

The Rose Society of South Australia Inc.

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PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS ALL EVENTS LISTED ARE TO BE CONFIRMED

Calendar of Coming Events

January 2021

Tuesday 19th Council Meeting: via Zoom 7:00pm

February 2021

Friday 5th Chaffey Meeting: Barmera Contact Secretary. RSVP 29/1/2021

Sunday 21st Members General Meeting: at the home of Diane & Graeme

Vomberg, 124 Avenue Road, Clarence Gardens 3:30 pm.

Guest Speaker Paul Dipuglia - Neutrog Australia

Pre 1900 Old Garden Roses; A, B, C, Grades: 1 Full Bloom OR Competition

1 Miniature Rose; Open: 1 Exhibit

"Free Choice" Floral Arrangers

Library Books available to borrow

For Sale Small number of excess library books **After Meeting** Sausage Sizzle, Tea & Coffee provided

SE Branch Meeting: at the home of Geoff and Jill Eckermann, Sunday 28th 77 Weirs Lane, Penola. Bloom competition, please bring your

own chair, mug, thermos and lunch 1:00pm

March 2021

Saturday 6th Chaffey Meeting: TBC. Contact Secretary. RSVP 25/2/2021

Tuesday 16th Council Meeting via Zoom 7:00pm

April 2021

Chaffey Meeting: TBC. Contact Secretary. RSVP 31/3/2021 Saturday 6th

Barossa Rose & Flower Show: Barossa Nursery, Nuriootpa Saturday 10th Sunday 11th See page 33 for details

Saturday 17th **Autumn Rose Show & Peoples Choice Weekend:** Adelaide Botanic Gardens. See page 22 for details Sunday 18th



Bed & Breakfast Oakbank BnB Retreat

Downers Road, Oakbank. **Sth Aust**

Hosts: Merv & Wendy Trimper Suit short stay in semi-rural setting in the Adelaide Hills

Bookings: 08 8389 9119 or 0419 803 708 Discount for Rose Society Members



RSSA Presidents Report - Summer 2021

by Diane vom Berg

As I write this report South Australia has experienced a further 3-day hard lockdown and subsequent further eight days of reduced restrictions. It has been a very uncertain 2020 and I am hoping the festive season has brought joy and peace to you and your family and friends.

We are now beginning 2021 and I am looking forward, along with our Council to again be able to bring members together to share our love of roses, but in a new way to keep COVID safe.

Council will continue to conduct meetings using Zoom, some Face to Face and any urgent matters by email. Technology has greatly assisted in alternate ways to conduct the administrative business of the Rose Society of South Australia. Who would have thought as little as twenty years ago that we could all be connected virtually, sitting at home and able to conduct meetings or the mobility of communication through email, text and audio.

Our ageing membership and many members finding night meetings harder to attend has been given considerable thought and discussion, hence the decision for our 2021 programme to include four day visits on a Sunday to Public and Private Gardens, with at least one to a Regional Garden, weather permitting. There will be guest speakers from the gardens, cultural notes, a cut flower and floral competition, ability to borrow from the Library and whenever possible refreshments will be provided. The AGM will be held at an inside venue and the Christmas Lunch in December. Two rose shows are planned for April and October.

The first meeting is on Sunday 21st February, at our home in Clarence Gardens. Paul Dipuglia from Neutrog will be our guest speaker. Tea, Coffee and a Sausage Sizzle will be provided.

The Shows will also change, with the Autumn Show to be held in conjunction with the National Rose Trial Garden of Australia's People's Choice weekend in the International Rose Garden, Adelaide Botanic Garden on the weekend of 17th-18th April. A chance to see the great work our volunteers contribute to the garden. Further details will be posted to the Web Site once finalised and full details in the next Bulletin.

Our support within the community is a priority for 2021. The Society receives many requests for guest speakers, this is an opportunity to promote the Rose and answer questions from the public. Pruning demonstrations, educational and information stands at Nurseries, attending the Royal Show and the Melbourne International Flower Show are all activities planned for 2021.

Presidents Report - Summer 2021 Continued

Please continue to support our mutually positive relationship of over 20 years with Neutrog and its significant benefit to the Society and its members.

The WRC 22 Convention Committee continue to meet and plan for our postponed Convention. Remember the generous wine offer from Patricks of Coonawarra. Details for online ordering can be accessed at http://www.rose.org.au/

May your Roses give you much pleasure with so many new releases each season it is hard not to add a new variety to your collection.



2020 - 2021 Council - L-R: Aileen Scott, Mary Frick, Maureen Humphries, Pam Kelly, Ross Kemp, Penelope Schulz, Kelvin Trimper, Gavin Woods, Diane vom Berg, Paul Flavel.

Absent: Doug Gregory, Graeme vom Berg, Sharyn Perrin

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The Rose Society of South Australia Inc. 2020 Annual General Meeting

The Rose Society of South Australia Inc. AGM was finally held on Wednesday 14th October 2020 at the Burnside City Uniting Church.

With COVID-19 restrictions it was impossible to hold the meeting in its normal month of July, but with the easing of restrictions and careful planning the meeting did happen. A whole new type of meeting was held with only the AGM being the focus. The Monthly Meeting, that normally followed the AGM concluding with supper, were not to be this year.

Thirty people attended the meeting adhering to the COVID Safe Plan and social distancing. One hundred and seventy-one watched the meeting via facebook and five members on Zoom.

Society Vice President, Aileen Scott officiated the meeting assisted by Secretary, Pam Kelly. Aileen read the Presidents Report on behalf of President Doug Gregory who was unable to attend. The Treasurers Report and Audited Financial Statement was presented by Treasurer, John Humphries.

Nominations for all positions were filled without going to a vote. The Officers and Council for 2020-2021 being:

President – Diane vom Berg

Immediate Past President – Doug Gregory

Vice Presidents – Aileen Scott, Gavin Woods, Kelvin Trimper

Secretary – Pam Kelly

Treasurer – Graeme vom Berg

Council Members – Paul Flavel, Mary Frick, Penelope Schulz, Sharyn Perrin, Ross Kemp, Maureen Humphries

Auditor - David Jeffs

Aileen thanked retiring Council Members John Humphries (Treasurer), Wendy Trimper (Vice President) and Bruce McCallum, presenting each with a gift for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the Society.

Recommendations for Life Membership with citations for Coleen Houston and Elaine Schier, read by Aileen, were approved by the attending membership.

There being no further business the meeting was closed with Aileen thanking all members who attended as well as Merv Trimper and Paul Flavel for making the meeting accessible via facebook and Zoom.

Aileen reiterated thanks to Doug Gregory for his incredible leadership under difficult conditions. With the advent of COVID he made some fabulous decisions, kept the Council working together by Zoom and introduced a newsletter to keep members informed and connected. Thank you, Doug for your leadership over the last three years, it has been fantastic.

The continual unknown with Covid-19, 2021 will be another 'strange' year. Under the guidance of President Diane, Council will be working diligently to produce a programme that is interesting whilst keeping our members in a safe and friendly environment.

CLOSING DATES FOR FUTURE BULLETINS

EDITION	RESERVE SPACE BY	PROVIDE MATERIAL BY
Apr/May/Jun 2021	8 th February 2021	25 th February 2021
July/Aug/Sep 2021	8 th May 2021	25 th May 2021
Oct/Nov/Dec 2021	8 th August 2021	25 th August 2021
Jan/Feb/Mar 2022	8 th November 2021	25 th November 2021

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An artice of 500 words (Font: Calibri size 11) amounts to approximately one (1) Bulletin page. Forward articles and images to: **BulletinRSSA@gmail.com**

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1st APRIL 2021 TO 31st MARCH 2022

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP

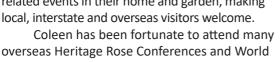
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The Rose Society of South Australia Inc.

At the recent 2020 AGM of The Rose Society of South Australia Inc, Coleen Houston and Elaine Schier, both nominated by the Chaffey Rose Club, were awarded Life Membership of the Society. A précis of their nomination citations follows.

