

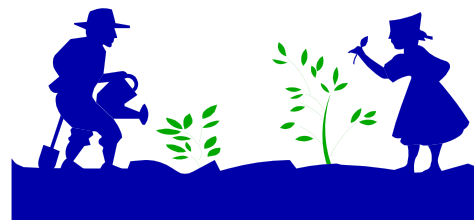


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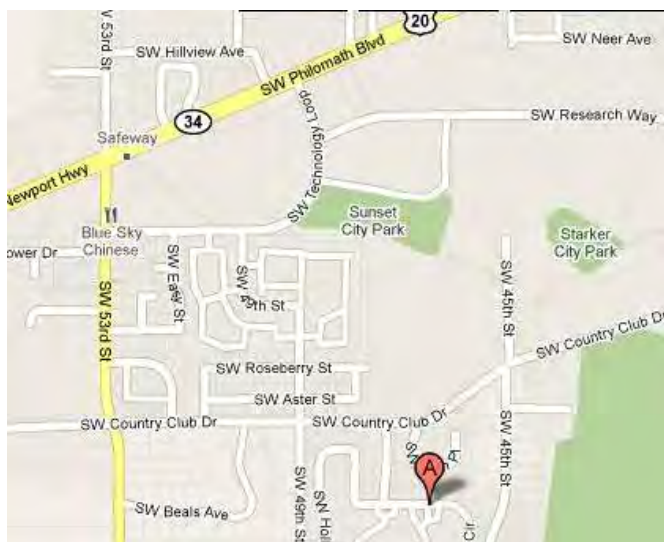
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## CORVALLIS ROSE SOCIETY — ANNUAL MEETING

DATE/TIME: Monday, January 16, 2012 — 11:30am (serving at 12:00 pm)

LOCATION: Stoneybrook Clubhouse, 4710 Southwest Hollyhock Circle, Corvallis, OR

NEED A RIDE: Contact Ginger Helfer at 541.753.2107



### PROGRAM:

1. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS/DOOR PRIZE
2. 2012 OFFICER INSTALLATION
3. SECRETS MY MOTHER NEVER TOLD ME ABOUT GROWING ROSES, a presentation by **Rich Baer, President, Portland Rose Society** and **Editor** of the society's newsletter *Portland Rose Chatter*

**Rich Baer:** "Mom grew what seemed like great roses when I was a kid. I never knew how badly she grew them until I started learning about all of the things that you must do to make you a successful rose grower that she never did. If she had only known about all of the things she should have known she probably would never have put the first one in."

**Emery Castle:** "In my opinion Rich is as good a photosphere of roses as exists. He has won numerous competitions and other recognition for his photography. His speech will be illustrated with some of his photos. He will speak about recommended rose garden practices that are poorly based in science and a waste of time. He is fond of saying less than 1% of rose growers exhibit and that his recommendations are developed for all rose gardeners, exhibitors or not. This past year Rich has served as president of the Portland Rose Society. He has been awarded the Silver Honor Medal of the American Rose Society."

**New Morning Bakery:** Provides lunch consisting of hot dish, salads, and dessert with gluten free and vegetarian selections. Cost this year will again be **\$11.00 per person**.

**For this event, reservations need to be secured by email and payment before Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** to the CRS Treasurer, **Dina Pope:** 15040 Airlie Road, Monmouth, OR 97361-1384; [dina.pope@peak.org](mailto:dina.pope@peak.org); 503.838.6444.

Dina would also appreciate **payment for 2012 dues as well as for the luncheon**. Remember CRS dues are now \$12 per household per year). An on-line membership form can be found at our website: [www.corvallisrosesociety.org](http://www.corvallisrosesociety.org).

### THIS MONTH IN MY ROSE GARDEN: JANUARY

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

- After our recent wintery weather, check your roses; cover any exposed bud unions with mulch (soil, bark chips, compost, needles, leaves, etc.), deeper for lightly packed materials, if inclined
- Remove leaves, and other debris; if necessary, cut off remaining leaves on bushes to be pruned and discard to reduce fungal diseases, if inclined
- Still time to plant or transplant rose bushes; some delay pruning to begin next month
- Sharpen pruners and loppers; clean and maintain power tools

## PRUNING WORKSHOPS: AVERY PARK ROSE GARDEN

On February 18 at 9 A.M., the hands on workshop will focus on pruning roses. Experienced rose gardeners will demonstrate pruning techniques and participants will be able to practice their skills in the Avery Park rose garden.

