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*Black
Forest
Rose*

Our Mission: to provide excellence and innovation in the promotion of the rose

Calendar of Events 2024

April

Tuesday 9th 7pm	Members' Meeting. Presentation by Jurlique. Goodman Building, Adelaide Botanic Garden.
Sunday, 13th 10am to 4pm	Open Garden at Sue and John Zwar's <i>Camawald</i> , Rocky Rises Road, Coonawarra.
Thursday 18th 4pm	Unveiling of Garden of Excellence plaque at the International Rose Garden, Adelaide Botanic Garden.
Sunday 21st 10am to 3pm	SA Autumn Garden Festival, Clare. Members can exhibit and attend.
Thursday and Friday 25th and 26th	Autumn Rose Show, Noel Lothian room, Adelaide Botanic Garden.
Friday, Saturday and Sunday 26th, 27th and 28th	People's Choice Awards, Adelaide Botanic Garden.

May

Friday 3rd	Chaffey visit to Sue Stoeckel's garden at Murtho.
Sunday 5th 10am	Roses on Eyre.AGM .Guest speaker Gavin Woods. Cowell Bowling Club.
Tuesday 7th 7pm	Members' Meeting, "Once in a Lifetime Garden" by Melanie Trimper, Goodman Building, Adelaide Botanic Garden.
Sunday 26th 11am	South East AGM. Royal Oak Hotel, Penola

June

Sunday 30th June 12.30 to 3pm	Members' Meeting will be a pruning demonstration. International Rose Garden, Adelaide Botanic Garden..
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July

Tuesday 23rd 7pm	Members' Meeting will be the AGM and "A Tournament of Roses", Goodman Building, Adelaide Botanic Garden.
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COVER PHOTO ***Black Forest Rose*** by Celia Painter

Black Forest Rose was bred by Tim Hermann Kordes in 2000. This Floribunda typically grows 70cm to 120cm and is renowned for its resistance to diseases. It has a bushy, spreading form with glossy dark-green foliage. This image captures a section of a winning exhibit, staged by Chardon Trimper and Natasha Wyllie, at the 2024 Mt Barker Show. See page 20 for another image of the exhibit and other highlights.





The Rose Society of South Australia Inc encourages, fosters, and extends the cultivation and appreciation of the rose. It also arranges, sponsors and conducts talks, demonstrations, exhibitions and shows, in line with its Constitution and By-Laws.

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A message from the President

A new year brings much anticipation and expectation; the start of our Rose Year has been a mixture of sadness, joy, contemplation and enthusiasm.

We have been deeply *saddened* with the loss of some members whose contribution to our Society has gone beyond that of an ordinary member. The loss of Kelvin Trimper AM in particular, has resonated throughout State, National and World rose organisations. Having now had time to come to terms with Kelvin's contribution to our hobby and the projects that he was managing at the time of his passing; I am firmly of the belief that the rose world will survive his passing. He will be difficult to replace, but I am confident that we will be alright!



Gavin Woods ARA

Joy has come from the admiration of our roses. Very heavy unseasonal rains saw our plants enter the Summer season well equipped and lush in growth and bloom. I had roses in January that were holding form, with good centres, albeit smaller than their Spring or Autumn cousins. My plants have been in continuous flower as I prepare for the Summer Trim to time them for the Autumn shows.

Much contemplation has been undertaken by me; and I suspect by other members of State Council, as to the future direction of our Society. Work is being done currently to revamp our Strategic Plan and we are about to look at our website and social media platforms in order to better inform our members and the public.

I am keen that we present general meetings that are informative with a strong focus on roses. Dates and times will vary to enable a greater cross section of membership to attend at least some meetings. We will try hard to present a more interactive Society, with social distancing rules relaxed meaning that we can enjoy closer contact including easier dining provisions. I am excited to announce that thanks to the good work of National President Sandra Turner, members will have the opportunity to join a ZOOM meeting, to be held in August. More details will be made available closer to the event.

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A message from the President continued

I am constantly amazed at the enthusiasm expressed by our members for our activities. Our February general meeting saw a capacity crowd; I can only hope that continues. We have a very enthusiastic and proactive Council steering our Society. Penelope Schulz has taken on the arduous role of Meeting Coordinator/Speakers' Programmer. Penelope has prior experience in this role and has the connections required to ensure our program is packed with information and enjoyment. If you have any suggestions for potential speakers at our meetings please contact Penelope.

We have a busy Autumn rose period ahead starting with the unveiling of the *Garden of Excellence* award at the International Rose Garden on Thursday 18th April at 4pm. All members and interested rose lovers are invited to attend. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for RSVP details. The same week will see a display of roses at Unley Library and an evening talk there by Diane vom Berg. On Sunday 21st April we return to Clare for the SA Autumn Garden Festival. We will be promoting everyone's favourite flower, selling potted roses and providing public lectures at this major garden event.

The following week will see us at the Adelaide Botanic Gardens for both our Autumn Show and voting for the People's Choice Award at the National Trial Garden of Australia. Out of respect for our Service Veterans, we will open our show at noon on Anzac Day. It will be interesting to gauge the public's response to a week-day show. The show and People's Choice voting will overlap on Friday with the popular public vote competition at our Trial Garden continuing over the weekend. An extra day in which to cast votes should see an increased interest in the People's Choice.

All these events provide great opportunities for us to promote our flower and our Society. Please assist if you can, we can never have too many volunteers.

Gavin



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Ordering and Delivery

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**Questions regarding ordering should be referred to Neutrog
or Paul (RSSA) on 0409 096 758.**

A tribute to Kelvin Trimper AM ARA SMA

*Adapted from the eulogy given by
Gavin Woods ARA SMA*

*at a celebration of Kelvin Trimper's life
held in Adelaide on 24th January 2024.*

We have lost a Giant!: in stature, personality, and in his contribution to the rose world. Kelvin was a unique individual who will not be replaced.

Born to “Rose Royalty” at Renmark in South Australia’s Riverland, Kelvin’s parents, Eric and Myrtle, were considered among the best and instilled their passion for roses in Kelvin and siblings, Merv, Cheryl and Laurel.

Kelvin was a leader in every facet of our hobby and heavily influenced in his rose journey by the late David Ruston OAM (1930—2019), another truly great Rosarian and South Australian.

Growing up on a fruit block no doubt instilled in Kelvin an understanding that effort equals reward. A hard taskmaster, he expected as much from others as he delivered himself. Those who worked with him to stage the 19th Triennial Convention of the World Federation of Rose Societies, held in Adelaide in 2022, know just how driven he could be. When faced with the COVID-19 pandemic and a delay of 12 months, many of us were ready to abandon the Convention—not so Kelvin. His vision and drive saw us re-group, work extremely hard and present a week-long event to be remembered.

Kelvin was an “ideas man” and operated best when he was the head of the team. At times he and I disagreed; Kelvin wouldn’t overtly oppose me, rather he had a way of weaving the conversation to a position that favoured his ideas. Unfortunately for me, time would often prove Kelvin right!

Kelvin was well connected, a useful trait, and if he didn’t know the right people, he knew someone who did. His ability to open doors was remarkable.

Undoubtedly the pinnacle of Kelvin’s rose administrative career was a three-year term he served as President of the World Federation of Rose Societies. From 2015–2018, Kelvin and Melanie travelled to many of the 39 member countries of the Federation. Kelvin reached out to countries that were not members and encouraged them to join. He steered a review of the protocols of the Federation which brought our rules into the current era. Social media platforms, which we now take for granted, were also developed during his term. He revitalised many aspects of the world group to the point where the Federation was a better organisation at the completion of his term.