COLEEN HOUSTON OAM

Coleen is an inaugural member of the Chaffey Rose Club and since joining, she has held many leadership positions and has never missed an opportunity to promote the rose in her most gracious manner. Her husband David Houston, AM, has assisted her in this role and they have been generous hosts, volunteer tour guides and organisers. She and David have hosted many rose related events in their home and garden, making local, interstate and overseas visitors welcome.



Federation of Rose Societies Regional and World Conventions. In this role, Coleen has been a wonderful ambassador for both Australia and the rose.

As a member of Chaffey Rose Club, Coleen has held the following positions:

1996 – Inaugural Committee Member

1997 - 1998 - Committee Member

1999 – 2001 -First Vice President / Newsletter Reporter for the Riverina

2002 - 2004 - Secretary

2005 – 2007 - Committee Member

2008 – Second Vice President / Newsletter Reporter for the Riverina

2009 - 2010 - First Vice President

2011 - 2013 - President

2014 – Committee Member

2015 - 2017 - President Riverina CRC / Committee

2018 - 2020 - President

Coleen received her Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in 2019 For "Service to the Community of Hay", and a contributing part of this revolved around "the love and promotion of the rose":

The Rose Society of South Australia

- · Has contributed to several major displays and exhibitions in Adelaide
- Invited to speak in Adelaide at a Tribute evening to David Ruston
- Contributes regularly to the quarterly Bulletin



Chaffey Rose Club

 Held a continuous leadership position in Chaffey Rose Club since its inception, a total of 24 years

Bishop's Lodge Historic House and Heritage Rose Garden, Hay

- Committee Member, since 1987
- Coordinator, Lodge Spring Market, for 10 years

Heritage Roses In Australia

- Co-ordinator, Riverina Group (ongoing)
- Convened the Heritage Roses in Australia National Conference in 2005
- Distinguished Service Award, 2006

In all these clubs, Coleen provides and creatively arranges roses, bringing cheer and beauty to many. She also "rolls up her sleeves" and helps with the hard physical work as evidenced by her involvement in the original plantings David Ruston initiated at his Renmark property for the Heritage Rose Repository and the collection and promotion of old and forgotten roses at Bishop's Lodge, Hay.

Coleen never hesitates to take on another "rosey task". She is prepared to drive long distances to do this. Coleen is a great supporter of the Combined Branches meetings and organised, along with the support of her hard-working Committee, the 2015 weekend in Hay. Coleen makes a point of acknowledging those who have made a contribution to the Rose World and she goes out of her way to write a Tribute or give a Farewell Speech for those who are no longer with us. We believe Coleen has demonstrated a continued and long-term commitment to the Rose Society of South Australia. Coleen is supportive of those who lead our Rose Societies, and she believes strongly in supporting those who sponsor our rose related events.

After much research and consultation with the Chaffey Rose Club Executive, we believe Coleen meets the Society's criteria of "special, outstanding and exemplary service to the Society" and therefore nominate her for consideration for Life Membership.

NOMINATIONS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Council of the Rose Society of S.A. invites nominations for proposed Life Membership of our Society.

Any member may submit a nomination for another member whom they feel meets the criteria of 'special, outstanding and exemplary service to the Society' and deserves our highest honour.

To assist you a 'Life Membership Nomination Form' form has been formulated detailing all the information required when nominating a person for Life Membership.

The 'Life Membership Nomination Form' is available from the Society Secretary or download from the Society website - http://sarose.org.au - and is to be completed and submitted together with a written citation to the Society Secretary by Wednesday, 8th April 2021.

ELAINE SCHIER

Elaine is an inaugural member of the Chaffey Rose Club (CRC) and since joining she has held many leadership positions. In the early days of our club, she was a great support to President David Ruston, helping to organise his many trips and events. For many years, Elaine co-hosted our Club's bus trips.

Elaine has held the following positions within our group:

1996 – Inaugural Secretary / Treasurer

1997 - 1998 - Secretary / Treasurer

1999 – 2001 – Committee Member / Newsletter Reporter

for the Riverland

2002 - 2004 - Second Vice President

2006 - Committee Member

2007 – Vice President / Newsletter Reporter for the Riverland

2008 - 2009 - Committee Member

2010 - Secretary

2011 – Committee Member

2015 - 2020 - Committee Member

Elaine's contributions to the Rose Society and "The love and promotion of the Rose" include:

The Rose Society of South Australia

- Contributed to several major displays and exhibitions in Adelaide
- Attended as Delegate at Garden Clubs of Australia conference in 2003
- Attended as Observer at a number of National Rose Society of Australia Annual General Meetings
- Attended and supported Combined Branches events

Chaffey Rose Club

- Held leadership positions in CRC since its inception, for 20 of 24 years
- Assisted in organising and co-hosting CRC events, functions and excursions
- Assisted in providing hospitality for visiting rosarians and Rose Society and Garden Club members

Elaine is a willing worker who greets all in her warm and caring manner. She takes prospective and new members "under her wing" advocating for the Rose Society of South Australia and the benefits and joy membership brings.

She has always done her very best to attend and support all local, and where possible, state and national activities. We believe Elaine has demonstrated a continued and long-term commitment to the Rose Society of South Australia. Elaine is a great ambassador for the Chaffey Rose Club and a great communicator and record keeper. She reported on Chaffey Rose Club activities far and wide, not just in the three Riverland local papers, but also in Victoria and NSW; the RSSA Bulletin and the Australian Rose Annual. Elaine sent her reports to both radio stations, to



Image Credit: Penelope Schulz

be read out to a wide audience. As well as actively promoting the rose, Elaine used her cheery personality to work behind the scenes; especially in encouraging new members with flower arranging and local gardening techniques.

After much research and consultation with the Chaffey Rose Club Executive, we believe Elaine meets the Society's criteria of "special, outstanding and exemplary service to the Society" and therefore nominate her for consideration for Life Membership.

Congratulations

Jim Cane - 2020 T.A. Stewart Memorial Award

The TA Stewart Memorial Award is presented to a person deemed by the Contributor Societies as having given outstanding service to the Rose in Australia and New Zealand. It is managed by the Rose Society of Victoria-and awarded annually.

Jim has held the position of NRSA Treasurer since 2001 and has improved systems for financial management over this time. Jim is a Churchill Fellow having studied Botanic Gardens management at Kew Gardens in 1996. He was employed at the Royal Botanic Gardens in Tasmania for 36 years including time as the Acting Director.



Image Credit: Toni Hains

Jim also held positions in the Rose Society of Tasmania including Secretary; was the Vice President of the NRSA in 1994 and National President in 1996. When the Rose Society of Tasmania disbanded in 1999, Jim became a member of The Rose Society of South Australia Inc. Jim has been actively involved in horticultural and continues rose activities in Tasmania as a judge; in tending the Rose Garden of the local Catholic Church, Botanic Gardens and his own extensive rose garden. Jim has contributed to the Australian Rose Annual and participated in WFRS International Conventions over the years.

Gavin Woods - Chairman of WFRS International Judges Committee

Gavin has a long history of showing and judging a variety of flowers (dahlias, daffodils and chrysanthemums to name a few - and let's not forget the chooks) at agricultural and florticultural shows locally, nationally and internationally.

When Dean Stringer retired as Rose Society of South Australia Inc. Chief Judge, Gavin stepped into this role. Gavin is an accredited State, National and International Rose Judge.

On behalf of the National Rose Society of Australia Inc., Gavin has travelled to several State Rose Societies demonstrating at workshops on Showing and Judging Roses Gavin is highly respected by all who know him.



Image Credit: Paul Hains

National Rose Trial Gardens of Australia Inc. Gold Medal Winner - Olivia Rose Austin

Olivia Rose Austin - Multiple Award Winner

Olivia Rose Austin was released in Australia in 2019 and has proven immensely popular. It has also been awarded a number of times in Australia and the USA.

