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# QUEEN'S HERALD

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LODGE AT PT.  
DEFIANCE

PNW SUMMER  
WORKSHOP:  
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MINIFLORAS  
JULY 31  
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## **ANNUAL PICNIC SUNDAY, AUGUST 8**

*Our annual picnic will be held on Sunday, August 8, at the Lodge at Point Defiance again this year. The Lodge is the building on the left just past the Rose Garden. The picnic will start at noon and we plan to eat at 1PM. Weather permitting; we will set up the tables on the verandah. TRS will provide a ham, coffee, soft drinks, cups, plates and silverware. Please come and bring a potluck dish to share with the group.*

*If your name starts with A-H please bring a salad, I-P, please bring a hot dish, Q-Z, please bring a dessert or appetizer finger food. If there is something you really want to bring, but you are not on that list, bring it anyway because things will even out. Whatever you do, please bring your camera!*

*This will be a great opportunity to see the rose garden at Pt Defiance Park. We always have the best potlucks, and the setting can't be beat.*

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Cliff Martin**

*Thanks to our hardworking club members led by show chairman, Bruce Lind, our rose show was a great success. Thanks again, folks, it was a job well done!*

*We are through with the rose shows now until the Puyallup Fair, which has three shows on successive weekends. We are responsible for maintaining the **information booth** on September 19. If you would like to help, let us know. Keep in mind that if you enter any of the rose shows, or help staff our booth, you get free admittance. (Contact me for your tickets.)*

*We received a phone call and flyer about the Tri-Valley Rose Society's first annual Open Rose Garden at Heller's Rose Haven in Stanwood on August 21, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mr. Heller's garden features over 1000 roses with several species roses included. For more information, contact: [dougandjolyn@aol.com](mailto:dougandjolyn@aol.com) or [tearoselady@harbournet.com](mailto:tearoselady@harbournet.com). Car-pooling would be a good idea.*

*See you at our annual picnic at the Point Defiance Lodge on August 8. Keep your stick on the ice!*

*Cliff*



'SEXY REXY'  
FLORIBUNDA

**POINT DEFIANCE ROSE GARDEN NEWS**  
*by Margaret Leisner*



**'TINEKE'**  
 HYBRID TEA



**'SOLITAIRE'**  
 HYBRID TEA



**'KARDINAL'**  
 HYBRID TEA

The summer deadheading program at the Point Defiance Rose Garden is in full swing and those participating report that they are having a great time at the garden each Thursday afternoon from 4:30 p.m. to approximately 6:30 p.m. If you have not joined the "deadheaders" yet, there is still time to do so as the program continues through and including Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

To take part in the fun, come to the garden on Thursday afternoons at 4:30 p.m. (or as soon after that as you can), equipped with sharpened pruners, sturdy gloves and small bucket if you have one...(come even if you don't have a bucket, there are usually some extras that you can use.) You will be an expert at deadheading after a few brief instructions, as the name simply means removing the spent and faded blooms so that the bush will produce more roses. And the best part is this: when the work is completed each week, everyone is invited to a no host meal and good conversation at the golden arches on North Pearl. It's a great way to become better acquainted with your fellow TRS members.

If you are not able to come to the weekly deadheading work parties, please take time to visit the rose garden this summer. It is the centerpiece of Point Defiance Park and is always filled with visitors from near and far. Among the highlights of the rose garden are the numerous AARS roses. This year, there are two new selections and they are currently in full bloom. **'Dick Clark'** is a lovely grandiflora with creamy white blooms, with a cherry picotee, blushing to burgundy. **'Walking on Sunshine'** is a bright yellow floribunda with anise fragrance. (Detailed information on these two 2011 winners can be found in the June issue of the QH.) Check them out as you stroll through the garden; they are easily identified by their distinctive green metal AARS signs.

**MINI/MINIFLORA WORKSHOP**

The Mini/Miniflora workshop is coming up very soon - **July 31**, so mail your registration ASAP!

This full-day event covers horticultural aspects of growing both miniature and miniflora roses, ranging from site selection to planting methods, variety selection, pruning, feeding, etc. – general topics of interest to the Consulting Rosarian in you. It also covers aspects of exhibiting miniature and minifloras, including variety selection, pruning for exhibition, and judging, with consideration for Challenge classes – general topics of interest to your inner Horticulture Judge. The workshop is open to everyone; you don't have to be a CR or a judge to attend, though if you are either one, you may get audit credits.

