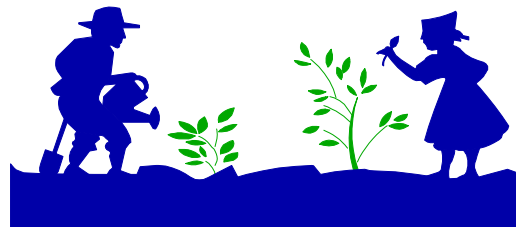


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MAY MEETING OF CORVALLIS ROSE SOCIETY (CRS)

DATE/TIME: Monday, May 15, 2006 – 7:30pm

LOCATION: Corvallis Chintinimi Senior Center – 2601 NW Tyler in the Game Room just east (or right) of the front entrance. Off-street parking is available from Tyler (small lot) and from 27th Street (large lot). **Maintaining the long-standing tradition, please bring something to share as a door prize!**

NEED A RIDE Contact **Ginger Helfer** at 753.2107 to arrange a ride to the CRS meeting

PROGRAM

1. **THIS MONTH IN YOUR ROSE GARDEN (TMIYRG)**, by **Stan Miles** on **CRS Rose Show**.
2. **HANDS–ON FLOWER ARRANGING**, a class taught by **Helen Ellis**.

Two years ago, the late **Joan Conn** and **Vonnie Noble** taught a hands-on flower arranging class that was such a rousing success that many people have asked to have it repeated. This time **Helen Ellis** will be the instructor with assistance by Vonnie. Helen is a member of the Santiam Arranger's Guild and is a Master Arranger. She has spoken to our society in the past and has helped with our rose show as a judge. Some of the containers used in this class were left to the society by Joan with the intention us of using them in this manner. The Society and Helen will provide everything necessary for an arrangement: roses, greenery, containers, etc. Everybody goes home with an arrangement. Please bring some pruning shears.

This Month in My Rose Garden: May

Here are some things to consider this month (though opinions may vary):

- Continue spray program, especially black spot; watch for aphids and thrips, spray if compelled
- Begin or continue fertilizer program
- Prune back blind shoots (unless you believe the theory that the foliage is needed)
- Remove side or center buds for single bloom or sprays respectively
- Continue daily cruise through the garden do the little things that become a chore if left undone
- Continue to maintain good hygiene by removing weeds, leaves, and other debris

2006 Corvallis Rose Show

By **Nancy Mandel**, Show Chair

The Corvallis Rose Society is sponsoring their 66th annual Corvallis Rose Show. This year the arrangement theme is "Sage Brush and Roses along the Oregon Trail".

SHOW TIME: Saturday, June 10th from 1:00pm to 9:00pm &
Sunday, June 11th from 10:00am to 4:00pm

ENTRIES: Saturday, June 10th from 7:00am to 10:00am

LOCATION: Rite-Aid Mall, Northwest 9th and Circle Blvd.

Volunteers are needed to help set up the show on Friday, the 9th from 4:00-6:00pm and taking down on Sunday the 10th at the same time. And we need help manning the hospitality table and refreshing the roses. Please volunteer for the hospitality table at the May meeting or call Carol or Alex Fischler at 752.6286.

We've decided that other gardening clubs are welcome to have informational fliers on our hospitality table. So if you are a member of another gardening club, please try to get us some appropriate fliers or tell the club's publicity chair to get some to us. (please continue Rose Show next page)

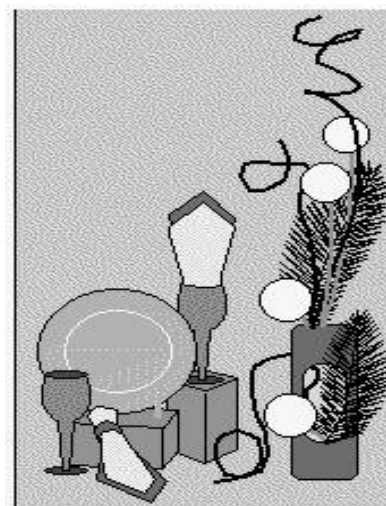
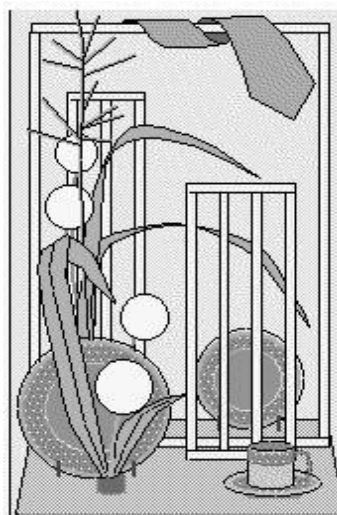
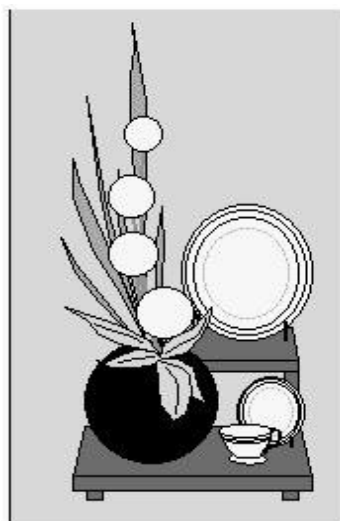
Saturday Afternoon Rose Seminars – this year we will be having 2 rose educational classes on Saturday, June 10th at Rite-Aid. These are free and open to the public:

2:15pm – Identifying Rose Types/Discussing their Culture: Long-time Rosarian **Emery Castle** will explain the various rose types – hybrid tea, floribunda, etc. – their uses and culture requirements. The roses entered in the horticultural sections of the show will be viewed and used for illustration. If you are wondering what kind of rose to buy for cutting or garden color, or anything else and want to know how to grow it, this is the seminar to attend.