The National Rose Trial Garden of Australia, located in Adelaide, South Australia, is acknowledged around the world as a leading trial garden. We are delighted that Olivia Rose Austin was presented with a Gold Medal in October 2020. *Olivia Rose Austin* also received:

Australia's Rose of the Year & Marion de Boehme Memorial Award for Best Rose of the Trial

Gerald Meylan Perpetual Trophy - Best Shrub or Ground Cover Rose in the Trial In addition, *Olivia Rose Austin* was recently announced as the winner of the prestigious American Rose Society (ARS) Members' Choice Award for 2020. It is the first time a variety has won both the Members' Choice and Members' Choice for Fragrance Award.

Olivia Rose Austin (Ausmixture)

A truly lovely rose having flowers of an even, soft pink coloring opening to beautiful, cupped rosettes. Flowers have a strong fragrance with fruit tones.

Good vigour with dark green foliage. Named after David Austin Senior's granddaughter.
Approx. 1.2m tall.

English Roses combine the charm and fragrance of old roses, with the wider colour range and repeat flowering of modern roses. They thrive in the Australian climate.

David Austin's English Rose varieties are available at leading garden centres and retailers right now.

Award Winning Roses
Put Your Nose in a Rose!



Image Credit: David Austin Roses, UK

National Rose Trial Gardens of Australia Inc. Dusky Moon - 2020 Best Australian Bred Rose

There is always an element of luck in rose breeding. Not even the greatest breeder can precisely predict the outcomes of a given cross. I have always subscribed to using two roses when beginning that are diverse...in form, classification, colour, fragrance, country of origin...but always a hoped-for goal/outcome.

It is hard to remember what the intention was back in 2011 when "Dusky" was first pollinated, most likely a tan or lavender-tan shrub given the choice of parents, the blue-blend of **Blue for You** (mother) and orange **Pat Austin** (father). It was a bit of a departure from our usual as we were rarely doing crosses not involving at least one of our own seedlings at that stage of our breeding. We would have remembered the dominance of **Blue for You**....colour and fragrance in spite of the fact fragrance is usually a recessive gene.

Testing the public response in a display of our roses at a Sydney Show, Andrew Pau posted it on Facebook with some incredibly positive comments. This was also picked up at a display of our roses at the Royal Easter Show and a lady named Rose Ceruti took a shine to it and has been its biggest supporter on Facebook. We supplied her with the first trial plant of it and it has been one of our smartest decisions.

We were proud to win the **Davis Trophy for Best Australian Bred Rose** in the NRTGA trial finishing 2020 with **Dusky Moon**. It is healthy and productive and VERY fragrant. The colour can be a little variable being purple with a white eye and



Text & Image Credit: Richard & Ruth Walsh

reverse, but the purple can become a plum red in hotter weather. The foliage changes colour slightly in colder weather, taking on reddish tones into the bluish green foliage, and we would like to see its autumn foliage in a colder climate. It was a culmination of many years of being out there with little recognition when Brian Wagner approached us to see if we needed an agent for our roses, and "Dusky" was one of the first we sent him to trial for us. We are quite excited about his support and the response from the public to its sales. We hope this will be part of the continuing chapter in the story of Australian bred roses and encourage many others to take up the challenge.

2020 Spring Virtual Rose Show

by Merv & Wendy Trimper

The Spring Rose Show was held as a Virtual Show with photographs of entries submitted over one week in October.

We received 105 entries in the Cut Section and 5 Floral Arrangement entries. The entries were mainly from S.A. with a few interstate exhibitors. There were 50 A Grade, 29 B Grade, 20 C Grade/Novice and 6 Open entries in the Cut Section.

The exhibits were of high quality and point judged accordingly. As judges, it is a challenging task to determine the appropriate point score with only a front view and top view of the exhibit. However, we enjoyed the task and would gladly judge this way again if the need arises.

Grand Champion
Champion 'Open' Grade
Class 20
Bunch of Roses - 4 or more
Stems/Cuts
Winner: P. & B. Burton

Rose: Our Vanilla



Champion 'C'/Novice Grade Class 15 1 Hybrid Tea Rose Winner: R. Parsons Rose: Just Joey



Champion 'B' Grade Floral Arrangement Class 22 - Tapestry -Winner: P. Schulz Roses Used: Penelope, Tinkerbell



Class I
'A' Grade
1 Exhibition Rose
Winner: S. Sylvia
Rose: *Tineke*



Class 6
'A' Grade
1 Miniature/
Miniflora Rose
Winner: G. Woods
Rose:
Jean Kenneally



Class 2
'A' Grade
1 Decorative Rose
Winner:
P. & B. Burton
Rose: About Face



Class 7
'A' Grade
1 Any other Type
Rose
Winner: G. Woods
Rose: Red Pierre



Class 3
 'A' Grade
1 Full Bloom Rose
Winner: G. Woods
Rose: Princess
Charlene Monaco



Class 8
3 Multi Stem
Exhibit
Winner: G. Woods
Roses: Elina,
Barbra Streisand,
In Appreciation



Class 4
'A' Grade
1 Floribunda Rose
Winner:
D. & P. Gregory
Rose: Lacy Parasol



Class 9
'B' Grade
1 Exhibition/
Decorative Rose
Winner:
L. Johnson
Rose: Susan



Class 5
'A' Grade
1 Shrub Rose
Winner:
D. & P. Gregory
Rose: Prospero



Class 11
'B' Grade
1 Full Bloom Rose
Winner: D. Vivian
Rose:
Summer of Love



Class 12
'B' Grade
1 Miniature/
Miniflora Rose
Winner:
L. Johnson
Rose:
Scarlet Sunblaze



Class 17
'C' Grade
1 Any Red Rose
Winner:
J. McCormick
Rose: Red Gem



Class 13
'B' Grade
1 Any Other Type
of Rose
Winner: D. Vivian
Rose:
Jean Mermoz



Class 18
'C' Grade
1 Any Yellow Rose
Winner:
F. Carthew
Rose: Golden
Celebration



Class 14
'B' Grade
3 Multi Stem
Exhibit
Winner:
M Furness
Rose: R Fareri,
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Class 19
'C' Grade
3 Multi Stem
Exhibit
Winner:
J. McCormick
Rose:
Madam President



Class 16
'C' Grade
1 Floribunda Rose
Winner: R. Kemp
Rose: Casanova



Class 23
'C' Grade Floral
'Pave'
Winner:
K. Degaris
Roses Included:
Claude Monet,
Gold Bunny, Peace



- MEMBERS GENERAL MEETING -

When: 21st February 2021

Where: Home of RSSA President & Treasurer, Diane & Graeme vom Berg,

124 Avenue Road, Clarence Gardens

Time: 3:30 pm

Programme: Meeting, Guest Speaker, Competitions, Library, Book Sale

Sausage Sizzle, tea, coffee provided

La Maison du Vigneron The Winemaker's House

LANGHORNE CREEK NEW BED & BREAKFAST

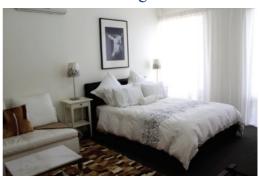


A beautiful new B & B has opened at 18 Bridge Road, Langhorne Creek in the heart of this famous wine region. Ideal for a short stay and weekend getaways. In just three years your hosts Charmaine and Ian have transformed the property into a luxury B & B surrounded by an award-winning cottage garden and formal rose garden. Special occasion dining is also available, providing a personalised menu and wine list. Two luxury suites available. For bookings and enquiries, contact Charmaine on **0412 138 348** or book online

www.lamaisonduvigneron.com.au

Le Montrachet Suite

This delightful suite features spacious, modern accommodation ideal for a couple. Includes a large queen size bedroom, private bathroom, lounge / dining room with large television, air-conditioning and a fully equipped kitchen.





Le Chambertin Suite

You'll love this deluxe studio suite, which is ideal for a couple. Featuring a king size bed, kitchenette with microwave, refrigerator and coffee machine, television, air-conditioning and a private bathroom.

Outside on the patio there is a barbecue and a wood-fired pizza oven.

