer labor were then given, principally by members of the Phoenix Rose Society, in order to plant the 100's of roses. 1983 was a very busy, and rewarding, year. Following a probationary period, the All American Rose Selections Committee awarded the garden Public Rose Garden status.

Special mention is given in the history at this point to Mamie Collier, Mary McLemore, Nelson Mitchell, William Carls, Joanna Chamberlain, Charles Maxwell, Arveda Larson, Scott Hansen, Vic Thornton, Nancy Medved, Emmis Sutherlin, Paul Bushkin and Bill MacDonald.

The 1980's continued to be productive years in the garden. Jim Driskell, garden chairman, developed a second phase of development that would bring the number of roses to 800. The Valley Garden Center Board maintained its partnership and then-President, Berdie Stevens approved \$4200 for the project. The group of beds added at this time is in the southwest area of the garden. Sandra Paddison and Arveda Larson, presidents of the Phoenix Rose Society, were

instrumental in seeing this addition completed with significant support from garden committee members Bill Carls, Joanna Chamberlain, Charles Maxwell and Nelson Mitchell. Additionally, the PRS provided and installed the water system and soil amendments. The commercial growers continued their support and once again, two hundred roses were planted.

Several years followed in which the garden received special awards for maintenance.

Some of the roses planted during the 1970's and 80's:

Brandy, HT, ab, bed 35
Celebrity, HT, dy, bed 17
Double Delight, HT, rb, bed 20
Fragrant Cloud, HT, or, bed 21
King's Ransom, HT, dy, bed 20
Lagerfield, GR, m, bed 33
Love, GR, rb, bed 37
Mister Lincoln, HT, dr, bed 11
New Day, HT, my, bed 13
Olympiad, HT, mr, bed 16 & bed 7
Red Masterpiece, dr, bed 39
Touch of Class, HT, op, bed 12
Tropicana, HT, or, bed 17



American Rose Society News to Use

Reminder to ARS members that the annual Roses in Review reports are due September 26. This is a required report from Consulting Rosarians. Use the form in the July/August 2011 edition of the American Rose magazine or submit online at www.ars.org.

The 100 Grand Campaign appears to be nearing the halfway goal. Non-profit organizations continue to struggle financially in this economy so every donation is highly appreciated.

"At 119 years old - the American Rose Society is the oldest single plant horticultural society in the United States and the rose is the US National Floral Emblem"

Pat Shanley, Chair
ARS Marketing & Membership



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September 11, 2001

To remember – lest we forget

Firefighter, HT, dr, 2004
Soaring Spirits, LCI, pb
We Salute You, HT, ob
Forty Heroes, F, dy
The Finest, HT, w
Patriot Dream, HT, ob

“Remember Me” Rose Garden is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to creating three rose gardens, one each in New York City, Washington, DC, and near Shanksville, PA. Each garden will have 2,975 rose bushes, representing the memory and spirit of each person who lost their life on September 11th. There are currently four test plots of roses growing at this time, In 2010, the rose honoring the Survivors was announced; roses yet to be named for Flight 11, Flight 175, Port Authority Police and Responders will follow in 2011 and 2012.

“Tea in the Garden”

Hosted by the Phoenix Rose Society



Sunday, December 4, 2011
from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m.

Valley Garden Center
1809 N. 15th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Serving an afternoon tea of refreshments and desserts.

There will be a tour of the grounds - featuring the garden sponsored by the Men’s Garden Club, the Iris beds, the Herb Garden, the Rose Garden and the koi pond-Japanese garden area. Rose arrangements contributed by award winning rose society members will be on display. Docents will be on hand to act as guides and answer questions.

Tickets are limited - \$10 each

There will be no ticket sales at the door

A demonstration of a Holiday Arrangement which will be raffled along with a \$50.00 gift certificate from Harper’s Nursery, a stained glass item and a themed basket of “goodies”. Each ticket holder will have one free raffle ticket. Additional raffle tickets will be sold for \$1 each, or 6 tickets for \$5. Participants need not be present to win!

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Steven Carls

As a member of a couple of rose societies, and a landscape professional, I am asked: "What rose do you recommend?" Well, that is a very difficult question to answer, but I will try. To make this a little easier, I am limiting the answer to the bigger roses so no minis, micro-minis or mini-floras on this list. Someone with more experience with those roses can answer that question.