On February 25 at 9 A.M., new bare root roses will be planted in gardens and any remaining pruning will be worked on. The public is invited to participate in this one as well.

## SEASONAL EMAIL FROM RICH BAER: CELEBRATING ROSES CALENDAR

Dear Rose Lover:

Attached is a little Seasonal Gift from the Portland Rose Society. There are three rose images which are from the 2012 Celebrating Roses Calendar to give you a little mid-winter cheer. You can use them in many different ways including as a screen saver or paste them on e-mails, use your imagination. We at the PRS hope that you have had a great holiday season and are looking forward to another year of beautiful roses in your garden.

We still have a good supply of 2012 Calendars Available if you would like to have one but have just not got around to getting one. In addition to the three rose images, an order blank for the Calendar is attached. Portland Rose Society, Editor

*(Editor's Note: Rich will bring calendars to the Annual Meeting to sell for \$11.00 each. Email BBB editor [hadfield2@comcast.net](mailto:hadfield2@comcast.net) for his mail-order form with info about cost, shipping, and discounts for multiple copies or for Rich's original images.)*



Love & Peace



Olympiad



Pristine

The 2012 calendar "CELEBRATING ROSES" which was produced by the Portland Rose Society features twelve beautiful rose photographs by Chatter editor Rich Baer. You will enjoy such beautiful roses as frosty Mikado, Olympiad, Melody Parfume, Chicago Peace, Love & Peace, and Pristine. Every rose lover should have a beautiful rose calendar so that they can enjoy the world's most beautiful flower every day of the year.

## DISTRICT DOINGS, JACK KILEY, DISTRICT DIRECTOR: NOVEMBER 2011

A number of us are just back from the Fall Conference of the Pacific Northwest District of the ARS. The always-interesting program included the regulars, **Gary Ritchie** talking about "Got Water?" and Portland photographer, **Rich Baer**, showing photos of many new roses not yet available commercially. Rich also brought twenty new roses, and donated the proceeds from their sale at a silent auction to the District. One of the roses was a new shrub called *Bull's Eye* that generated a tremendous amount of interest – and bidding.

Additional presentations included **Louise Clements**, owner of Heirloom Roses in St. Paul, Oregon, and **Ted Brown**, a long-term rosarian from Maple Ridge, British Columbia. Louise spoke first about the history of roses and their impact on literature and art; her General Manager, **Cheryl Malone**, followed with slides devoted to many of their own-root roses. Anyone interested in roses needs to visit Heirloom in late May or early June to see their multiple gardens with thousands of blooms. Ted's presentation showed slides of his own garden of some 800 roses, located in the coastal area of BC; most were unique varieties not usually seen here, particularly his many climbers and tree roses.

The weekend began with an Arrangement workshop presented by the District's best arrangers, including **Char Mutschler** from Salem, **Jo Martin** from Tacoma, **Jo Ann Brehm** from Tri-City, and **Pat Allen** from Portland. The weekend ended with a horticulture judging audit workshop (presented by **Bruce Lind**) and a consulting rosarian school and audit (presented by **John Moe**).

In my view, however, the best part of the "WEEKEND OF ROSES" is always the time that the 100 attendees renew their old friendships and begin new ones, in an atmosphere that is rewarding, educational, and just a lot of fun. Think about joining us in 2012. The following PNW District Awards were presented:

**Outstanding Consulting Rosarian**

**Outstanding Judge**

**Silver Honor Medal**

**Lifetime Achievement Award**

**Master Rosarians**

**Jo Martin**, Tacoma Rose Society

**Pat Allen**, Portland Rose Society

**Emery Castle**, Corvallis Rose Society

**Jean Holmes**, Ft. Vancouver Rose Society.

**JoAnn Brehm**, Tri-City Rose Society, **Frank Hecker**, Ft. Vancouver Rose Society,

**Richard Kerkof**, Tri-City Rose Society.

### CUTTINGS FROM OTHER BRIAR BUSHES

Excerpt from the Bowling Green (KY) Rose Society's December 2011 issue of *Rosebuds*, Editor **Mary Hext**, as was emailed from **Charles Shaner**-Shenandoah Rose Society, Staunton, VA ([clshaner@yahoo.com](mailto:clshaner@yahoo.com)).