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RSSA Christmas Lunch Held on Sunday 6th December 2020 At Auchendarroch House, Mt Barker

Council had decided on the new venue, Auchendarroch at Mt Barker, and it was an absolutely wonderful venue to celebrate the year that was.

His Excellency, Hieu Van Le AC, and the Society Patron, Mrs Lan Le attended, with Mrs Le graciously presenting a badge and certificate to the 25-year members present and to Life Member, Elaine Schier. Mrs Le also kindly cut the Xmas cake. The staff were first class, along with the delicious meal that we all enjoyed, along with wines from Patrick's. Thank you to Michelle Wallis and Michelle Berry for making our members feel so welcome, and for including a personal tour of the house before we had to head off.

Everyone enjoyed our new President Diane's first official function.

25 Year Memberships: Miss Angela Furniss, Mr Keith and Mrs Anne Gregory Mrs Margaret Gregory, Mr Doug Gregory, Mrs Meredith Hinze, Mr Ian Taylor, Ms Peggy Liminton, Mr Alec McBeath, Mr Colin and Mrs Dawn Niejelke, Mr John Zwar Mrs Susan Rafferty, Mrs Shirley Sylvia, Mr Brian Tiller, Mrs Marjorie Wellby.



Society Patron Mrs Le (L) presents Elaine Schier (R)with her Life Membership observed by Society President Diane vom Berg



Patron Mrs Le cut the Christmas Cake



Margaret Gregory

Marjorie Wellby

John Zwar

Anne & Keith Gregory



The Rose Society of South Australia Inc.





National Rose Trial Garden of Australia Inc.

2021 Autumn Rose Show



People's Choice Weekend

Saturday April 17th Sunday April 18th

Noel Lothian Hall

Adelaide Botanic Garden

Adelaide Trial Garden

> 10:00am -4:00pm

The Show and Trial Garden Committees will continue to plan for the event: implementation will depend upon Covid restrictions in place at the time.

Rose of the Month For more information go to http://sarose.org.au

October - Princess Alexandra of Kent (Ausmerchant), Shrub

Princess Alexandra of Kent was introduced in 2007 by David Austin Roses in the UK. The large, bright pink flowers are full-petalled (about 130 petals) and deeply cupped. The flowers are produced in clusters of 3 or 4 per stem, on a wellshaped vigorous bush. There is a delightful intense fresh Tea fragrance, which changes to a lemon scent as the flower ages.

The bush grows well, usually reaching 1.25m x 1.25m, with mid-green, healthy foliage and good repeat flowering. It is suitable for garden beds,



David C.H. Austin OBE (1926-2018) will be remembered for his lifetime of dedicated and imaginative rose breeding. David Austin English Shrub Roses combine the delicate flowers and rich scent of Old-World Roses with the repeat-flowering, disease resistance and wide colour

range of Modern Roses. Since being introduced into Australia in the 1980s, these roses have thrived and demonstrated that they are reliable, hardy and well suited to our climate. The collection now has over 200 cultivars, with many achieving international acclaim.

Named for Princess Alexandra of Kent – a keen gardener and great lover of

roses. The Princess and Queen Elizabeth II

are first cousins.

Available from Wagner's Rose Nursery, Newman's Nursery, Treloar Roses and Rose Sales Online.

Awards: Trophy - Best Fragrance Award, Glasgow, 2009; Trophy - Most Fragrant Award, California, USA

Text & Images: Melanie Trimper



Rose of the Month For more information go to http://sarose.org.au

November - Governor Macquarie, Hybrid Tea

Governor Macquarie is a free flowering, strong Australian Hybrid Tea rose bred by the late Trevor Grant and introduced in 2004. It is named after Governor Macquarie, the fifth Governor of New South Wales, from 1810 to 1821, who oversaw the transition of the Penal Colony to a thriving free settlement.

The beautiful, large, pale pink flowers are classic in shape with a lovely rich perfume and excellent for cutting, as they have a long vase life.



This rose is tall and vigorous, comfortably achieving 2 metres in height. It is very pest and disease tolerant with glossy foliage. Remove spent blooms to expedite the next flush of roses. This rose performs well in all seasons from spring to autumn.



Trevor Grant also bred Let's Celebrate, the Australian rose selected to commemorate the Rose Society of South Australia's Centenary in 2008. Governor Macquarie is available from Eumundi Roses, Queensland and Swane's Nurseries in New South Wales.

Text: Kelvin Trimper Images: Melanie Trimper

Rose of the Month For more information go to http://sarose.org.au

December - Penelope, Shrub (Hybrid Musk)



Penelope was bred by Rev. Joseph Pemberton in the UK in 1924 from a crossing of Ophelia (Hybrid Tea 1912) x Unnamed seedling and was introduced in Australia by Hazelwood Bros Ptv Ltd in 1925.

Penelope produces large clusters of circular flat open blooms. It is delicate shell pink with yellow shading and has prominent stamens, fading to a soft white in the summer heat. The blooms have a strong fragrance, with up to 25 petals, averaging 10cm in diameter.

Penelope has a bushy, semi-upright growth habit with semi-glossy, dark green foliage. It can be shaped as a bush or trained as a pillar. Height 2m to 2.4m tall and 1m to 1.5m in width. It responds well to deadheading promoting flushes through the

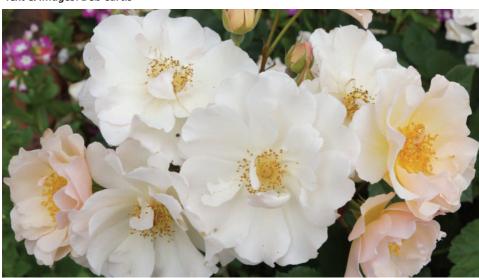
season. It needs to be lightly pruned in late autumn as it does not respond well to hard or winter pruning.

Available from: Knight's Roses, Wagner's Rose Nursery, Newman's Nursery and Treloar Roses.

Awards: Gold Medal - National Rose Society, UK 1925;

Royal Horticultural Society Award of Garden Merit, UK 1993

Text & Images: Deb Curtis



RSSA Recommended Modern Shrub & Other Shrub

Selecting roses can be confusing, but there is a comprehensive list of varieties in the South Australia Inc. updates its list of recommended roses. These roses have been selected flower well every season and generally have good disease tolerance.

To obtain top quality plants, purchase your roses from specialist growers and recogn Note: * denotes fragrance and (AB) Australian bred. Other catagories ie Hybrid Tea, Floril

- *Abraham Darby
- *Ambridge Rose Bonica '82
- *Buff Beauty Carabella (F) (AB)
- *Chippendale
- *Claire Rose
- *Deane Ross (AB)
- **Edgar Degas** Eve Shadow
- *Henri Matisse
- *Jude The Obscure Love's Gift (AB)
- *Molineux
- *Munstead Wood
- *Penelope
- *Princess Alexandra of Ken Rock'n'Roll
- *Sally Holmes
- *Scabrosa



The Squire Image: David Austin Roses, UK



Edgar Degas Image: M. Trimper



Ambridge Rose Image: M. Trimper



Loves Gift Image: M. Frick



Rock Image:



Eve Shadow Image: M. Trimper



Jude the Obscure Image: David Austin Roses, UK Image: David Austin Roses, UK Image: Wagner's Rose Nursery



Claire Rose



Scabrosa



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Troilus Image: M. Trimper



Munstead Wood Image: David Austin Roses, UK



Summer Memories Image: M. Trimper



Molineux Image: M. Trimper



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Chippendale Image: Kirsty Trimper



Abraham Darby Image: M. Trimper



Sophy's Rose Image: David Austin Roses, UK



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p-like Roses; Old Garden, Species & Heritage Roses

e Australian Rose Annual (see list below) to assist you. Every year the Rose Society of ed by an experienced panel and are proven performers in South Australia. They will

nised retail garden centres.

