

TACOMA ROSE SOCIETY
YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR MEETINGS!

The Tacoma Rose Society meets at 7:30PM on the third Thursdays of February through June and September through November with a Rose Show in July, a picnic in August and a banquet in January. Programs are about roses with Q&A sessions. All are invited to attend. Location: Life Manor Activity Center, 1601 S Union, behind Life Center Church. For further directions or for date confirmation, call a Consulting Rosarian or go to www.tacomarosesociety.org. Please join us!

Annual Pruning of the roses at Pt. Defiance Park is Saturday, March 7, 2009.

Annual Garden Sale benefiting the Rose Garden at Pt. Defiance is Saturday, March 21, 2009.

Annual Rose Show is Saturday, July 4, 2009.

FINDING ROSES

The Tacoma Rose Society **strongly recommends local nurseries** for obtaining new roses. Look for at least 3 strong canes that are about the same diameter. If you are unable to locate a rose you are interested in, try www.helpmefind.com/roses/.

PLANTING ROSES

Select a site with good drainage, away from competing tree roots, that receives at least half a day of sun. Dig a hole 18-24" wide and at least 18" deep. Mix soil with equal amounts of organic matter (such as compost, peat, mushroom compost, aged manure) and with drainage material (such as sharp builder's sand, vermiculite or perlite). To this add half a cup of dolomite lime. In the interim, soak the plant in water for several hours. Prune roots and tops to remove any wood that is dead or damaged. Waxed canes are best pruned to 4" to encourage new basal growth and prevent burning by the sun. Partially fill the hole with the amended soil, forming a mound on which to spread the plant roots. If any roots are too long, cut them back rather than twisting them around in the hole. The bud graft should be just above ground level to allow for settling. Hold the plant in place and fill in most of the hole. Water in well and add more soil, mounding several inches over the canes. This is to keep them from drying out until root growth starts and to protect from severe winter weather. (Note: when replacing roses in a rose bed, best results will be obtained by using freshly prepared soil in the planting hole).

ROSE CULTURE – THE ROSE YEAR IN BRIEF

June through August – Roses bloom in profusion. Keep dead blossoms removed, cutting off just above a 5-leaflet leaf. Provide lots of water and fertilizer. Disbud for larger blooms. Spray regularly for blackspot, mildew and rust with a fungicide. For insects, use an insecticide only as needed. Enter roses in area rose shows.

September/October – enjoy last roses of the summer. Enter roses in fairs. No more nitrogen fertilizer; allow growth to slow down. Water and spray as needed. Prepare new rose beds.

November/December – Before severe weather, cut bush roses down to 30-36" to prevent rocking in the wind. Dispose of diseased leaves. Apply dolomite lime to existing beds. Tie down climbing rose canes. Wrap the trunk and top graft of tree roses with burlap or other insulating material. Protect the bud graft at the base of bushes with at least 4" of mounded soil, bark or other mulch-type material. Potted roses must be protected from freezing. Plant and/or transplant roses. Fall planting gives roses a head start for the next year.

January through March – Planting continues. Local nurseries sell potted and bare root roses now. Buy #1 grade for best results. Prune in late February to mid March, depending on the weather. Tacoma Rose Society members give pruning demonstrations at local nurseries and at Pt. Defiance Park (March 7, 2009). When heavy freezes are past, carefully clear hilled soil away from the base of bushes, watching out for tender new growth.

April/May – Water, fertilize, spray, disbud. Finger prune to remove unwanted shoots and those growing into the center of the bush to allow air and sunlight to penetrate. Cut back blind shoots (the end of a cane without a flower bud). Watch for blackspot on new leaves: remove any showing signs of this disease and deposit with garbage. Look for potted roses to fill vacant spots. These should be disease-free and in 2 gallon or larger pots.

TACOMA ROSE SOCIETY – YEAR 2009 DUES

\$15 per household/calendar year

Please send to Barbara Lind, 2132 Bridgeport Way, Tacoma, WA 98466

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Rose Varieties Recommended for Puget Sound 2009

Individual rose varieties rarely perform well in all climates nor does the picture on a rose package always accurately portray what that rose will look like when it blooms. This list is a guide to some of the most popular roses that have proven to give reliable results in the Puget Sound region. For further information on a rose or for one not listed, call a Consulting Rosarian (see list below), or see www.tacomarosesociety.org, or www.helpmefind.com/roses/.