Kelvin was a highly sought after speaker, a role he willingly undertook, be it to local garden clubs or at World Conventions. The microphone was an unnecessary accessory



Kelvin Trimper AM
16.10.1954—7.1.2024

Photo: Melanie Trimper

Kelvin's Executive Positions

Chairman, Adelaide International Rose Garden Advisory Committee

Member and Deputy Chairman, Board of Adelaide Botanic Gardens and State Herbarium of South Australia

Chairman, National Rose Trial Garden of Australia Inc.

President, Rose Society of South Australia

President, National Rose Society of Australia

Vice-President, Australasia, World Federation of Rose Societies

Chairman, World Rose Convention Bid Committee

Chairman, 2022 World Rose Convention Committee

President, World Federation of Rose Societies

SA Accredited Rose Judge, National Rose Judge

Kelvin's Awards

Award of Honour, Nursery and Garden Industry Association

Service Award, National Rose Trial Garden of Australia
Life Membership, Rose Society of South Australia Inc.

Australian Rose Award, National Rose Society of Australia Inc.

T.A. Stewart Memorial Award for Services to the Rose in Australia and NZ

Service Award, National Rose Society of Australia Inc.
Gold Medal, World Federation of Rose Societies

Doug Smart Award of Merit—Nursery & Garden Industry SA

And the most significant: Member of the Order of Australia, awarded in part for Services to Horticulture

to Kelvin, he had the ability to call all to order by hardly raising his voice.

Many of Kelvin's remarkable achievements are reflected in his many awards and executive positions, some of which are identified on this page. The many tributes received from throughout the world following his death are also testament to a life richly lived, shared and respected. Excerpts from just some follow.

Diane Vom Berg, President of the World Federation of Rose Societies

Kelvin was an esteemed colleague, mentor and friend.....His presence will be sadly missed by rosarians around the world. Kelvin was dedicated to the rose and gave his time freely. We will all miss his knowledge, enthusiasm and encouragement.

Sandra Turner, President of the National Rose Society of Australia

Kelvin was a man who was generous with time to all who had the pleasure of meeting him. He was open and happy to share his knowledge on all things roses including being extremely supportive and helpful with my present position as National President.

Henrienne de Briey, Past President of the World Federation of Rose Societies:

Kelvin was for me a true model of intelligence, kindness and strength. Our friendship stretched all around the world for the rose and also for life. He has been one of the most respected men in the rose world who always displayed much kindness and was a role model for many of us.

Sheenagh Harris, Past President of the World Federation of Rose Societies

I am sure all Past Presidents will agree with me when I say he was a loyal and supportive member of the team. He will be sorely missed for his in-depth knowledge, integrity, and his willingness to help and support.

Inés Diaz Di Licandro, Vice President of the World Federation of Rose Societies

Many Argentinian, Chilean and Uruguayan rose people have shared with Kelvin our love for the rose, rose activities and trips in our region and also in many other countries. We have been lucky for that and shall miss him, his commitment, his strength, his loud voice, his friendliness, his sense of humour.

Shiwei Zhao, Vice President of the World Federation of Rose Societies

Kelvin will never be forgotten by Chinese rosarians. He travelled to China many times and gave productive advice to the rose industry and relating to the Convention. He made many friends in China. We regard him as one of the best friends from our world rose community.

Markus Brunsing, Director—Rose Trial Garden in Baden Baden, Germany

I will never forget the many journeys on which we met all over the world, where we were able to spend wonderful hours together.....Regardless of these many

wonderful encounters, I will always remember his talent for organisation, his immeasurable knowledge of roses, his brilliant new ideas and his willingness to help.

Professor Yoshihiro Ueda, Project Manager of the World Rose Convention 2025

.....we will cherish the line he laid out for us, carry on his legacy and successfully hold the World Rose Convention Fukuyama, and make Fukuyama a City of Roses that we can be proud of forever.

Judy Horton, President of the Horticultural Media Association of Australia

Kelvin was a wonderful man who did so much to raise the profile of Australian gardening and rose growing around the world.

Angus Irwin, Managing Director Neutrog Australia, who published this on facebook

Kelvin was recognised worldwide for his expertise, advocacy and boundless enthusiasm when it came to the promotion of roses.

On a personal level, Kelvin was a part of Neutrog. Our team, and our community benefitted from his sense of humour and wealth of knowledge, delivered in practical, common-sense language. A question asked, was a question answered, be it by phone, email and even Facetime.

Kelvin arriving to meetings with bunches of his precious roses, wrapped in foil, will be impossible to forget.

And finally from me, Gavin Woods

The rose world has lost perhaps its greatest promoter. It will take us a long time to recover from this loss. We however acknowledge the much more substantial loss that has been felt by Melanie, Kelvin's children Kirsty and Adam, his daughter-in-law Ruby, the extended family and close friends.

To quote Kelvin because we all know he liked to have the last word!

“Roses symbolise friendship, love and peace and are integral to our culture”.



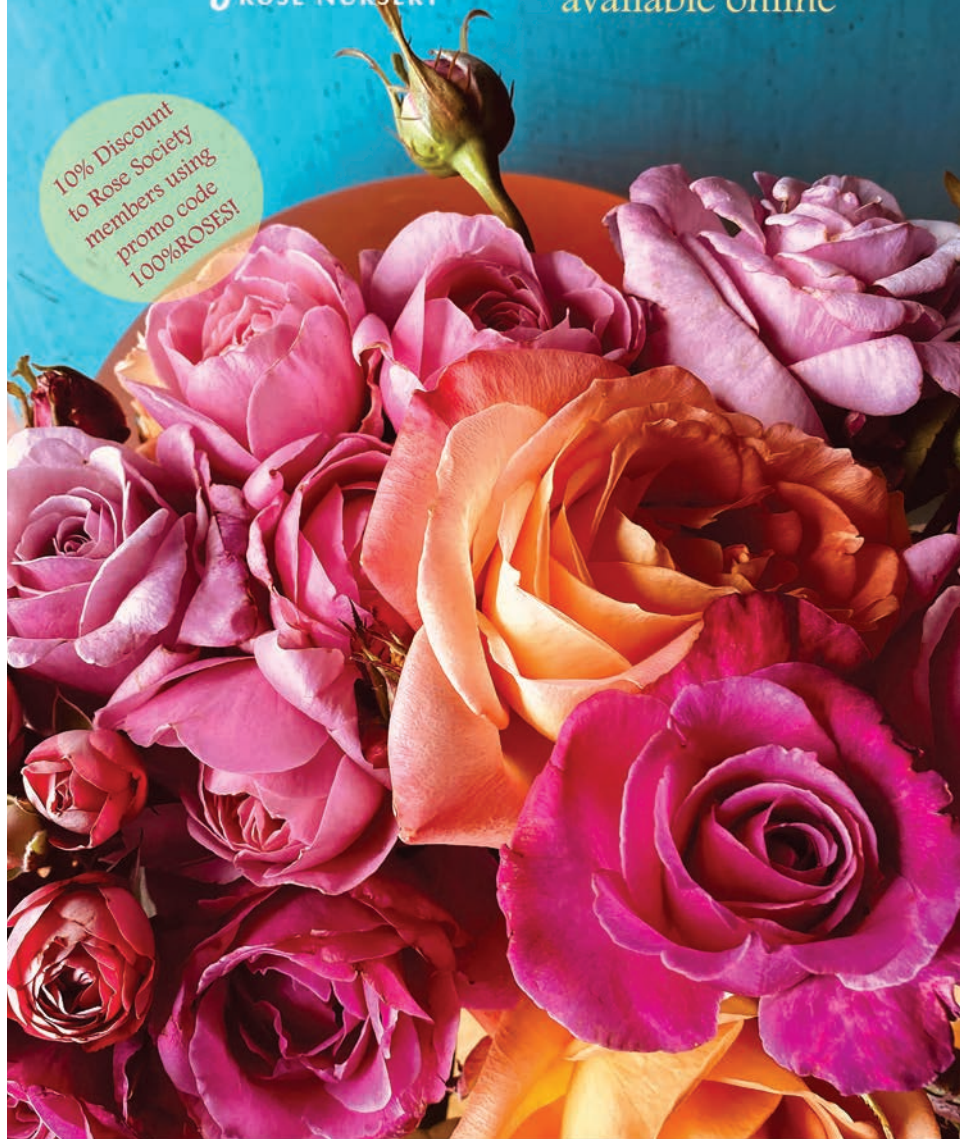
Kelvin pictured with wife Melanie in their garden of roses at their Greenwith home.