3:30pm – Flower Arranging: What's the difference between a so-so flower arrangement and a terrific one? At last year's rose show, acclaimed flower arranger **Char Mutschler** demonstrated that sometimes it's just a matter of clipping a few leaves or moving some rocks. She returns this year to once again give a short seminar on the basics of flower arranging. This class will be held in the arrangement area of the rose show.

New for 2006 – New in the Horticultural division is a challenge class for organically grown roses (no chemical sprays or chemical fertilizers). In the past this was in the Old Garden Roses section but we've moved it to the challenge section to broaden the variety of roses that may be entered. Any shrub, floribunda, polyantha, Austin, or old garden rose that is organically grown is eligible. One entry allowed per exhibitor.

New in the arrangement section is a class for an exhibition table setting. I've done this a couple of times at the Salem show and it's fun. In an exhibition table setting functionality is not necessary. Table setting components are used with other components but are not arranged in the usual way for serving food. Plates are often displayed upright. Cups and glasses can be upside down, sideways, etc. Whatever looks best. Flatware may not be used. Here are some examples from the ARS website. Imagine the big white balls are roses.



Cuttings from other Briar Bushes

The following is from San Antonio Rose Society website: "The Art of Finger Pruning by **Barry Shadrock**.

As a beginner rose grower, this practice was as foreign to me as Latin! What is finger pruning? Finger pruning is the removal of selected, unwanted growing buds from the rose cane using your finger. This sounds simple enough! But, in practice, it can become a true art. After you have pruned your roses, new growth starts. Usually, depending upon the variety, several bud eyes on one cane will pop and begin growing at the same time. This is where finger pruning becomes an art. It is knowing when there are too many buds on one cane for particular varieties as well as types of plants.

You may think to yourself, "the more, the merrier!" NOT SO!! Too many buds on one cane may cause blind shoots for several buds, which will never flower. Later in the growing season, this may cause problems for your bush. Foliage that is too dense causes poor air circulation, which could encourage blackspot or powdery mildew. It also makes a great hideout for the dreaded spider mites.

You will also want to ensure you finger prune any bud eyes growing toward the inside of your plant. By finger pruning your canes to one or two bud eyes, you will help provide more nourishment to the remaining bud eyes. This encourages longer stems and larger blooms. These longer stems are important, especially while establishing a new bush of any type (Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, Floribunda, etc.).

When removing spent blooms, try not to remove too much of the stem. The more leaves you can leave on a new bush, the better your bush will grow! Finger pruning is a good practice to begin once bushes have been pruned as well as one to continue throughout the rose growing season.

Organic Rose Cultivation (in the Corvallis Area)

By Beatrice Rose

In these times of concern over the accumulation of pesticides and herbicides in our environment the idea of returning to organic cultivation has become more compelling. Knowledge of what is in those chemical preparations and how they impact us is available at the NCAP, Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, website (info@pesticide.com).

Wild roses do very well without any special concern, and in fact, can proliferate like weeds in their natural setting. As man began to select roses and breed ever more refined cultivars, the results often become more sensitive to pests and disease. Many of the old heirloom varieties and certain types of rose like the rugosa group are more hearty and disease resistant, suitable to cultivation with less care and concern. Modern hybrids and various cultivars need more attention and cultivation techniques are more involved.

Much of organic gardening is basic common sense requiring some knowledge and much observation. It is helpful to have a relationship with your plants. As the plant is rooted in the soil, the first concern is for a healthy, bio-active soil. This is achieved by enhancing the living component of the soil. Well made compost is the first line of developing a bio-active soil. Various types of organic fertilizers (check out what is available at "Homegrown Gardens" – 541-758-2137) will help to maintain those living components. A healthy vibrant plant is capable of generating resistance to many types of disease and even pestilence.

There are organic remedies for some of the common rose diseases, such as the ubiquitous "black spot" fungus. A plant spray solution of Neem (derived from a tree) and copper will help in the control of this common problem. The Neem will also help in controlling certain types of insect infestation. For aphid control, there is the well known application of beneficial insects such as ladybugs or lacewings. Beneficial insects can be obtained from a growing list of purveyors, and often are obtainable at local nurseries.

For strict adherence to organic cultivation, it is best to stick with the rose varieties most suitable to this practice. Consulting with those who know these hearty types will be helpful to the beginning gardener. Joining a rose society, such as the local Corvallis Rose Society gives access to some very knowledgeable people (meetings every 3rd Monday evening except June, July, August and December at the Corvallis Senior Center @ 7:30 PM).

To learn about basic organic practices, there is the local Corvallis Tilth Organic Garden club which meets once a month, (call 541-424-5443, or 758-0316 for info on the next meeting). Many of the suitable rose varieties for organic cultivation are obtainable from the local "Uncommon Rose" company (call 541-223-1940 – <http://uncommonrose.biz/r/index.html>).

To promote interest in organic rose growing and reward the efforts of organic growers, the Corvallis Rose Show offers a Challenge Trophy sponsored by the Corvallis Tilth Organic Garden club for the best organically grown old garden or shrub rose. The event takes place on the 2nd weekend in June at Rite Aid in Corvallis.

Growing roses is a very rewarding activity. The beauty of the rose, the many fragrances, the spectacular colors, and even the foliage of healthy plants are a joy to behold. So get a hold of the relationship with the flower of love.



Mark Your Calendars

May 15, 2006..... MEETING – BEGINNERS ARRANGEMENTS
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