HYBRID TEAS

Artistry-orange pink
Brigadoon*pink
Chicago Peace-pink blend
Double Delight*red/white
Elina-light yellow
Elle*pink blend
Falling in Love*pink
Fragrant Cloud*or/red
Gemini*pink blend
Home & Family*white
Ingrid Bergman-red
Just Joey*apricot
Kardinal-red
LeAnn Rimes*pink blend
Liebeszauber*-red
Love and Peace*yell blend
Lover's Lane*-red
Marilyn Monroe*-apricot blend
Memorial Day*-med pink
Neptune*-mauve
New Zealand*-pink
Olympiad-red
Parole*deep pink
Peace*-yell blend
Perfect Moment*-red/or
Polarstern-white
Pope John Paul II*-white
Secret*-pink blend
Sheer Bliss*-white
Signature*deep pink
Solitaire*-yell blend
Sunset Celebration*apricot
Sunstruck*apricot
Timeless-pink
Veteran's Honor*red
Whisper-white

GRANDIFLORAS

About Face-Orange blend
Candelabra – orange/red
Cherry Parfait – red blend
Crimson Bouquet –red
Fame! – deep pink
Gold Medal – yellow
Love*red blend
Queen Elizabeth-pink
Strike it Rich*-yellow blend
Tournament of Roses–pink
Wild Blue Yonder*mauve

SHRUBS

Abraham Darby*apricot blend
Autumn Sunset*apricot
Ballerina-pink
Be-Bop-red blend
Blanc double de Coubert *white
Evelyn*apricot
Fred Loads*orange/red
Flutterbye*yellow
Gertrude Jekyll*pink
Golden Celebration*yellow
Graham Thomas*deep yell
Hansa*mauve
Heritage*pink
Home Run-med red
Knockout-red
Mary Rose*pink
Othello*red
Pat Austin*orange blend
Sally Holmes-white
St. Cecelia*yellow
Westerland*apricot blend

POLYANTHAS

Cecile Brunner-pink
The Fairy-pink

FLORIBUNDAS

Angel Face*mauve
Betty Boop*red blend
Blueberry Hill*mauve
Brass Band-apricot
Chihuly-red blend
Day Breaker*apricot
Easy Going-yellow blend
Ebb Tide*mauve
Eureka*apricot
Europeana-red
Fabulous!-white
Hannah Gordon/Nicole-pink/white
Hot Cocoa*russet
Iceberg-white
Julia Child*yellow
Lavaglut-red
Mardi Gras-pink blend
Margaret Merril*white
Moondance*white
Playboy-red blend
Pretty Lady-It pink
Rhapsody in
Blue*mauve
Sexy Remy-pink
Sunsprite*yellow

OLD GARDEN

ROSES

Apothecary's Rose*pink
Baronne Prevost*pink
Charles de Mills*mauve
Fantin-Latour*pink
Harison's Yellow*yell
Madame Hardy*white
Marchesa Boccelia*pink
Rose de Rescht*pink
Salet*pink

CLIMBERS

Altissimo-red
Dublin Bay-red
Fourth of July
red/white
Night Owl*mauve
Polka*apricot blend
Royal Sunset*apricot
Showtime*med red
Sky's the Limit*yell
Soaring Spirits*pink blend

MINIATURES

Baby Love-yellow
Bee's Knees-yell blend
Butter Cream-yellow
Carrot Top-orange/red
Gourmet Popcorn-white
Heartbreaker-pink blend
Incognito-mauve
Irresistible-white
Jean Kenneally-apricot
Jeanne Lajoie-pink climber
Kristin-red blend
Little Artist-red
Loving Touch-apricot
Magic Carrousel-red
Minnie Pearl-pink
Pink Petticoat-pink
Rise 'n Shine-yellow
Ruby Ruby-red
Santa Claus-red
Seattle Sunrise-apricot
Starina-orange red
Valentine's Day-dark red climber
Winsome-mauve

***Fragrant**

CONSULTING ROSARIANS

If you have questions or concerns about your roses, please call a Consulting Rosarian in your area.

Sheldon Arkin, 472-5924 – South Tacoma
Ava Brock, 756-7212 – Tacoma
Gracie Baker, 851-5154 – Gig Harbor
Debbie Jackson, 627-8912 – Central Tacoma
Jack Kiley, 360-754-4937 – Olympia
Dennis Konsmo, 926-1112 – NE Tacoma
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Mitchie & John Moe, 253-815-1072 – Federal Way
Cheryl Prescott, 206-436-3186 – Vashon Island
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