#### You Might Be A Rosarian, If:

1. You never take a vacation in the summer.
2. You like the smell of cow/horse/chicken/bat poop.
3. You teach your male dog to squat to pee (if he doesn't already).
4. You know every nursery and gar-den center within a 100 mile radius and possibly further.
5. Your vehicle ALWAYS has at least a little dirt or mulch inside.
6. You own at least 10 opened containers of fungicide and fertilizer.
7. You are on the VIP list at the water dept.
8. You give advice to the clueless in garden centers and nurseries (you can't help it).
9. You have at least one scratch or boobo that's healing.
10. Your garage is a very bit garden shed.
11. On many occasions you look like FTD going down the road.
12. You see nothing wrong with feeding your family PB&J sandwiches for supper.
13. Your manicurist refuses to take you anymore.
14. Your neighbors laugh at you when you water in the rain.
15. Your favorite gardening outfit has more holes than Swiss cheese.
16. You prefer to pour over rose catalogs than read a great novel.
17. People can't believe you grew it yourself (and why not??).
18. You have lied more than once to friends' invitations because you'd rather be tending roses.
19. Deadhead and shovel prune are part of your vocabulary.
20. You have garden equipment that would rival Martha any day.
21. People don't recognize us when we get dressed up (and we really clean up well, don't we?)

Excerpt from the Seattle Rose Society's January 2010 issue of *Rose Petals*, **Caroline Fredette**; Editor, in a "Beginner's Column" by **John Harmeling**.

There isn't much to do outside in January, at least not that I want to do. I don't mind working outside in a little rain, in the spring or summer and I don't mind working outside if it's cold. I just put on or take off a layer. What I don't like and don't do is work outside in a heavy rain and the cold. I'm not completely crazy, just crazy about my roses.

So, what to do this time of the year? If you get a dry day, you can transplant a rose. Treat it just like you would when you're planting a bare root rose. Make sure you hill up the bud union after you get it back in the ground. You can lay out a new rose bed or plan your spring planting.

You can clean and sharpen your pruners. It only takes a few minutes, but if you work it right, it could take all afternoon. A nice glass of wine could prolong the task adequately. Then after you get that job done, you should reward yourself with a piece of chocolate, and or another glass of wine and take that winter nap. Nice! I use a 4-inch mill file. It's small enough to get into the blade without having to take the pruners apart. Some people suggest that you take them apart for cleaning and sharpening, and if it's been a couple of years since you've cleaned and sharpened them, you may want to do that, but I clean and sharpen mine often enough that taking them apart isn't usually necessary. Leaving them assembled allows you to hang onto them firmly so that you can sharpen them effectively.

Make sure you get a handle for the file so you can get a good grip on it. Position the pruners on a bench so that you can hold them firmly and run the file over the blades so that you clean and sharpen the blade. Then run the file from side to side to polish the edge. Running the file from side to side is just like using a chef's steel on your kitchen knives.

I take my pruners to the kitchen sink and use one of those green Teflon scrubbers and some dish soap to clean the pruners, both before and after pruning, and indeed, periodically during the season. After cleaning, I'll use a bit of WD-40 to lubricate them. WD-40 is fish oil so it is biodegradable and I don't think I've ever had any problems with it damaging my roses. During the season, you can and should sanitize your pruners with bleach or alcohol. Bleach is more effective, but is more caustic and your pruners should be carefully cleaned after you use bleach or it will corrode them. Alcohol is a bit less effective but is also less caustic.

Perhaps the one thing that I find most enjoyable this time of the year is perusing rose mail-order catalogs (on the web). You can get a much wider selection of roses through various mail order sources than you can through most retail nurseries, with a few exceptions. Most retail nurseries will carry roses from the several major growers so their selections are limited to the most popular and the newest roses.

Sites: [www.davidaustinroses.com](http://www.davidaustinroses.com), [www.edmundsroses.com](http://www.edmundsroses.com), [www.heirloomroses.com](http://www.heirloomroses.com), [www.jacksonandperkins.com](http://www.jacksonandperkins.com) and [www.regannursery.com](http://www.regannursery.com). This is only a short list (*Ed. 2 bankrupt, but web orders OK?*). And there are many others available.

**☑ Mark Your 2012 Calendars**

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 February 18, 2012..... PRUNING WORKSHOP — AVERY PARK ROSE GARDEN  
 February 25, 2012..... PLANTING/PRUNING WORKSHOP — AVERY PARK ROSE GARDEN

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