The Fort Vancouver Rose Society will host with coffee, cookies, and lunch. The workshop is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and go to 3 or 4 p.m. (It depends on how long folks stick around and discuss the topic). The workshop will be at the PUD Building in Vancouver, just off I-5 at E. Mill Plain, at 1200 Fort Vancouver Way. It's a large room, with plenty of seating, so attendance is not limited. Registration for the all-day workshop is a total of \$35, of which \$5 goes toward the cost of lunch.

To register, send a check for \$35 (payable to Pacific NW District – ARS) to John Sitton, 1120 25th Avenue, SW, Albany OR 97321

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

CR Credit: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Judging Credit: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

## TRS ROSE SHOW AWARDS - 2010 HORTICULTURE

Best in Show	Jo Martin	Sexy Rexy
Queen of the Show	Carl & Carolyn Finch	Tineke
King of the Show	John & Caroline Fredette	Solitaire
Princess of the Show	Bill Wilson	Kardinal
Miniature Queen	Richard & Janis Parke	Ralph Moore
Miniature King	Ed Pawlowski	Luis Desamero
Miniature Princess	Richard & Janis Parke	Hot Tamale
Best Peace	Monica Weidman	Peace
Best 3 Mini Blooms	Carl & Carolyn Finch	Incognito
Best Mini Spray	Bruce & Barbara Lind	Scott
Best Floribunda Spray	Jo Martin	Sexy Rexy
Best Grandiflora Spray	Richard & Janis Parke	Maria Shriver
Best Open Bloom	Beage & Jack Kiley	Top Notch
Best 1 Bloom Floribunda	Richard & Janis Parke	Nicole
Best 3 Floribunda sprays	Mike & Alexa Peterson	Kimberlina
Best 3 HT blooms	Margaret Snitzler	Elina
Best 1 bloom single Mini	Mike & Alexa Peterson	Will-o'-the-Wisp
Grand Challenge	Carl & Carolyn Finch	Touch of Class et al
Colorama Challenge	Carl & Carolyn Finch	Tineke, Gold Medal et al
President's Challenge	Jo Martin	Various
Austin Challenge	Bill Wilson	Evelyn
Bloom Cycle Challenge	Carl & Carolyn Finch	Tineke
Maxi-Mini Portrait Challenge	Jim Linman	Tineke, Irresistible
FI Challenge	John & Caroline Fredette	Sexy Rexy, Europeana, Fabulous
Garden Challenge, 3 Sprays	Richard & Janis Parke	Signature et al
Garden Challenge, HT Spray	Carl & Carolyn Finch	Sunstruck
Garden Challenge, Fragrance	Jo Martin	Margaret Merril
OGR Challenge	Jeff & Kathy Wyckoff	James Mason et al
Shrub Challenge	Beage & Jack Kiley	Jan's Wedding et al
Mini Bloom Cycle	Mitchie Moe	Mike Peterson
Mini English Box	Barbara & Bruce Lind	Scott, Jean Kenneally et al
HT in a Bowl	Carl & Carolyn Finch	Tineke
Mini Rose in a Bowl	Carl & Carolyn Finch	Incognito
Artist's Palette	Mike & Alexa Peterson	Jilly Jewel, Hot Tamale, et al
Portrait Challenge	Anne Theivagt	Gemini
Mini Portrait Challenge	Richard & Janis Parke	Incognito
Dowager Queen	Jeff & Kathy Wyckoff	Gallica Macrantha
Victorian Award	Jeff & Kathy Wyckoff	Old Red Moss
Genesis Award	Beage & Jack Kiley	R. Rugosa
Best Climber	Richard & Janis Parke	Fourth of July
Best Classic Shrub	Jo Martin	Heidelberg
Best Modern Shrub	Richard & Janis Parke	Robusta
Best Polyantha	Mike & Alexa Peterson	Wing Ding
Best Novice HT	Judith Heath	Red Masterpiece
Best Novice FI Spray	Kay Von Gohren Miles	Katrina
Best Novice Mini 1 bloom	Greg & Karen Madsen	Sweet Revenge

## ARRANGEMENTS

ARS Gold Certificate	Jo Martin	ARS Mini Gold Certificate	Carolyn Finch
ARS Silver Certificate	Jo Martin	ARS Mini Silver Certificate	Jo Martin
ARS Bronze Certificate	Jo Martin	ARS Mini Bronze Certificate	Megan Fredette
ARS Royalty Award	Jo Martin	ARS Mini Royalty Award	Jo Martin
ARS Artist's Award	Jo Martin	ARS Mini Artist Award	Megan Fredette
ARS Oriental Award	Megan Fredette	ARS Mini Oriental	Carolyn Finch
ARS Court of Etiquette	Barbara Lind	Best Novice Award	Anne Theivagt
ARS Duchess	Jo Martin	Best Amateur Award	Megan Fredette
ARS Duke	Lou Little	Best Advanced Amateur	Jo Martin