ounda, Miniature, Climbing, etc are listed in the Australian Rose Annual

- *Sophy's Rose
- *Summer Memories
- *The Squire
 - *Troilus Ballerina
- *Cecile Brunner
- *Comte de Chambord
- *Crepuscule
- *Gruss an Aachen
- *Duchesse de Brabant
- *La Reine Victoria
- *Lady Hillingdon
- *Lamarque
- Monsieur Tillier *Mme Isaac Pereire
- Mutabilis
- Perle d'Or
- *Roseraie de l'Hay The Fairy (Polyantha)
- *Zephirine Drouhin



'n' Roll M. Keen

Beauty







Ballerina Image: M. Trimper

Gruss an Aachen Image: S. Zwar

Mutabilis Image: S. Zwar

Lady Hillingdon Image: S. Zwar













Monsieur Tillier Image: S. Zwar

The Fairy Image: M. Trimper

Lamarque Image: S. Zwar

Bonica Image: M. Trimper











Sally Holmes Image: M. Frick

Comte de Chambord Image: S. Zwar

Penelope Image: M. Frick

Zephirine Drouhin Image: S. Zwar



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Carabella Image: M. Frick



Perle d'Or Image: S. Zwar



Cecile Brunner Image: S. Zwar

Garden Clubs of Australia Award

Rose Society of South Australia Inc. members, Sue Zwar & George Thomson, have been recognised by Garden Clubs of Australia for their dedication to the promotion of gardening. Narocoorte Garden Club President, Pat Gericke presented the awards.

George Thomson, now residing in the South East, was presented with the GCA **President's Award** for 'Outstanding contribution by an Individual to gardening and/or horticulture'.

An Australian Rose breeder, George has been integral in establishing 'Australian Bred' roses



George Thomson being presented with the GCA 'President's Award' by Pat Gericke

onto the rose market and is recognised both nationally and internationally.

George has been invited as guest speaker to community groups, and as a lecturer to High School, TAFE and university students. He has donated the rights to many of his roses to selected charities.



Sue Zwar being presented with the GCA 'Doris Killian' Award by Pat Gericke

Sue Zwar, a Society Life Member, has been awarded the GCA **Doris Killian Award** for 'Outstanding Service by an individual to their local Community'.

Sue has been a tireless promoter of the rose, particularly heritage roses being her passion. She and husband John, open their garden 'Camawald' to the public, donating the proceeds to charity.

A popular guest speaker, Sue gave an entertaining presentation to Adelaide members in March this year, showing the rose gardens she has established and continues to maintain in her local community and beyond.

Sue has written many articles for our Bulletin and other magazines including Heritage Roses in Australia. She has also written a biography on the great South Australian and internationally respected rosarian, David Ruston, 'A Life with Roses', donating the proceeds from sales to the ongoing care of David's repository of roses.

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Volunteers in the International Rose Garden (IRG), Botanic Gardens, Hackney Road

by DebCurtis

The Volunteers have been working hard during the spring flush after a stop/start winter with Covid-19. The IRG was looking magnificent helped by the late winter rain and cooler start to spring.

While we are averaging fifteen volunteers each Friday at the moment, it would be lovely to have a bit more help.

If you have a spare hour or two we would love you to join us. We will be there 0730 every Friday and go through till around midday with a coffee break. We are quite flexible time-wise. During the summer and autumn we sometimes work a shorter morning to beat the heat. We do not work on the days over 35 degrees.

The Vollies will have had a short break over the Christmas period. Finishing on 18 December and returning to the IRG on 8 January 2021.

New volunteers will be most welcome. All you need is a bit of enthusiasm for roses, clean, sharp secateurs; gloves, suitable clothing, a hat, water bottle & enclosed shoes.

Please contact me if you are interested in joining us.

Deborah Curtis, Supervisor of the Volunteers in IRG

On behalf of the RSSA. Email: curtisnd@internode.on.net PH: 0408 474 977

Welcome to New Members

Mrs M Bugeja	PANORAMA
Mrs S & Mr P Donnelly	THORNGATE
Mrs D Griffiths	MURRAY BRIDGE
Ms D Skinner	MT BARKER
Mr G James	FLAGSTAFF HILL
Mrs F Mosey	WILLIAMSTOWN
Ms A Dyason	WHYALLA PLAYFORD
Mr J Hunter	PARA HILLS
Mr B Wilkinson	WHYALLA JENKINS
Mr R Belt & Ms S Schutz	TUMBY BAY
Mr J Bachmann & Ms I McKenzie	TANUNDA
Mr M Dobson	HAHNDORF



Barossa Rose & Flower Show



2021

Roses in the Heartland

1st ever Autumn Show

Saturday 10th April Sunday 11th April

Barossa Nursery

3186 Barossa Valley Way, Nuriootpa

Nursery & Garden Industry 2019-2020 Award of Excellence, Best Garden Centre, Regional

Show Opening 12:30pm Saturday

Opening Hours:

Rose & Flower Show: Saturday - 12:noon to 5:30pm Sunday - 9:00am to 5:00pm Barossa Nursery: Monday to Saturday - 9:00am to 5:30pm Sunday - 9:00am to 5:00pm

The Roses in the Heartland Show Committee will continue to plan for the event: implementation will depend upon Covid restrictions in place at the time.

'Roses and Stone' St Mary's Vineyard

A tree lined drive leads to St. Mary's garden, (home of Glenys and Barry Mulligan) a garden rich in variety and

crowned with Roses.

Situated approximately 15 km west of the township of Penola on land purchased by the Mulligan Family in 1937. During the 1930's and 40's the Homestead and other outbuildings were constructed.

The garden at that time consisted of what is now the front lawn and rear courtyard. A prunus tree and a *Lorraine Lee* rose remain from that period.



Glenys & Barry Mulligan

In the 1960's the garden was extended and poplars, candle pines and the Willows were planted.



During the 1970's when we assumed ownership of the property the garden changed. One of the first developments was the planting of roses. I love roses, their colour and individuality, that they are easy to grow in our climate and terra

rossa soil, and give colour most of the year. There isn't really a special favourite.

When a bush is in full bloom and showing off, that will be my favourite for the day. Some roses are used more for vases and showing, ie *Eyes for you*.

From the first planting of one red rose we now have over 500. The garden features all varieties of the rose, from standard minis, Hybrid Teas, cluster roses, pillars and shrub roses in all their colours and forms.

Roses have been incorporated into the business image and the promoting of St Mary's Wines, Spirits and Garden. Specific



Eyes For You

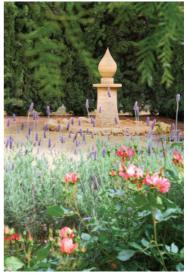
varieties of roses have been planted for the use in the flavouring of a 'rose petal infused vodka' distilled at St. Mary's Vineyard.

Extended considerably over 40 years the garden links the classic homestead with the surrounding landscape, framed by poplars and conifers and the vineyards.

Preparing the land for the first vineyard planting in 1985 provided the limestone for the dry-stone wall along the southern side of the garden and the drive to the front gate. This field stone has also been used for garden edging.

Sandstone from the quarry at St. Mary's





has been used for drystone walling, pathways and ornaments as well as structures such as ramps, plinths, platforms and the three tree rings in the front paddock. We are all involved in creating the drystone walls - mother, father and two sons. It is a wonderful building material – Natures Lego.

We have, and are still, creating a garden featuring roses, but Mediterranean plants have been incorporated in the design, which include irises, salvia, verbenas, lavenders, rosemary, sedum and agapanthus in their many shapes and colours.

"The Rose is still Queen".

Images & text supplied by: Glenys Mulligan

SE Branch Report 'Spring at Camawald'

by Sue Zwar

What a year 2020 has been with the whole world in a turmoil of indecision. Yet it has also been one of the best years I can remember for roses that have put on a magical display throughout the country. And even the parrots have been in awe and not done as much damage as usual! I still have some roses – *Swan, Apricot Nectar* and many of the roses around our tennis court – chewed to ugly stumps, but in the main the roses have come up smiling. However, I write this at the end of November after several days of temperatures in the mid to high 30s which has



A row of ten Gold Bunny nearing time to deadhead

turned the mass of colour into a mass of deadheads to be pruned.