Photo: SA Life



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The Rose Society of South Australia Incorporated

Notice of the 2024 Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 116th Annual General Meeting of The Rose Society of South Australia Incorporated will be held on **Tuesday 23rd July 2024 at the Goodman Building lecture room, Hackney Road (adjacent to the State Herbarium and International Rose Garden in the Adelaide Botanic Garden (ABG) at 7pm.** Ample parking is available in the ABG car park.

Business of the Meeting

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting held on 12th July 2023.
2. Receive the President's report.
3. Receive the Treasurer's report.
4. Approve the Audited Financial Statements.
5. Election of Officers and Council positions:
 - President
 - Two of three Vice Presidents
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Six Members of the Society who, together with the above elected officers, form the Council of the Society with the Immediate Past President Ex-Officio.

Members are reminded of Clause 10.1 of the Society's Constitution: that nominations for the above positions (excepting Immediate Past President) shall be in writing and lodged with the Society Secretary prior to the commencement of the Annual General Meeting.

6. To consider any other business referred by the Council.

Diane vom Berg, Secretary

The Treasurer's report will be available at the AGM; or following the AGM an email copy can be arranged by contacting the Treasurer.

Good member attendance despite hot weather



Merv Trimper, Celia Painter, Gavin Woods and Dr Uwe Stroeher—February meeting

Rose planting panel speakers, Neutrog Soil Biologist, Dr Uwe Stroeher and top rosarians, Merv Trimper and Gavin Woods, saw a “packed house” at the February Members’ Meeting where members learnt about preparing soil to plant roses. Celia Painter moderated the panel.

Top growers and exhibitors, Peter Burton and John Bradshaw, gave rich and entertaining presentations when they announced the bench winners and cultural notes respectively. Diane vom Berg’s garden provided cool respite at a member’s supper meeting in March.



Rose Judge Peter Burton announcing the bench winners—February meeting.



Rose Judge Gwen Moxham announcing the bench winners—March meeting.

Have you paid your 2024–25 Membership fees?

If you forgot to renew your Membership of the Rose Society of South Australia for 2024–2025 now is the time to do so. Membership fees were due on the 1st April 2024. Membership opens the door to camaraderie with others who love roses and who are united in the Society’s mission to provide excellence and innovation in the promotion of the rose.

Membership gives you the opportunity to vote at meetings and shape the direction of your Society. Members can also nominate for Council. They can exhibit at Society Shows at no cost and participate in opportunities provided by unique activities, like *Rambling Rosarian* trips. Members also receive the Society’s quarterly *Bulletin* publications.

There are many other very attractive benefits, like substantial discounts on Neutrog products and discounts from rose producers, Wagner’s Rose Nursery and now Knight’s Roses. We welcome Knight’s involvement and growing relationships with both the Society and our individual members.

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Feb' and March Bench winners

February: A Grade—1st and 2nd Ken and Gwen Moxham, *Christopher Marlow* and *Just Joey* respectively; **C Grade**—1st and 2nd Jan Kentish, *We Will Remember Them* and *Gold Medal* respectively; **Heritage**—1st Ken and Gwen Moxham, *Reine des Violettes* (1860); **Best Rose**—Jan Kentish, *We Will Remember Them*.

March: B Grade—1st, 2nd and 3rd Les Johnson, *Red Gem*, *Judy Dench* and *For Your Eyes Only* respectively; **C Grade**—1st Shahid Gul, *Pope Jean Paul II*, 2nd Corina Gul, *Perfume Passion* (possibly); **Heritage**—1st Les Johnson, *Maman Cochet*; **Open**—1st and 2nd Les Johnson, *Red Gem* and *Dream Time* respectively. Christine Douglass, Harriet Eivers, and Paul Flavel brought beautiful flowers for *From My Garden*.



Corina Gul—March meeting



Charlotte Wells and Christine Douglass—March meeting



Helen Thomas and Margaret Norton—March meeting



Harriet Eivers—March meeting

Please pay them now and enjoy the benefits

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The cost of fees remain unchanged. The basic fees are \$45 for single members and \$50 for joint members. The cost for juniors is \$5. If you would prefer to have the Bulletin emailed to you, rather than receive a copy in the mail, the costs are \$35 for a single and \$40 for joint membership.

To renew your membership, you can download the membership renewal form from the Society's website www.sarose.org.au You can make a direct deposit to The Rose Society of SA Inc Bank SA BSB 105-086 Account 330083440 and put your first and family name, plus your telephone number, into the description. Alternatively, post a cheque or credit card details to the Rose Society of South Australia Treasurer, PO Box 51 Unley SA 5061. Your name, address, phone numbers and email address (optional) need to accompany payment.

You can also arrange to make Direct Debit payments if you wish. Telephone Paul Flavel 0493 755 760 if you have any questions.

Member's Pick

Moonlight—Hybrid Tea



Member's Pick enables members to share their love of a rose and/or experiences with a rose cultivar. It may be a rose that “tugs at the heart”, flourishes under testing conditions, or addresses a problem or situation. It doesn't have to be a member's “favourite”.

Text and photos by Jan Kentish

My Member's Pick is the large flowered Climber ***Moonlight*** because the colours of its blooms help “tie” a garden bed of ***Afrikaans*** roses in with the colours in the rest of my garden.

When I won the People's Choice Award three years ago, I decided I should plant the winning rose, ***Afrikaans*** (pictured below), which has intense, orange-coloured blooms. However, other roses and plants in my garden produce a confetti effect of mostly pink, white and blue. There was a risk that ***Afrikaans*** could look out of place or dominate. How was I going to introduce this winning rose with its dark yet bright blooms?

I searched for some time to find a suitable rose which could be planted alongside ***Afrikaans*** and which would act as a sort of “colour bridge” with the rest of the garden, and discovered ***Moonlight***. ***Moonlight*** was selected as one of the Roses of the Month last year. The buds have quite dark coppery colours and when the blooms open, they are mainly yellow-cream in colour with coppery tones at the edges. A pink-coppery hue develops across the petals as they age.

My late husband, Malcolm, prepared a bed and erected two sturdy arches, one on each side of an area where we planted four bushes of ***Afrikaans***. Four bushes of ***Moonlight*** were then planted, one on either side of each trellis.

Now they are in their third year of growth, and they are quite vigorous, growing right to the top of the trellis. The blooms are beautiful. I cannot say they are my favourite rose as I think about roses in the same way as my mother-in-law thought about grandchildren. When asked who was her favourite, she would say: “The child who is with me at the moment is my favourite”. But ***Moonlight*** is certainly very beautiful and I think its colour-ways “work” with the garden in the way I had hoped it would.



Rose of the Month

January—*Lacy Parasol*, Floribunda

Lacy Parasol is a soft pink with cream base coloured, semi-double Floribunda bred in South Australia's Barossa Valley by Mary Frick and released to the market in 2012.

Blooms are cupped shape with red stamens which adds to the charm of this rose; flowering in both small and large clusters it repeats well if regularly deadheaded.