**2010 PNW DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE**



**'RALPH MOORE  
MINIATURE**



**'LUIS DESAMERO'  
MINIATURE**



**'HOT TAMALES'  
MINIATURE**

*The highlight of your year is almost upon us. You don't want to miss our Pacific Northwest*

*District Fall Conference, Oct. 22-24, at The Heathman Lodge, in Vancouver, Washington.*

*One of the highlights of each conference is the simple introduction by each person of who they are and what society they represent. It's wonderful to see that we attract members from almost every local society that currently operates in our District. That simple action sets the tone of both renewing old friendships, and making new ones throughout the course of the weekend, all with a common focus centered on our beautiful national flower, the rose.*

*Our proposed agenda for this year pretty much follows the same formula. Again we have assembled an array of speakers, both from around the country and locally, that represent the best and the brightest. Complimenting the excellent speakers will be the district photo contest, the silent auction which incorporates some of the prize winning photos and theme baskets donated by many of the societies, Char Mutschler's much praised and highly sought-after Rose Arrangement Workshop, District awards and possibly Consulting Rosarian and Horticulture judging audits – and even schools if we identify enough interest.*

*As usual, we are doing everything we can to hold down costs and make this weekend as reasonably priced as possible.*

*Please put the conference dates, October 22- 24, on your schedule. Join us and experience the fun and excitement that inevitably are the reason we come to the fall conference; that is, to be part of a common theme of loving roses – and perhaps even more important – renewing the love we have for our friends in the district that love roses.*

**PNW District – Fall Conference  
Oct. 22 – 23 – 24, 2010  
The Heathman Lodge**

**Friday: Oct. 22**

*6:00 – 7:00 PM: Check-In Begins*

*7:00 – 9:00 PM Rose Arrangement Seminar: Char Mutschler*

*9:00 - ? Reception hosted by District Director*

**Saturday: Oct 23**

*7:30 – 8:30 AM: Prizes & Awards Committee Meeting*

*8:00 – 9:00 AM: Check-In Begins*

*9:00 – 9:30 AM: Introductions: Jack Kiley, District Director*

*9:30 – 10:45 AM: Presentation*

*10:45 – Noon: District business meeting*

*12:00 – 1:15 PM: LUNCH*

*1:15 – 4:15 PM: Presentations*

*4:15 – 4:30 PM: Silent Auction Concludes*

*Dinner: On your own*

*8:00 – 11:00 PM Reception: Hosted by District Director*

**Sunday: Oct. 24**

*8:00 – Noon: Consulting Rosarian Audit and/or School: John & Mitchie Moe and staff*

*8:00 – Noon: Horticulture Judging Audit: Bruce Lind/Ken Rowe*

**ASK THE CONSULTING ROSARIAN**  
**by Mitchie and John Moe**  
**Master Rosarians**

**Q** – A cry for help from a friend - We recently moved my mother-in-law from her house to the convalescent center and she had a big 6'+ rose at the house we wanted to keep so we dug it up, brought it home and planted it. It had about a dozen big light pink blooms, plus twice that many buds and was out of the ground for about an hour and a half. The petals were starting to fall off after planting 3 days ago. Put a little fertilizer and a lot of water in at planting and do water it daily. Now the plant really looks horrible, leaves sort of wilted, the blooms deteriorating quickly and the branches with the buds wilting. It probably was not the best time to move it, but what else do we need to do to save it? more fertilizer? Help!!!

**A** - Yes, you did 3 no-no's (#1 moving a big plant in summer, #2 keeping it out in open air drying for an hour and a half, and #3 fertilizing too soon), but..... Step 1 - take pruner in hand and cut off all the blooms and buds! Cut the whole bush down by 50%. What you are trying to do is to get the roots to grow after being in shock. Don't need the bush to support all the blooms, buds and a whole lot of foliage at this time. Keep it well watered, and then water some more. A bush can really dehydrate in this weather. Do NOT put any more fertilizer on it now, particularly something with a high nitrogen content, as it will burn the new feeder roots that are developing. If you can, see if you can find some of the Alaska Start-Up B-1 transplant fertilizer to help with the shock. Water every day if it is not raining for a month or so. Hopefully you can save it.

**Q** – From the ARS website cyber CR - My roses are not doing well this year and I assume it is from too much rain and not enough sun. I've had a lot of broken canes, not just the thin ones but also ones that looked strong. The leaves have a lot of round, black spots and some of the canes even have brown spots. I've never seen spots on the canes before. I've been cutting out the thin canes and cutting off the badly spotted leaves. Is it okay to keep doing that? My question is what do I do now?