It is at these times that I bless the ramblers I have growing around the periphery of the garden many of which are still covered with blooms.

No need to worry about deadheading as whatever I do, they won't reflower until next spring. I also have lots of seedlings which come up throughout the garden. Generally, if it is in the front, they are single white ramblers probably related to *Wedding Day* or Rosa brunonii. But if it is in the back around the sheds they are probably related to one of the many multiflora ramblers I have growing, such as *Blush Rambler, Veilchenblau* or *Apple Blossom* or one of the moschata roses which are an attractive double white and sweetly scented. The seedlings I have saved from these areas tend to be semi double and pale pink or mauve and look lovely meandering up any structure they can hook their tentacles into.

The South East branch of the Rose Society has only managed to have one meeting this year, last February, when we met in Petticoat Lane, Penola, and admired the Heritage Rose garden there – my pride and joy – and the Herb Garden, run by Penola's National Trust volunteers. The meeting that was to be held in Jill & Geoff's beautiful garden on Sunday 27th November sadly had to be cancelled because of more COVID-19 shutdowns. Thus, our own gardens have become even more important to us all.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Geoff and Jill Eckermann, 77 Weirs Lane, Penola. Bloom competition, please bring your own chair, mug, thermos and lunch 1:00pm



Ramblers around the sheds

Roses on Eyre Report

by Karen Miels

Thirty-five members finally got to meet on Sunday 25th October at Cleve. This is the first meeting since February due the COVID19 restrictions. There was much excitement to exhibit and observe the Roses. It has been over three years since some communities have experienced the winter rains as we have had this year, and the Roses have exploded.



Aileen Woolford and Julie Strawbridge admiring Janys and Robert Assers's garden



The Full Bloom floribunda winners: Brass Band, Raelene Harradine; Graham Thomas, Mary and Ken LeRaye; Iceberg, Raelene Harradine

Treloar Roses, Wagner's Rose Nursery, Mount Gambier and the twenty-two acre rose garden at Chateau Barrosa. This tour was in November 2019, and the presentation was also delayed due to club meetings being cancelled. Members observed Lorraine's (the host) garden, then Janys and Robert Assers, another Cleve members', garden. There were approximately fifty entries, all looking so healthy. There was a lot of chatter about the weather (country heartland, that was always going to happen!).

The AGM, which was carried over from April, resulted in all office bearers being returned. The club welcomed four new members.

President, Shirley Dennis gave a power point presentation on the Rose bus trip to Portland, taking in



Asser's garden

Chaffey Rose Club

by Shann Hausler and Coleen Houston OAM

It is amazing how resourceful we have all learnt to be in these COVID19 social distancing times. Doug Gregory invited a number of Chaffey Rose Club members to join in the RSSA AGM by Zoom and Facebook, when Life Membership was awarded to Coleen Houston (Riverina) and Elaine Schier (Riverland). Dale Kerin, Elaine and Shann zoomed into the meeting at Dale's Renmark house; David Houston AM, and Coleen zoomed in at their daughter Lani's Hay residence. Fleur joined in by Facebook. We congratulate Coleen and Elaine and thank them for all their contributions to Chaffey Rose Club.

The modified 26th Renmark Riverland Rose Festival was a great success, with many locals and visitors relishing the opportunity to be out and about and enjoying the roses and gardens. We thank the many CRC and Renmark Garden Club members who supported this event and made it so enjoyable. Special thanks must go to Sheree (President) and John Chappel (Secretary) and their Festival committee who ensured all events were COVID compliant. Thanks to Joy and Penelope who travelled from Adelaide and Tanunda to assist Lorna and Jill and team with the Institute Floral Art display.

Our postponed April AGM was held at the end of October, using Zoom technology. Our thanks to Hay Shire and Renmark Paringa Councils for allowing us to use their chamber and facilities for our meeting. Riverland Chaffey will now reside over the Chaffey Rose Branch for the next 3 years. We thank Coleen Houston and team for their warm and hospitable leadership over the last 3 years. OFFICE BEARERS FOR RIVERLAND: President: Shann Hausler, Secretary: Dale Kerin, Treasurer: Jill Knight, Vice President: Elly Johnson, Second Vice President: Sylvia Pohlner. OFFICE BEARERS FOR RIVERINA: President & Secretary: Coleen Houston OAM, Treasurer: Ellen Townsend. Patron: Chip Mawby, Vice Patron: Malcolm Watson. Thank you and Best wishes to Beth Circuitt, our retiring Riverina secretary, who is moving to Gunning, NSW.

Riverina has resolved at this stage to stay as a sub-branch of Chaffey Rose Club until the 25th Birthday celebration in early September 2021. They will then consider merging with Riverland as one Chaffey Rose Club branch.

We had planned a mid-November Sunday afternoon of Paringa garden visits, followed by afternoon tea and the sharing of a Birthday Cake for Elaine (90) and Margaret (80) years. However, due to predicted extreme weather conditions, the visits were cancelled. Thank you to Janet and Ian and Lorna and Brad for making your gardens available.

COVID permitting, I will be driving Coleen and Elaine down to the RSSA Christmas party at Mt. Barker on the 6th December so that they can be presented with their Life Membership Badges and Citations. Congratulations to Shirley Sylvia (Sunraysia) who will also be presented with her well-deserved 25 Year Membership.

2020 Renmark Rose Festival

Images: Penelope Schulz













Vale - Mary Chandler 24.12.1935-22.09.2020

by Dianne Della Santa

Mary was the only child of a soldier settler, renown author Les Chandler, she was born and lived in Red Cliffs her entire life. As a well published author, photographer, poet and environmentalist, Mary devoted her life to recording written and photographic histories of Cardross, Red Cliffs and the Mallee. Her two greatest loves were her garden and her dogs.

Mary was an original member of Chaffey Rose Club from formation on April 14, 1996 until 2018/19.

Her garden was filled with scores of climbing and bush roses, however Mary was immensely proud of two old roses, *Dame Edith Helen* and *Columbia*. Both were of great sentimental value as they were planted when the home, the first two storey dwelling in Red Cliffs, was built in the early 1930's by her uncle. A huge climbing **Peace** hugs the front fence with many other climbing roses adorning fences and scrambling over other structures. Mary's garden also had camellias of a great age dating back to the 30 or 40's. Her garden was extensively planted with many David Austin roses and her Laevigata rose was absolutely stunning at the time of her passing. While she adored all her David Austin roses it was *Chaucer* that rated highly amid her favourites.

Every spare inch of garden space was planted with irises including Dutch, Tall Bearded and Louisiana, the latter thriving in a slightly damp depression and had happily naturalized creating a sea of blue complementing her roses. Salvias were tucked in everywhere along with azaleas, cranesbill geraniums, campanulas, snowflakes, bluebells and a host of potted zonal geraniums. Mary was very much a hands-on gardener, pruning many of her roses herself although she did have a regular garden maintenance man do all the heavy work.

Mary will be fondly remembered in Red Cliffs for her regular walks

with her two dogs, Charlie-Girl and Minette, fortunately still together in a loving new familiar home and garden well known to them.

As I write this, nearing the end of October, Mary's garden is a picture to behold, the David Austin roses are blooming in all their glory.



Cultural Notes for January, February, March

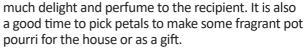
by Gavin Woods

The most difficult time in the rose garden, summers in South Australia are typically hot and dry. The dry is easily rectified, the hot not so easily.

Good moisture levels and a nutrient rich soil will give roses the best opportunity of surviving this period. Regular, deep watering is preferable to smaller volumes more frequently with the exception of roses grown in pots. Potted plants will require daily water, to the point that water runs through the container. Smaller pots may even need twice daily irrigation when temperatures reach the high 30's. One of our members recommends placing a saucer under the pot during this period; to capture excess water which is then later sucked up by the soil, hence adding to the moisture load. The saucer should not remain during winter lest root rot become an issue.