Its fragrance is sweet with overtones of fruit and honey.

With a spreading habit, the plant grows to 1.2m tall and as wide. Foliage is attractive and light green. It has good disease resistance and is easy to grow.

Lacy Parasol is highly recommended in our climate for exhibitors and the home gardener alike.

Available from Wagner's Roses either as a bare root or potted plant, this rose makes a great addition to any garden. Knight's Roses website: <https://knightsroses.com.au>

Text: Gavin Woods

Photo: Mary Frick



Members of the Rose Society of South Australia are invited and encouraged to attend the unveiling of a plaque signifying the International Rose Garden as a World Federation of Rose Societies Award of Garden Excellence. BY

The Governor of South Australia

**Her Excellency the Honourable
FRANCES ADAMSON AC**

The Director of the Adelaide Botanic Gardens

MICHAEL HARVEY

At the Noel Lothian Hall, Adelaide Botanic Garden
on the 18th April 2024 at 4pm

RSVP by 12th April (Essential for catering purposes)
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Rose of the Month

February—*Blushing Pierre de Ronsard*, Large-flowered Climber



Blushing Pierre de Ronsard is an attractive climbing rose bred by Meilland in France in 1999. It has old fashioned creamy white double blooms with a light pink centre. This rose is perfect for covering structures and can reach up to 3m in height.

Blushing Pierre de Ronsard has large fully double blooms and a mild classic fragrance. The abundant foliage is plentiful, glossy deep green and healthy, with minimal thorns.

Regular deadheading will ensure the rose repeats well throughout the season. It is rarely without blooms and is a proven performer in South Australia. The blooms are also good for picking and have a relatively long vase life.

Blushing Pierre de Ronsard is suitable for planting on an arch, trellis or pillar, easily covering the structure within three to four years.

Blushing Pierre de Ronsard is a sport of the ever-popular *Pierre de Ronsard*.

Due to its popularity, *Blushing Pierre de Ronsard* is readily available from specialist rose nurseries: Knight's Roses, Wagner's Rose Nursery and Treloar Roses.

Text and Photo: Diane vom Berg

You can purchase **Amber's Gift**, the 2022 winner of the Davis Trophy for the Best Australian Bred Rose at the National Trial Garden, at the Australian Lions Hearing Dogs (ALHD) Open Day.

Breeder Mary Frick is donating royalties from the sales of this floriferous mulberry-pink fading to mauve Floribunda, newly released by Wagner's Rose Nursery, to this national charity.

The Open Day is set to become a great family outing. There will be dogs trained in supporting people who are hard-of-hearing or have diabetes, demonstrating their talents each hour, other pets, face painting, stalls, ALHD merchandise and tempting treats, like mini pancakes and sausages.

Australian Lions Hearing Dogs

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20th April 2024

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Rose of the Month

March—*Bright as a Button*, Shrub

After more than 55 years of collecting and planting roses, I have to admit to being late to adding a Persica rose to my garden, my choice being ***Bright as a Button***. That said, the Persica collection of roses has its own interesting history. Firstly, recognising the origins of the name, Persica, a rose from Persia, today's Iran, Iraq, Turkey and Afghanistan.



It is also noteworthy that despite this ancient history the original rose, still growing on the arid steppes, in dry harsh conditions, is considered a weed and an impairment to 21st century agriculture, consequently being ploughed-in or used for firewood.

So how did this rose find its way into our gardens albeit only readily available in the last 20 years? The lineage of *Rosa Persica* is an anomalous species that at one time placed it in a separate genus—*Hulthemia*.

The development of the modern hybrid was initiated by Jack Harkness (England) and Alex Cocker (Scotland); however, it was British breeder Chris Warner who continued their work to bring this variety of hybrids to market. Warner is an award-winning breeder renowned for healthy no-spray garden roses and ***Bright as a Button*** is categorised as a “novel” Persica. It meets the criteria of a specialty rose that requires little care to maintain its shape, foliage and constant blooming.

Recorded as symbolising perfection, beauty and elegance, the five petalled flowers, borne in clusters of up to 10 blooms on longish canes, live up to this reputation.

Bright as a Button, bred in 2002, is considered probably the best of the Persica varieties winning European trial awards in the 2000s. It is the distinctive eye at the base of the flower, surrounded by prominent bee attracting stamens, that is the unique definer.

This shrub rose is highly disease resistant, growing approximately 1m by 1m and it is rarely without flowers from Spring to Autumn. It has fragrant, single, medium-sized blooms of deep pink to pale pink which retain their colour.

It is indeed a worthy addition to a rose bed, offering easy care, fragrance, attracting bees and providing contrast.

Available: Wagner's Rose Nursery; Silkies Rose Farm; and rosesalesonline.com.au

Text: *Bev Scott*

Photo: *Melanie Trimper*



Changes to the Society's Recommended Roses



The Golden Child Image: Melanie Trimper

The Golden Child, with its bright and deep yellow blooms and known for its performance in South Australian gardens, has earned the status of Recommended Rose by the Rose Society of South Australia.

Introduced in Australia in 2014, this US bred rose has been likened to one of the Eveready batteries of the garden, being floriferous and disease resistant.

The addition of *The Golden Child* is among a number of changes to the Society's list of Recommended Roses, made as a result of a recent review by the Society's Council. The amended list has been placed on the Society's website and forwarded for inclusion in The Australian Rose Annual.

Roses elevated to Recommended Rose status include:

Hybrid Tea Roses

*Unconventional Lady, *Enchanting and *Valencia

Floribunda Roses

*The Golden Child and Aussie Magic (AB)

Climbing Roses

*The High Life

Modern Shrub and other Shrub-like Roses

*Olivia Rose Austin and *Paris 2000

Old Garden, Species and Heritage Roses

*Madame Hardy

Miniature and Miniflora (Mf) Roses

Mandarin, Little Sunset and Snow Kiss

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Unconventional Lady

Roses that have been replaced with the selections above are as follows:

Hybrid Tea Roses—Amazing Grace, Crown Princess Mary, Glorious, Helmut Schmidt, Let's Celebrate, Lolita, St. Patrick and Timeless; **Floribunda Roses**—Europeana and Perfume Perfection; **Climbing Roses**—Jeanne Lajoie; **Modern Shrub and other Shrub-like Roses**—Summer Memories, Charlotte and The Squire; **Old Garden, Species and Heritage Roses**—Perle d'Or; and **Miniature and Miniflora (Mf) Roses**—Beauty Secret, Loving Touch and Mini Champagner. They all remain great roses. Some are no longer available.

Rose Week 2024

2024 Autumn Rose Show Thursday 25th & Friday 26th April

NOEL LOTHIAN HALL

Adelaide Botanic Gardens, Hackney Rd, Hackney

Public Welcome ANZAC DAY Noon to 4pm

Friday from 10am to 4pm

Volunteers needed contact Joy Johnson via the secretary

Peoples Choice Weekend

Friday 26, Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 April

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Adelaide Botanic Gardens, Hackney Rd, Hackney

Friday 11am to 4pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm

Choose your top 5 favourite roses

Winning cultivar receives an award

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Lots of enthusiasm at the 2024 Mt Barker Show



Black Forest Rose exhibited by Chardon Trimper and Natasha Wyllie.

First-time exhibitors, Chardon Trimper and Natasha Wyllie, starred at the Mt Barker Show in March by taking out the Mt Barker Autumn Championship, open to all, and the Mt Barker Autumn Intermediate Championship, open to Society B and C Grade exhibitors.

Chardon's and Natasha's winning cut of **Black Forest Rose** drew praise from show-goers.



Les Johnson and Penelope Schulz judging exhibits at the Mt Barker Show.