My number one rose is: Gemini. This pink blend HT is my favorite all around rose. I like multi-color roses. Plus, this rose is a proficient bloomer and the blooms are generally high quality. This is a great exhibitor rose and a great garden rose. I like this rose so much I have three of them in my garden.

Number two is: The Green Rose. This old garden rose is a different looking rose. Many people who see this rose for the first time are heard to say "That isn't a rose." I really like the uniqueness of this rose and that's why it's on my list.

Number three is: Moonstone. This white HT is a fantastic bloomer and a great rose for showing also. One problem with this rose is thrips. Thrips love this rose and it is one of the first roses to be attacked by thrips in my garden. This is another great show and garden rose.

Number four is: Veteran's Honor. This dark red HT is hard to beat. Great rich color, long lasting cut blooms, long stems, and great form. The blooms off this rose can last a week in a cut bouquet. When you think of a red rose, this one comes to mind first. It doesn't bloom as much as Gemini or Moonstone, but the blooms are high quality. I have five of this variety in my garden.

Number five is: Black Magic. This is a dark red HT also. However, this rose has darker, almost black edges on the petals. The texture of the rose can almost look like velvet. A good bloomer with great form also. You generally see this rose on the trophy table and it is a good garden rose also.

Number six is: Sentimental. This red blend Floribunda is another one of my favorites. Maybe it's the red and white blooms, the nice fragrance, or the fact my first blue ribbon as an adult exhibitor was from this rose. Whatever the reason, this is a nice rose to have for a several reasons.

Number seven is: Double Delight. This red blend HT is a crowd pleaser. A nice bloomer, decent form, but the fragrance is legendary. This rose is hard to beat in the "Most Fragrant" category in a rose show. I also love the color of this multi colored rose. I have a couple of these roses in my garden.

Number eight is: Chihuly. This is another multi colored rose. It's a red blend floribunda. This rose, even for a floribunda does not get very big. I first saw this rose at a rose show several years ago and it went on my "Must get" list immediately. Though it doesn't seem to bloom as much as Sentimental, the color of the blooms is amazing.

Number nine is: Perfect Moment. This eye catching rose is a red blend multi colored rose. It is also a HT. The bright colored blooms are hard to miss. You add this to your garden and you will immediately get more visitors looking at your garden. This rose really likes the colder weather. This is when it will bloom more and produce blooms with better form. Unfortunately, this rose has many prickles (thorns). So, if that bothers you, skip this one. Personally, I think it's worth having even if it has too many prickles. Lastly, this is my mother's favorite rose.

Number ten is: Paul Ecke Jr. This is an orange blend shrub rose. It has only a few petals (a single bloom). When it opens and the stamens are yellow they are bright against the blooms. You don't see this rose very often, but when you do you won't forget it.

So this is my list. My tastes are ever changing. This would not have been my exact list last year, and next year it will probably change again. I have high hopes for Sedona and Dick Clark. They are both in my garden and appear to be good choices. I need a little more time to see how good they do in the next couple years. I am also expanding my repertoire. Several years again if it wasn't a HT, or a floribunda I didn't care about it. I have recently been tempted to add Mutablis, Betty Boop, Silverado, St. Patrick, and Route 66 to my garden. I am waiting for space to open up.

I hope this helps. I realize that most people would not agree to my list exactly, but would probably have several on the list. If you would like, come to the meeting and I would be happy to discuss your list with mine. It really is difficult to narrow down all the roses to just ten. Good luck and I hope to see you at the next meeting.

Tu Amigo, Steve Carls

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Rosy Calendar of Events:

Aug. 16, 2011 – 6:30pm – Board Meeting
7:30pm – General Meeting
Ice Cream Social! PRS furnishes the ice cream and members are asked to provide cookies or a favorite ice cream topping! Root beer will be provided.

Sept. 20, 2011 – 6:30pm – Board Meeting
7:30pm – General Meeting

Nov. 6, 2011 – Rose Show, Green Valley
Nov. 19, 2011 – Rose Show, Mesa
Nov. 26, 2011 – Rose Show, ASU West

Dec. 3, 2011 – AZ Rose Society Banquet

Dec. 4, 2011 – PRS Holiday Tea
Sandra Macintyre, Chair, 602-795-3361

Apr. 22, 2012 – PRS Rose Show
Dave Mahoney, Chair, 623-581-3756

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AUGUST 16TH
7:30PM

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