Our plants will continue to bloom at regular intervals during summer, although the flowers will be small and with a reduced petal count. Pick the flowers in the morning before the heat of the day

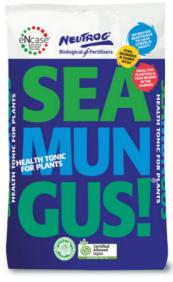
and they will provide



If **Seamungus** * had not been applied to the garden in December, I would do it in January. A soil stimulant, roses will benefit from the improved bioactivity that organic products can provide.

Continue to prepare areas for planting later in the year. I would avoid planting roses out during summer; but certainly old, tired roses can be removed at this time and work done to prepare the area for winter planting. When removing old roses (*Root Pruning* as our American colleagues call it), remove as much of the root system as can be found; take out at least a couple of buckets full of soil and replace with soil from another part of the garden which has been nutrient enriched with organic matter and **Seamungus**. Regular applications of **Go-Go Juice®** will boost the preparation of the site. If large areas are being renovated, the growth of a green manure crop will be highly beneficial.





Cultural Notes Continued:

January is the ideal month to try your hand at budding, the main process for propagating new plants. Root stock taken as early as May will now have plentiful top growth and be receptive to buds if a couple of principal rules are applied. Wait for 3 days of 26 degrees plus and apply copious amounts of water to the root stock. This will ensure good sap flow. At this time the buds can be taken and grafted to the rootstock. Various methods can be utilised and I encourage further research, however this is a cheap and effective way of producing more plants. It is particularly useful if you have a variety that is not commercially available.

Summer is also a great time to try your hand at soft-wood cuttings. I have developed a fail-proof (almost) method over the past few years....here it is!

- Use cuttings that have just finished flowering
- Remove the flower (seed) head and take a cutting with 2-3 sets of leaves
- Throw the cutting into water whilst you prepare the container
- Take a medium size zip-lock bag and half fill with normal potting mix (not propagating mix)
 - · Flood the mix with water
- Remove the bottom corners of the bag (only allow a hole large enough to facilitate drainage)
- When the water has drained from the bag, prepare the cutting by removing the bottom set of leaves
 - Poke a hole into the potting mix with a pencil and firm the cutting in
 - Zip up the bag, place into a container to keep upright
 - Place into a warm, bright location out of direct sunlight
 - FORGET about them for several weeks

Cuttings taken via this method will not require watering, check on them periodically to ensure that condensation is still occurring, if not top up with a little moisture and zip up the bag again. Roots will become obvious at the base of the bag in due course at which time the cuttings can be carefully weaned from their rarefied environment by opening the bag slightly initially, increasing the exposure to the environment incrementally until they have grown out of the bag and are ready to pot on.

January and February are easy months in the rose garden.....but then comes March! March is the month of the Summer Trim a time of ritual and frenzy for the seasoned grower. Roses at this time of the year display a remarkable trait of blooming on demand approximately 49-55 days from the date of trimming. BUT there is much more to the ritual than simply trimming and waiting......

- Reduce watering slightly from Christmas; do not deadhead spent blooms or remove them with very short stems. Allow your roses to "rest"
 - The date blooms are required is called *Target Date*
 - Count back from Target Date 55 days (this is Pivotal Date); come back

another 7 days and feed the roses with **Sudden Impact for Roses** ®

- Water your roses following the feed at twice the rate you would normally water and water twice in the week prior to Pivotal Date
- Beginning at day 55 trim your roses as if you were picking blooms for a vase ie remove a considerable length of stem
- Some roses will take only 49 days to cycle, other will take the full 55 days, you will learn this with time
- Begin foliar feeding as soon as the Summer Trim is complete. I am having good results with Strike Back for Orchids® for this.



Our Autumn Show is usually held on the third weekend in April, making early March the Pivotal Date. Following the Summer Trim we must ramp up the watering and nutrition because the plants will explode into rapid new growth. Use this technique to bring your roses to perfection for an important event in Autumn; it does not have to be our Rose Show, but remember roses will only behave this well in Autumn, it does not work at other times of the year.

Fungal disease will be minimal during this period, thanks mainly to the dry atmosphere as fungal spores thrive in humidity. Don't be fooled, however as they are waiting in dormancy for the cooler weather and increasing rains of April to resurface.



The main pest of Summer is the Two Spotted Mite (AKA Red Spider). This pest seems to lie in waiting in a perennial hedge or shrub and loves heat and dry conditions. With a meteoric rate of reproduction, they will defoliate a plant in quick time, so vigilance is imperative if one is to offer some semblance of control. Be armed with the knowledge that these pests despise moisture and a nightly misting of plants with the hose will offer some protection. Biological control agents are available from suppliers who will ship you a container of small bugs to help defeat this pest, worth considering before the very toxic chemicals required are pulled from the shed.

Growing roses is like most things in life; reward is based on effort. For a moderate amount of effort at this time the rewards are there to be had. Happy rose growing!

A TRIBUTE TO DEAN HOLE

by Derek Lawrence, Executive Director WFRS



Reverend Hole

December 5th 2019 marked the bi-centenary of the birth of Samuel Reynolds Hole, one of the most remarkable characters of the rose world.

Hole was born in Ardwick near Manchester, England in 1819. He spent most of his early life living in rural Nottinghamshire, where he developed an interest in Christianity, rose culture and a devotion for cricket. He studied theology at Brasenose College, Oxford and pursued his ecclesiastical interest with the Church. He was ordained in 1844, and after taking holy orders, became the vicar

of Caunton

in 1850. He had a kind and thoughtful reputation for caring for those who suffered; it is well-documented that he assisted the poor and people whose lives were blighted by illness.

He continued with his passion for roses, planting a number of cultivars in the vicarage garden. Over the



St James Hall, Piccadilly
Image Credit: Bradshaw's Handbook



Reverend Dean Hole in his rose garden Image Credit: Country Life Picture Library

years, the total he amassed was in the region of 5,000 bushes. Many of the villagers were attracted to the abundance of colour and fragrance emitted which had been created. He realised that his stately blooms were making an impact and giving endless pleasure. I imagine that's when Hole became interested in exhibiting his blooms.

When he wasn't conducting his duties for the Church, he visited many small flowers shows, staged by Nottinghamshire mining communities. These inspirational, friendly events fired Hole's imagination to organise Britain's first-ever Grand National Rose Show, with the assistance of fellow clergymen. It was held in 1858 at St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, London where 2,000 enthusiastic members of the public attended to view the 10,000 blooms on display by exhibitors who came from all over England. The following year the show was staged at Hanover Square, and in 1860 it moved to the Crystal Palace, which received a record number of 16,000 visitors who paid one shilling to see the rose show. It soon became apparent to Hole how much his fellow Victorians adored the 'Queen of all Flowers' and felt that the creation of a national organisation would further enhance the development of the rose, and bring knowledge to those gardeners' eager to know more about the genus.

On 9th December 1876 the world's first national rose society was founded in London. Reverend Canon Hole, as he became known, was appointed the Society's first President (a position he held until 1904), and his colleagues the Reverend D. Honeywood D'ombrain and Horace K. Mayor were appointed as joint honorary secretaries. When co-founder of the Rose Society, William Paul (a horticulturist and nurseryman), released a rose and named it *Reynolds Hole*, The Reverend Hole commented that 'I did not think I should live to be described as a splendid maroon dashed with crimson, large and globular, generally superb'.

Through Samuel Reynolds Hole's dogged determination, the rose was catapulted into the heart of the nation. Membership of the Society gradually increased and nurserymen where delighted to receive



Reynolds Hole Image Credit: Martin Stott, storytellergarden.co.uk

so much attention. Their order books became full and demands for newly-bred cultivars were met. It is no exaggeration to say that this gentleman truly popularised roses shows. He was recipient of more trophies than any other of the amateur



'A Book About Roses' 1st edition 1868 Image Credit: Pinterest

exhibitors, and through his observant, sometimes humorous writings, brought the beauty and enduring charms of the rose to forefront of the reader's attention. His classic, "A Book About Roses" was published in 1868 and became an instant success. It ran into many editions and is still available to purchase by second-hand book sellers. Despite being a rather antiquated book, the knowledge, recommendations and revealing anecdotes given, remain relevant 150 years later. I treasure my copy, which I stumbled across over 20 years ago.