Rose Show Convenors, Wendy and Merv Trimper, were pleased to see people were enthusiastic and enjoyed the pleasure and fragrance of the rose exhibits. Maurice Utrillo, with its striking blooms, particularly caught the eye of many show goers.

Merv and Wendy thank the judges, Penelope Schulz and Les Johnson, also Chris Kelly who produce prize cards for every show, Paul Flavel for contributing to facebook and a trooper from the show set-up to take-down, and Celia Painter for her support and coverage in the *Bulletin*.



Mondial, exhibited by Penelope Schulz, won First Prize for 1 Exhibition or Decorative Rose in B/C Grade.



Kardinal, exhibited by Merv and Wendy Trimper, won the First Prize for 3 Decorative Roses NND in A Grade.



Charlotte, exhibited by Merv and Wendy Trimper, won First Prize for 1 Shrub or Polyantha Rose in A Grade.



Eye Shadow, exhibited by Celia Painter, won First Prize for 1 Shrub or Polyantha Rose in B/C Grade.

Award winners feature among tempting rose releases from our top producers in 2024



White Knock Out® Photo: Benedetta Rusconi



Forever Yours Photo: Les Johnson

Roses awarded by the National Trial Gardens of Australia (NRTGA), two David Austin varieties new to Australia, fresh Italian bred gems and a line-up of other new showstoppers are on the market in 2024.

Anyone who walked through the trial garden at Adelaide Botanic Gardens in 2020 and 2021, from Spring through to Autumn, could not fail to see the brilliant white flowers of floriferous **Knock Out White®** against its dark green foliage, from Spring through to Autumn.

At the NRTGA's Awards Night In 2022, this William Radler (US) bred rose was named as a Gold Medal winner and Australia's Rose of the Year. It was also awarded the Marion de Boehme Award for the Best Rose of the Trial, the Rose Hills Perpetual Challenge Bowl (USA) for the Best Floribunda of the Trial and The Irwin Award for the Most Pest and Disease Tolerant Rose of the Trial.

Wagner's Rose Nursery, offering this Shrub rose for the first time, describes it as an extremely hardy and disease resistant rose. At 90cm high to 120cm, Wagner's recommend it as a designer hedge or single specimen plant.

Meanwhile, Knight's Roses is offering the Rosen Tantau bred Hybrid Tea, **Forever Yours**, for the first time. This was the voted by the public as the stand-out rose in the NRTGA People's Choice competition in 2023. A Certificate of Merit winner in the overall trials, this



Fur Elise Photo: Benedetta Rusconi

Tempting rose releases for 2024 continued



Photo: Benedetta Rosconi

Scarlet Bonica™

Photo: Benedetta Rosconi

New Bonica to brighten the garden

Pink Bonica, which looked like it could rival **Iceberg** as the “most grown” rose in South Australia when first introduced, now has running mate—a Floribunda/shrub, **Scarlet Bonica**.

Wagner’s Rose Nursery says this Meilland bred rose produces masses of vivid scarlet clusters creating almost a “continuous colour halo”. Its height is 120cm and its width 90cm and its deep green foliage is thick and glossy.

Try this rose in a pot, on mass for a spectacular display, or even as a hedge.

is a velvety red coloured rose, with good disease resistance.

Knight’s says the blooms of **Forever Yours** are long lasting, hold well in a vase and with it growing to about 80cm high and 120cm wide, it is suitable for container planting.

Another rose to tempt is the Floribunda, **Fur Elise** (Korelifur), awarded a Gold Medal by the NRTGA in 2023 and trophies including the Marion de Boehme Award for the Best Rose of the Trial and the Rose Hills Perpetual Challenge Bowl (USA) for the Best Floribunda of the Trial. This Kordes Sohne rose was also named Australian Rose of the Year.

At a height of 120cm and 40cm in width, this rose is described by Treloars as suitable for any spot. It was named in Germany to mark the Beethoven Anniversary Year.

Fur Elise is also available from Wagner’s Rose Nursery.

Contact Wagners Rose Nursery, Knight’s Roses and Treloars for more releases.



Photo: Benedetta Rosconi

Monte Grappa, by Rose Barni

A compact and vigorous ground cover, this rose could also be used as a climber. It grows to 50cm in height and 70cm in width. It’s reputed to be perfect as a cut flower.

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Meaning “The good life”, this Delbard Floribunda grows to 50cms by 60cms wide. It’s a seasonal long bloomer ideal for pots, borders and beds.

Available: Wagner’s



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Kissing Ayoba

This Kordes bred striking bi-colour Floribunda grows 70cm by 40cm wide. It’s in the Fantasia collection.

Available: Treloars

Bronze Medal 2022 NRTGA



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(KORhulth002)

The first of a new breed of Kordes bred Persica hybrids, this 70cm tall by 50cm wide rose boasts great health and vigor.

Available: Treloars and Wagner's

Silver Medal 2022 NRTGA



Camelot CLB

Speckled pink-on-pink petalled blooms are novel features of this Rosen-Tantau bred Climber offered by Knight's. It grows to 300cm and its width is 100cm. ***Camelot*** has won top European awards.

Available: Knight's



Lady Of The House

This Guillot-bred, fragrant Hybrid Tea has been added to Knight's catalogue after being sold last year to raise funds for Carrick Hill. It grows to 120cm by 800cm wide. Its striking blooms are produced in flushes.

Available: Knight's

Coral Lions Rose® (KORzwanlio)

This disease resistant Kordes Floribunda grows to 120cm in height and 50cm in width. Its delicately fragrant blooms flower in apricot to pink coloured clusters.

Available: Treloar and Wagner's.

Bronze Medal 2023 NRTGA



Photo: Benedetta Rosconi

Sungirl, by Rose Barni®

Described by Wagners' as one of the best yellow ground covers on the market, this bee loving Shrub grows to 30cm and has a width of 40cm. It has a light sweet fragrance.

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Bronze Medal 2021 NRTGA

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Tempting rose releases for 2024 continued



The Ancient Mariner (Ausoutcry)
Above and Below

Connoisseurs of romantic David Austin roses have two new choicesthis year.

They are ***The Ancient Mariner*** (Ausoutcry) and ***Imogen*** (Austritch).

Imogen, named after a character in Shakespeare's Ancient British play, *Cymbeline*, is described as having upright growth with glossy foliage. Its blooms are a soft yellow colour, opening to a deeper yellow button eye. The blooms fade to a creamy shade.



The Ancient Mariner, its name inspired by Samuel Taylor Coleridge's epic poem, *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, is described as a bushy, upright shrub bearing masses of large, many petalled blooms of a mid-pink colour in the centre, graduating to a paler pink on the edges. The blooms, with a medium to strong fragrance of myrrh, ultimately reveal a cluster of golden-yellow stamens.

Available: Treloar Roses, Wagner's Rose Nursery and many other garden centres.

Imogen (Below)





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Autumn Culture Notes

Text and photos by Les Johnson

Summer Reflection

The prediction was for a hotter and drier summer, but as we move towards Autumn we reflect on how mild the season was with only the occasional days in the high thirties. One striking event was the three days of near constant rain and drizzle in December. Despite the rain the roses were not sprayed and black spot was expected. However, the outbreak was minor, impacting on a few but the majority showing very little damage. Picking off the few leaves with black spot will help reduce future outbreaks.

Autumn Show

With the Autumn Rose Schow scheduled for Thursday and Friday 25th and 26th April, your Summer prune and fertilizing should have been completed around the end of February. In the few weeks remaining until the show, keep the water up and liquid feeding your roses will improve the quality of the blooms. When picking roses for the show, the ideal time is the cool early morning, placing the blooms immediately into a bucket of water. With about a dozen plastic buckets, the roses can be picked and conditioned before preparing them for staging. Non-exhibiting rose lovers may choose a lighter trim of spent blooms and developing hips. Subsequent hips can be left on the bush to colour up over winter.