**A** – Yes, we did have a lot of rain and the roses did suffer. A lot of rain, coupled with the spring brought out the fungal spores, and it sounds like you have a bad infestation as we winter damage to some of the canes as most of us had. The combination of all of this ha you with a weak plant that has obvious problems. It sounds like you are on the right appr – cutting out the thin and damaged canes. Cut off all the diseased leaves and dispose of the garbage or burn, as the spores can recycle and live to bother you another time. Spra whole bush, including the soil around it with a good fungicide every 2 weeks. Be sure to the label before mixing and spraying. A couple that we could recommend that should hel with this problem are Ortho Rose Pride Disease Control, or Bayer Advanced Garden Dise Control, both of which are available from Home Depot.

**2010 Rose Show Report**  
**by Bruce Lind**

As someone else said in a different context, "It Takes a Village." Our 2010 TRS Rose Show was a great success, and that was only possible because of the many TRS members who did the jobs for which they "volunteered" and in many cases so much more. It is good that so many TRS members are always willing to do whatever needs to be done in the cause of the Rose Society. In addition to the "usual suspects," it was so encouraging to have some new and enthusiastic workers. THANKS TO ALL who worked to make our show a show to be proud of.

Thanks also to all the TRS members who brought roses to show and to share. Your entries are the backbone around which the entries from visiting exhibitors can enhance our display. This year we had a grand (really, I do mean grand!) total of nearly 500 exhibits. Many of these exhibits involve numerous stems of roses. This means that the bloom count would number in the thousands. What a great display! This bounty came forth in spite of some truly nasty weather just before the show. It is good to be able to



**'PEACE'**  
**HYBRID TEA**



**'GALLICA  
MACRANTHA'**  
**MISC. OLD  
GARDEN  
ROSE**



**'OLD RED  
MOSS'**  
**MOSS ROSE**

## DESIGNS BY JO MARTIN



count on rose friends from home and also from around the PNW District of the ARS. As always, the Arrangements Section of our show was outstanding. Thirty designs were entered and each of them was a gift from the designer for all of us to enjoy. It is great for the Tacoma Rose Society to have the Arrangements Section as such an appealing feature in our show.

On the horticultural side of the show, we had both great quality and a significant increase in numbers over our 2009 show. Thanks again to all of you who entered your roses. We juggled our challenge classes a bit this year and it was good to see support for our new Maxi-Mini Portrait Challenge and also stunning entries in all of our usual categories. We did not have the "Difficult Dozen" challenges this year, but who knows what may happen in future shows? Maybe we will have a class for a vase of 5 hybrid teas of the same variety (and the same for miniatures).

In addition to succeeding in spite of the nasty weather, "Show Day" turned out really fine and provided lots of fun for many people. Thanks to the coverage (way to go Margaret!) in the TNT we had more visitors to the show than we have had in many years. Maybe the TNT will help us next year as well, and we will have an increase in the number of appreciative viewers from the community.

At our show committee meetings we talked about the 2010 Show and also about the Centennial Show in 2011. Thanks to Anne Theivagt's connections, we will be staging our show and the PNW District Show at the Tacoma Yacht Club on June 25, 2011. I hope all of you will be willing, once again, to support that special show. I am sure we will be hearing more from TRS President Cliff Martin on just when we will begin to work toward our next goal - a Special Show for our Centennial Year. Mark June, 25, 2011 on your calendar so you will be ready to join in our celebration of the TRS 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!

### **DESIGNING WOMAN PUTS AWAY HER FLORAL SHEARS**

What hobby and what fun I have had! It is with astonishment that I realize I have been arranging roses and other flowers for over forty years. I have enjoyed studying the different types of design and have experimented with the newer types of designs that have come along. In the beginning, we dealt mainly with traditional types of design: masses, line-masses and various types of line designs. Styles like crescents, Hogarth curves and even fan-shaped arrangements were popular. In the 60's we thought we were on the cutting edge when we made modern and abstract designs, influenced by the art of Picasso, Monet, Salvador Dali, and others.

In the quest for the best designs, we amassed all sorts of containers, driftwood, sea kelp, seashells, fabrics, backgrounds, floral glues, all sorts of needle holders, needle cups to name a few of the helpful mechanics. We experimented on our own and learned from others. We competed in rose shows, garden club shows and at Fairs. Practice made some of us better. It was always a learning experience. We tried to do designs differently rather than the same old way.