Autumn Blooms

The Autumn flush with the heat gone is usually particularly beautiful. I'm reminded that **Pharaoh** (Meilland, 1967) produced some "eye-catching" blooms last Autumn. Should you live in the damper areas of the state, you may choose to use a fungicide to keep the roses looking in tip top condition. There is little point in spraying from May as Winter is about to descend on the roses. Aphids may reappear in Autumn but if a no-spray policy is adopted these will soon be taken care of by the predators. A quick squirt of water will reduce numbers if the new buds are covered.

New Rose Plantings

If you haven't already done so, now is the time to put your order in. During the Rambling Rosarians trip to the South East, we visited Wagner's Rose Nursery and were shown a number of new/recent releases. Roses that impressed me were the two highly fragrant roses **Subzero** (white hybrid tea) and **New Papa Meilland** (dark red Hybrid Tea), the unusual coffee coloured **Vintage** (HT, Bedard



Coral Lions-Rose



Volcano



Tiffany



Ellen Willmott

2023), **Amber's Gift** (Frick, 2021) and **Coral Lions-Rose**, (Bronze Medal winner 2023). Noticed in the field, the bright orange **Volcano** (People's Choice winner 2022) would make a statement in any garden. Still available in Wagner's listings are two older roses which you may wish to consider, the beautiful single **Ellen Willmott** (Archer 1935) and the ever reliable rose pink **Tiffany** (Lindquist, 1953).

Continue to prepare beds for planting or replacement by adding compost, manure and Neutrog Seamungus which is forked in with the garden soil.

Pruning

Hold off pruning until July and maybe later in frost prone areas of the state. The exception is **Lorraine Lee** (Clark, 1924) which is renowned for providing some blooms throughout winter. If you are also a lucky grower of this iconic Australian bred rose prune in late March, early April.

Relaxation

Autumn is usually the perfect season to spend in the garden with nothing urgent to do but to sit back, enjoying/admiring your magnificent blooms while sipping on your favourite tippie and thinking about those future rosey plans.



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Q: Will I damage my roses if I use too much Sudden Impact for Roses?

A: You can risk burning your rose if over fertilized but it would have to be a large amount. If you were to apply say four times the recommended rate to an established rose you wouldn’t necessarily damage it, just water more than usual to dilute it.

Paul Dipuglia

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Your question will be forwarded to Neutrog.



A former cabinet maker for the Adelaide Festival Centre is seeking very old standard rose plants to revive an Irish craft of fashioning rose wood into walking sticks and traditional styled Shillelaghs, which are club-like sticks hailing from Ireland.

The thicker the wood and the bigger the butt the better.

The craftsman, of Irish ancestry, keeps the wood for at least three years to season before honing it into highly polished and functional decorative pieces, with the butt of a standard rose forming the handle of them.

Anyone removing old standards that they feel could fit the bill should contact the Editor.

There is a certain irony to this request: the craftsman now works as a podiatrist!

Early bloomers that pull away winter's cloak

Many South Australian gardens in cooler parts of the state lack the colour of beautiful roses flowering in early Spring and being ready to exhibit in time for rose shows.

Their quest for Spring colour drives them to try many things with their roses, like transferring some cultivars to pots where the temperatures of the soil can be warmer than that of their garden beds or moving a rose or two to parts of the garden that receive more sunshine or have a warmer aspect. Many also select a few cultivars with reputations as early bloomers.

Just Joey, ***Kardinal*** and ***Pope Jean Paul II*** are typical of blooms that perform earlier according to some of our members living in cooler areas who were contacted to contribute to this page. Some told us that the first to bloom in their gardens in 2023 are those shown here.



Contessa de Labarthe— ***Climbing Ophelia***—
Pat Toolan, Kersbrook Jan Wass, Belair



Gold Bunny—Gordon Nolan, Balhannah



Firestar—Michelle Wallis, Auchendarroch House



Amber's Gift, a newly released Mary Frick bred rose—Barossa Valley region.



Gold Medal—Celia Painter, Woodside



Double Delight—Chris Molloy, Kersbrook



Happy Anniversary, an Australian sport of ***Kardinal***—Mary Frick, Tanunda

***Firestar* shoots ahead and “shines” following relocation from Menge Road at Tanunda**

Some readers may recall that former *Roses In The Heartland* President, Mary Frick, reported in 2019 that members dug up scores of *Firestar* roses from Menge Road, Tanunda, and replanted them between Manchurian Pear trees along Vine Vale Road, Tanunda. Removal of the roses was to make way for a roundabout.

Mary also reported that they were asked to dig up a further 60 roses in early 2020. The roses were destined to be burned, but members saved many. *Penelope Schulz*, one of the “removalists,” explains how she successfully relocated a swag of plants, and photographed the process.

With so many roses needing removal, I asked my cousin, Bronwyn, a member of the Society, if she was interested in some being replanted at her home. Bronwyn and her husband were remodelling their driveway to accommodate health needs.

I sent a photo of us digging up the roses from their original spot and suggest she go on the internet and check out the rose and the colour. “Yes please” was the response. I ended up with 23 rose bushes that I had to trim, both the top and the roots, to an inch of their lives, so they would fit into my car—most of my fellow rosarians were in shock. It was March 2020, not ideal for digging up roses, but there was not an option. The next day I drove to my cousin’s place in Adelaide. I had a



In March 2020, the relocated roses were heeled-in at their new location.

wet sheet in the back of the car to cover *Firestar* and keep a little cool. I am not sure the sheet did much, but I was doing *something*, so that made me feel better.

Bronwyn had an area ready to go with new soil so the plants could be healed in. But first things first, a cuppa tea. Cuppa and chat done; it was off into the garden to dig the holes. *Seamungus* pellets went into the bottom of the holes and then soil and the plants. They were watered-in, and I stood back looking at these tiny plants and thought to myself: “you are all on your own now.”

On the 21st of August 2020 we dug up the healed-in roses to move them to their new home, across the driveway. I could not believe



LEFT: A *Firestar* rose lifted in August 2020 and ready for planting after being heeled-in.

ABOVE: It's July 2023 and *Firestar* is getting ready for its Spring extravaganza

the fine roots that had developed over the last few months and was I excited to say, with enthusiasm, “they are alive”!

Although these roses were still young enough to be moved, they all survived the many moves. The *Firestar* roses now have been in their new home for three and half years and have not looked back. There is something to say about a mass planting of the same rose and *Firestar* planted like this certainly makes quite a statement. Many walkers along the street have stopped to admire the blooms.

Since these roses were healed-in, I now always add *Seamungus* to the bottom of the hole before planting. I do believe this was the saving grace in regard to healing in of these Roses.

I help Bronwyn with the annual pruning of the roses and always think back to their start in life. There is never a bush without a flower, as it flowers and flowers. I always have time to sit for a cuppa with my special cousin, surrounded by vases of *Firestar*.

As the roses relocated along Vine Vale Road? They are growing well.



The relocated *Firestar* roses flourishing in their new abode in 2022.

Rambling Rosarians journey to the South East

Text and photos by Wendy Trimper

Eighteen Society members had an amazing four days of mild weather visiting the South East, heading there via the Coorong, in February. With that and a great group of rosarians, what more could one want on a trip? Perhaps good accommodation and stunning Autumn gardens? We had both.



A "slice" of Jill and Geoff Eckermann's garden.



A vista at Sue and John Zwar's garden.



Benedetta Rusconi and Brian Wagner.



A glimpse at Nancy's garden.

The accommodation was at Coonawarra Motor Lodge, Penola, and the gardens were those of the Eckermanns, Zwars, Zadows, Kidmans, Nancys and The Barn. All were very kind to allow us to visit.

We also viewed the hospital gardens and had a cook's tour of Penola, seeing many other smaller colourful gardens and the Coonawarra roses, plus we had a short visit to Balnaves Winery.

Another day we spent time at Wagner's Rose Nursery where Brian Wagner gave a most interesting and mesmerising talk while we had morning tea. This was followed by a demonstration of budding out in the field, and there were a few purchases. Our sincere thanks go to Brian and Benedetta for having us visit.

Thank you also to Sue and John Zwar, Jill and Geoff Eckermann, and Marjorie Todd for the local knowledge and tour guiding. We are most fortunate to be able to enjoy, yet again, the warm hospitality of the Society's regional members.



Travelling in an unusual and interesting style!

Members' Meetings

Tuesday, 9th April 7pm

Goodman Building, Adelaide Botanic Gardens

Presentation on Jurlique by Julique's Farm Manager, Cherie Hutchinson
Don't miss this one. Cherie will tell us about the Jurlique's biodynamic approach to growing botanicals and how and where Jurlique grows its roses.

Tuesday, 7th May 7pm

Goodman Building, Adelaide Botanic Gardens

A "Once in a Lifetime Garden" by Melanie Trimper
Melanie Trimper says a fond farewell to one of South Australia's most prolific private gardens in the suburbs: that of her current home.

Sunday, 30th June 12.30 to 3pm

International Rose Garden, Adelaide Botanic Gardens

Pruning Demonstration

Join Wendy Trimper, Merv Trimper, Deb Curtis and Tate Hancox for expert advice and hands-on practice in pruning. While this is open to the public, there will be ample time to seek advice about pruning particular cultivars. Let's have coffee nearby after the demo!

Tuesday, 23rd July 7pm

Annual General Meeting & "A Tournament of Roses"

Goodman Building, Adelaide Botanic Gardens

Our AGM is an opportunity to show your support for our Society, thank the outgoing Council and shape our new Council. We also have the opportunity to acknowledge members awarded Life Membership. Following that, Tate Hancox will host "A Tournament of Roses" to find our biggest rose buff.

Others for the diary

Sunday, 18th August, a National Rose Society Webinar; Tuesday 17th September, Presentation by Neutrog's Dr Uwe Stroehrer; Tuesday 15th October, Exhibitor's Workshop; Tuesday 19th November, Brian Wagner and Daniel Knight talk about new release roses; Sunday 1st December, Christmas Lunch.

I hope to see you there.

Penelope Schulz
Speaker's Programmer

Many members do much for their communities

They say if you want something done, ask a busy person. The Rose Society of South Australia has lots of busy people—sharing their love of the rose and experience with the public.

Sometimes they are invited to judge rose shows, gardening competitions or floral displays because their reputations in these areas precede them. At other times, some quietly do activities like pruning the roses of someone who could use a



John Bradshaw shared his enthusiasm for roses at the Dema Vista Garden meeting.,

helping hand.

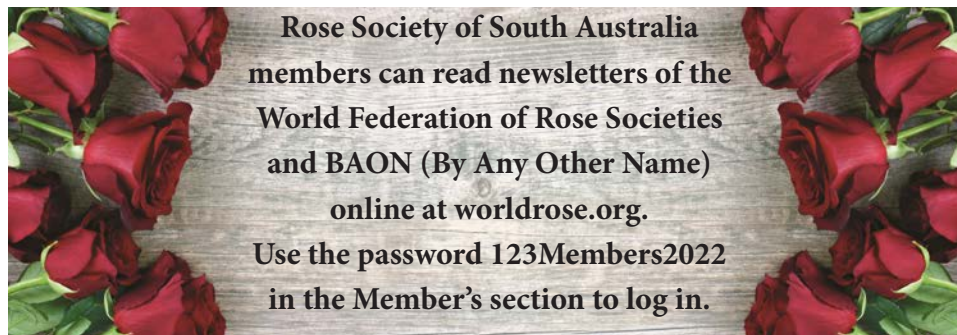
These official and unofficial ambassadors dedicate time and personal resources into undertaking these tasks. But mostly, they dedicate their knowledge and “infectious” passions for roses to the task at hand.

Among the many are Dorothy and John Bradshaw, sporting their signature rose shirts in these photographs taken at a combined meeting of Ardrossan Garden Club, Maitland Garden Club, Minlaton Garden Club, Warooka Garden Club, and The University of the 3rd Age at Dema Vista Garden, Clinton Road, Maitland, in early March.



Dorothy Bradshaw (right) at the combined meeting at Dema Vista Garden.

The 60 who attended were able to inspect the garden and heard presentations about roses by John Bradshaw. Neutrog’s Customer Relationship Manager and Society Member, Paul Dipuglia, also presented and answered questions.

A decorative border featuring several vibrant red roses with green leaves, arranged in a circular pattern around the central text.

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Volunteers in the International Rose Garden

By Deb Curtis—Rose Society Supervisor of Volunteers in the garden



IRG Volunteer Supervisor Deb Curtis in her “home away from home”; at the Botanic Gardens

The weather this Summer hasn't been too kind to the vollies or the International Rose Garden. There has been a lot of humidity which affects us and the roses. We have cancelled twice due to the heat and finished early one day due to the humidity.

We are hoping the roses pick up for the Rose Show & People's Choice weekend in late April. The vollies will certainly be trying their best to achieve this over the next few weeks.

After our Summer and Autumn Friday mornings in the IRG, we will be pruning on Wednesday and Friday mornings in July. Members who would like a refresher in pruning are welcome to come and help while having a lesson.

We are always looking for an extra pair of hands to help, even if it's only an hour every couple of weeks. Every bit helps keep the roses to look their best. All you need is a bit of enthusiasm for roses, clean, sharp secateurs, gloves, suitable clothing, a hat, water bottle and enclosed shoes.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining us.

Deborah Curtis

curtisnd@internode.on.net or phone 0408 474 977

Vale Ionie Brennan

Ionie Brennan, who joined the Society in May 2001, sadly passed away at the age of 89 on 21st February 2024.

Ionie, described as “self effacing” by friend, Meg Nicolls, was a very active member of the Society. She and husband, Max, undertook various overseas trips for love of the rose, including attending rose conventions.

The former school teacher loved talking to people and helped with Society activities by undertaking anything that required doing—selling raffle tickets, talking with members of the public at rose shows, setting up and taking down displays and assisted with catering.

In recent years, Ionie and Max, married 68 years when she passed away, was a familiar face at the Society’s Christmas parties and attended meetings, whenever possible, often with friends Meg and her husband Peter. They were a bit of a team.

Some members would be aware that Ionie’s yard at the couple’s Netherby home featured many beautiful roses, particularly her back yard where she created an entrance of roses.

Ionie passed away after a week in Calvary Hospital. She is survived by Max, three sons and four granddaughters (“getting the gender balance right”!).



Vale Gary Norton

We also remember Gary Norton who joined the Society in June 2005 and who sadly passed away, aged 81 years, on 9th September 2023.

Born at Lobethal and ultimately settling with his wife, Margaret, at Seaview Downs, Gary embraced opportunities that life had to offer, including many that came his way through Society membership and that of the National Trial Garden of Australia. Retired as a builder, Gary was an active volunteer in the trial garden from 2007 to 2014 and a ready helper at the People’s Choice Awards.

Gary’s own garden was another passion. He particularly enjoyed growing roses, raspberries, apples, lemons, oranges and much more.

Some close to Gary have described him as “inspirational and loved”.