One of the biggest aid to floral designers was the advent of oasis floral foam. Imagine not having the benefit of this very helpful mechanic. A wonderful, water-holding medium that would allow stems to be inserted in different angles. Mass arrangements could be made by beginners because of oasis. I still remember an excellent flower arranger in garden club who could make a huge elaborate design of mums using nothing but a pin-frog! This took incredible skill. Then, the advent of oasis! It is still used 35 years later, the only change is that it now comes in an array of bright colors. I still prefer the green oasis.

The American Rose Society developed a rose arrangement program in 1983 and the Pacific Northwest came on board with schools to educated judges in 1986. We trained 25 new judges, a surprise to the rest of the country. The first edition of *Guidelines For Judging Rose Arrangements* was written in 1988 and I was honored to have been involved with that, working with Ruth Tiedeman. We are in our third edition

now and have made many improvements. Nearly all of the newest styles of design are included and we are keeping pace with the Garden Clubs, the leaders in judged amateur floral design. Now we see transparencies, reflectives, underwaters, stretch designs, tubulars, parallels, to name a few.

Perhaps you note the use of past tense. I have decided to "retire" from competitive rose arranging on the local level. I hope this will encourage others to join in and keep our shows filled with your wonderful, creative rose arrangements.

I have had a wonderful time! TA TA DW

## SUMMER ROSE CARE

by Bruce Lind  
Master Rosarian

Water, water, water! That is the most important thing you can do for your roses from now until the fall rains begin. To stay healthy and vigorous in the hot and windy days our roses needs water by the gallon. As I have said before, we use an automated drip irrigation system. Each day, before seven AM, every rose gets water for at least ten minutes. If we should be lucky enough to get a real rain, we may omit water on that day. When the temperature gets into the high 80's we often give the plants a second dose of water. Also, our beds are thickly mulched.

Even roses that are strong and healthy may have some problems with **powdery mildew** and/or spider mites. The word powdery in the name of the fungus disease gives a strong tip on spotting this problem. This disease seldom does long-term damage to the rose plants affected, but it can cause unsightly damage to foliage and bloom. It will mainly affect new growth (including buds) so we will spot it at the top of our rose plants. The fungicides mentioned by Mitchie and John in this months Q&A column will work well to prevent and control powdery mildew. There are also some plant-oil based products that can (partially) eradicate this disease.

**Spider mites** are arachnids, not insects, so most insecticides are not effective in controlling them. Spider mite infestations usually start at the bottom of a rose plant on mature leaves. Mites love dry conditions, so this is their time. Unchecked, the mites may keep moving higher on the plant. The symptoms to look for are leaves that are turning from green to a grayish or yellowish color and drying out. The mites are very small (best seen with a magnifying lens), but if you feel the lower surface of a suspect leaf it may feel somewhat "gritty." If you examine the surface of a mite infested leaf you will see (with the aid of a lens or the naked eye if your close vision is excellent) very fine webs and the culprits themselves – the two-spotted spider mite.

In other years I have suggested use of the best products for mite eradication. These products are hugely expensive and come in packages that would last many of us several lifetimes. This time let me make some more practical suggestions. Some people have had success in controlling mites with a high-pressure water wand used to "blast" the lower surface of the leaves at the bottom of a rose plant. This is a very "organic" method of control. For more persistent infestations let me suggest two products that are readily available in nurseries and big-box stores. These products can provide relief from mites, insects and powdery mildew (as well as blackspot and rust). Bayer makes a product called "3-in-One" that has a miticide. (Don't confuse this with "All-in-One", also from Bayer.) Ortho's product combines a fungicide, an insecticide and a miticide. Ask your favorite garden center for the current name (it used to be called Orthonex and may still have that name). The drawback to Orthonex is the serious and irreversible damage it can do to one's eyes. It is one of the few over-the-counter pesticides that carries a "Danger" signal word. If you choose to use this product, be sure to be very careful and to wear protective goggles. A third product that carries the "Caution" signal word (far less toxic) is Immunox Plus from Spectracide. This product is very effective against powdery mildew and is also an insecticide and miticide

The main idea here is to be vigilant and to take action before a small problem becomes serious. It is the case with rose pests and diseases, like so many things in life that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Be happy, be safe and enjoy your roses!



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**Dues** are \$15 per household per calendar year. Make check payable to the Tacoma Rose Society and send it to the treasurer.

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To get there from S. Union turn onto S. 15<sup>th</sup> St and go one block east. Turn right onto Puget Sound and go one block. Make a left turn the sign for Life Manor Assisted Living. At the end of the building, turn right, go up the hill and turn left to find visitors' parking. The meeting is in the brick building that faces the parking lot. Open the glass door on the right. Overflow parking is NW of the building.

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