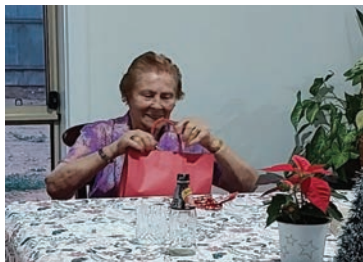
Gary is survived by his wife, Margaret, three adult children and three grandchildren.



Chaffey Rose Club

Text and photos by Dale Kerrin

At the time of writing, we are still waiting for some rain in the Riverland—story of our lives! Our gardens are showing signs of stress with the hot, windy, dry days we



Kris Kringle added fun to Chaffey's Christmas celebrations.

have been experiencing. Most plants, even the very hardy, are being burnt by the sun and roses and flowers are getting dried on the bush. It's a typical summer for us.

Our Christmas breakup had a change of venue because of extreme heat conditions. We enjoyed a night indoors in air-conditioned comfort at the home of Jill and Greg Knight. Our shared tea and Kris Kringle was enjoyed by those members who were brave and well enough to attend. It was a nice way to finish off the year.



Fleur Carthew and Elly Johnson at Chaffey's Christmas celebrations.

Our first Committee Meeting for 2024 was held at Olivewood Historical Homestead and Museum to finalise our program for the year. As a result, plans for Chaffey Rose Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) are well in hand. It will be held on Sunday 14th April 2024.

Following the meeting, there will be lunch at Olivewood Historical Homestead and Museum, enabling everyone attending to see the David Ruston Memorabilia Display now housed in there. This will be followed by a visit to Fleur and Allan Carthew's garden at Renmark.

Members who wish to join us at our AGM will not be disappointed. Olivewood is a State Heritage listed home operated by the National Trust. The building is an 1880s wooden-floored log cabin originally built by the Chaffey brothers and it is packed with history.

Another of our coming events for 2024 will be on Friday, 3rd May when we visit Sue Stoeckel's garden at Murtho. We will be having a soup and bread day in a local garden in June.



The David Ruston Memorial display

South East Branch

By Ione Saint



Spoilt for choice: Jeff Eckermann judging the best bloom at the South East Branch's first meeting for 2024.

Historic Yallum Park, 9km west of Penola, with its park-like gardens, was the venue for the inaugural meeting of the South East branch for 2024.

Nestled under the shade of old trees, the distinguished Victorian homestead, built by John Riddoch (1878–1880), provided a picturesque back drop to the meeting and members were “transported” to an era reminiscent of bygone elegance.

One could almost hear the sound of jingling harnesses and the clip-clop of carriage horses as they once navigated the circular driveway, delivering guests to a lavish garden party and perhaps even a rose meeting.

Our President, Marjorie Todd spoke on the merits and advantages of membership with the Rose Society. She explained the *Neutrog* privileges and the informative *Bulletin*, but also the friendships with like-minded people.

The South East Branch was the first South Australian branch to form outside Adelaide and proudly this year we will be celebrating our 30th Anniversary in November with a commemorative combined meeting. Stay tuned for further information.



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Annie Clifford from historic Yallum Park, with Geoff Eckermann, South East President Marjorie Todd and Kelly Hillstone.



Guest speaker, Kelly Hillstone, from Wagner's Rose Nursery, demonstrating how to balance a lop-sided rose at the South East meeting.

Our guest speaker was Kelly Hillstone, representing Wagner's Rose Nursery.

With over five years of tenure, her expertise was evident as she demonstrated the art of rejuvenating a lopsided rose bush through strategic pruning; the secret being to cut it back severely to get the sap flow to redirect itself and create new buds at the graft. This can be done at any time of the year except in extreme heat. If the bud union gets sun burnt, it will die.

Our knowledgeable judge for the bloom competition was Geoff Eckermann who awarded an astonished Annie Clifford, Champion Winner for her bi-coloured **Carnival** arrangement. This was not surprising to others though. Her large garden felt very relaxing and welcoming due to Annie's meticulous garden upkeep—a labour of love undertaken predominantly by herself.

Annie's husband, Andy, spoke of a fascinating discovery of a small box, at the back of the shed, filled with vintage galvanised rose tags. There were 12 different varieties, including gems like **Mrs Charles E Russell** (Chas Russell). However, they have been unable to find details on one, **A Victoria**. Any information is sought from the Rose Society's knowledgeable members.

Our next gathering will be for our **Annual General Meeting on Sunday 26th May**, starting at 11.30am, at the Royal Oak Hotel, Penola (same as last year). Please order your meal, directly from the hotel's regular menu, on arrival. We will have a guest speaker.

Roses on Eyre

Text by Karen Miels, Photos by Tony Strawbridge

Roses on Eyre (ROE) met at Tumby Bay in February for the Summer meeting.

We welcomed Maureen and John Humphries. This is Maureen's first meeting as The Rose Society of South Australia's zone representative.



Julie Strawbridge, Raelene Harradine and Rose Society of South Australia Councillor, Maureen Humphries, judging the bench competition.

Heather Noble, ROE's inaugural Secretary, delivered some archival material, including the first minute book. Many members took the opportunity to read the history of how the club was created. The club began in Cleve, February 2000, as the Cleve and Districts Rose Club and became known as Roses on Eyre June 2001.

Neutrog's Customer Relationship Manager, Paul Dipuglia, was the guest speaker and gave an overview of the upgrade to the factory and

products produced at Neutrog's Kanmantoo site. Paul spoke of the successful results reported from the use of the products *Whoflungdung* and *Popul8*. He also spoke of the partnership with Foodbank and OTR to recycle coffee grinds into a product called *Human Beans*.

Paul was very popular; he spoke at the Tumby Bay and Port Lincoln garden clubs the following day.

After lunch, members visited three gardens, among them, Frank and Jeanette



A section of the Bench Competition line-up in Roses at Eyre's Summer meeting.

Bubner's garden which is 30 years old. Some of the original roses are still producing stunning blooms, sharing the space with dahlias, petunias, and salvias.

We also visited Heidi Robert's well-kept garden, where all the roses are named. The garden also consists of cacti, succulents and pelargoniums which Heidi shared with the members.

The third visit was to Rosemary and Glynn Osbourne's cottage garden which had many plants in



Frank and Jeanette Bubner were among those who welcomed Roses on Eyre members to their garden for the branch's Summer meeting.

bloom, including waterlilies in fishponds. Members were very interested in the double snap dragons, along with the begonias, fuschias and impatiens.

All garden hosts are presented with a voucher to the garden centre at Port Lincoln as a gesture of appreciation.

The competition winners were:

Single—Janice Asser with **Pope John II** and Lyn Miller with **Perfuma**.

Floribunda—Karen Miels with **Hannah Gordon**

Miniature—Raelene Harradine with an unknown rose.

The next gathering will be for Roses on Eyre's Annual General Meeting at Cowell Bowling club on Sunday, 5th May at 10am. The guest speaker will be Gavin Woods.



Guest Joy Swaffer and Julie Strawbridge admiring Frank and Jeanette Bubner's **Hannah Gordon** rose.

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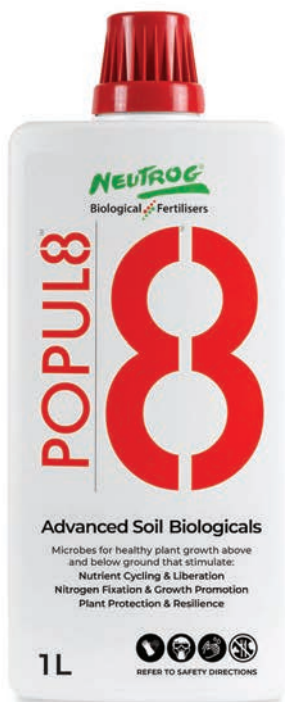
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