Dean Hole Medal

In 1887 Canon Hole was elevated by the Church to become the Dean of Rochester Cathedral in Kent, but remained as President of the National Rose Society until his death in 1904.

In honour of his tireless work for the benefit of the rose, the Society instituted "The Dean Hole Medal Award" in 1909. This highly prestigious award is bestowed to any professional or amateur rosarian who has demonstrated outstanding dedication and service to the rose. Since it was established, a number of eminent rosarians have been

recipients. These have included, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother; WFRS Presidents Emeritus Baroness Lily de Gertache de Gomery and David Ruston OAM; WFRS Past Presidents Dick Balfour, Ken Grapes, Dr. Tommy Cairns; WFRS Past Secretary Jill Bennell and nurserymen, Ralph Moore, Sam McGredy and David Austin.

As with all rosarians, The Reverend Samuel Reynolds Hole, had his favourite roses. His all-time favourite was the climbing tea rose *Gloire De Dijon*. *Gloire de Dijon* is a highly fragrant climbing rose with up to 40 petals in the creamy buff sometimes tinged pink flowers.

Gloire de Dijon has stood the test of time as it is still available today

The Reverend Hole recommended a number of roses for exhibition purposes, to name but a few, were *Charles Lefébvre*, *La France* and *Safrano*. Again, standing the test of time. *La France* and *Safrano* are still



Gloire De Dijon Image: Pat Toolan

test of time, La France and Safrano are still available for purchase in Australia.



Charles Lefébvre Image: Pat Toolan



La France Image: Pat Toolan



Safrano Image: Antique Rose Emporium

Dean Hole is another rose The Reverend Dean Samuel Hole had named after him. It was released in England by Dickson in 1904. A sport of **Mme Caroline Testout**, **Dean Hole** is a hybrid tea with silvery carmine shaded salmon large double blooms.



Mrs Reynolds Hole Image Credit: The Garden Trust blog

Of course, Reverend Hole's greatest supporter and wife, Caroline, whom he married in 1861, did not go unnoticed. In 1900, *Mrs Reynolds Hole*, a large, double, carmine shaded purple tea rose was released bearing her name.

Despite the sad demise of the RNRS in 2017, the newly formed 'Rose Society UK' has recently revived the Award, which will continue to recognise and celebrate the achievements of exceptional rosarians well into the 21st Century.

I must confess that I am in awe of the great Samuel Reynolds Hole, who eventually became known as the 'Rose King'. In many ways, he has given us all an immense legacy – the love of the rose. In this ever-changing world, may this legacy continue to thrive, and warmly enrich our lives.



Dean Hole Image Supplied by: Margaret Furness



Samuel Reynolds Hole and his wife, Caroline Image Supplied by: Margaret Furness ex Paul Frecker card CouplesDD01 (1)

Roses in the Heartland

by Mary Frick

This has been a year like no other! Covid-19 restrictions, having been in place since March, are being slowly eased with life getting back to some normality. That was before the last scare that sent all South Australians into 'Total Lockdown' for six days. Surprisingly, due to new evidence, lasted only 2 days!

The RITH committee had organised a Christmas Lunch which included garden visits and the Branch AGM. With the latest 'Lockdown', and for the safety of all members attending, the committee agreed to cancel the Christmas Lunch day. Members were notified that the AGM would be held on 24th November at 2:30 pm via Zoom (organized with thanks by Paul Flavel) and could register to attend the using this media. Office Bearers elected are **President:** M. Frick, **Vice President:** P. Schulz, **Secretary:** S. Perrin, **Treasurer:** M. Watson, **Committee:** R. Sherwood, R. Watson,

L. Williams, I. Frick, P. Flavel, C. Giersch

The first flush of *Firestar* roses on Menge Road were a sight to behold. The lack of pruning did not deter the flush of blooming. Oddly enough, the roses are now covered with massive hips that requires deadheading when the weather becomes cooler.



One of the magnificent heads of Sally Holmes

Our gardens, I feel, are the winners

with these restrictions being in place. They have been given much more attention and it showed with the bumper displays the roses that were very much appreciated by not only the garden owners but to those people walking by. Mind you, the last couple of 40 degree days have left us with plenty of 'dried arrangements'.

At the beginning of the flowering season we had a huge infestation of aphids in our

garden. After a few weeks, these little critters slowly disappeared as the natural predators came in and enjoyed a good feed.

By the middle of November, we saw, to our amazement, a huge number of very tiny baby ladybirds racing around in the spinach, buddleia (buddleja), and parsley. As these little babies grew, they moved onto the roses.

Ah, the joys of nature!

Vale

Sadly, RITH committee member Julius Graham passed away in November after struggling with ill health for some time. Since it's inauguration in 2012, Julius was a supportive and dedicated committee member of Roses in the Heartland & the Barossa Rose & Flower Show. He attended all the RITH functions & events wherever they were held. Julius was always the hands on man, assisting whoever and whenever possible to make things happen. Julius was a strong supporter of Sharyn in all her rosy activities.

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The Queen Adelaide Project



Scott Eames began his journey on the Queen Adelaide project in 2016, after reading a book about the forgotten woman of history 'Her Story' written by the then Lady Mayoress Mrs Genevieve Theseira-Haese, 2014-2018, which contained a chapter on Queen Adelaide.

Running his own tours for history festival, talking about the history of Adelaide's statues and their creators, it suddenly occurred to him that there is not an outdoor statue of Queen Adelaide in our beautiful City.

He began a period of intensive research working from online and printed sources, and referencing paintings and etchings of Queen Adelaide under the curatorship of Tony Magnusson at the Art Gallery of South Australia. He was offered the opportunity to work on the project

as Sculptor in residence at the Adelaide City Library in 2016, where he produced numerous sketches of Queen Adelaide, a full size bust, and began work on a Maguette of the full size Statue he was planning to sculpt.

The bust he produced during his residency, was later purchased by The Right Honourable Lord Mayor Martin Haese and Lady Mayoress Genevieve Theseira-Haese, and was donated to Adelaide Town Hall as a time honoured tradition of Lord Mayors and Lady Mayoresses leaving a gift as their legacy upon completion of their term, she now proudly stands in the Queen Adelaide room in Town Hall.

In 2017, joined by acclaimed photographer Kevin Hamdorf, who documented the entire work in black and white photography, he moved into production of the Statue.

Scott Eames first began modelling the Statue working from a look alike model who wore a replica mid 1830's dress that his mother Pat Eames made for this purpose.

While it was extremely helpful working from the model for getting the size, proportions and basic facial structure in place, he reached a stage where he had to make a decision. He had totally replicated the model, and decided in order to capture



and portray Queen Adelaide as accurately as possible, he had to alter the work by going back and working from his drawings.

In 2019 he reached his final conclusion, and finally, he had Queen Adelaide standing before him in Clay, complete with exact replicas sculpted in of her beloved Diamond Diadem, a replica of her wedding ring, and her brooch.

She is holding in her left hand a bouquet of Queen Adelaide Roses, which were carefully sculpted replicas of the Rose under the guidance of Mr Kelvin Trimper of the Rose Society of South Australia.

She stands subtly gesturing out her right hand, giving the impression she is in motion. It is an engaging gesture for adults and children alike to take hold of her hand and look into her compassionate face.

It has been established the Statue will be permanently erected in the Adelaide Botanical Gardens, surrounded by a garden of Queen Adelaide Roses designed by the Rose Society of South Australia.

Funding for the Statue is being derived from 50 Bronze Maquettes, the Maquettes are a limited edition, which are numbered and signed, and come with an opal embedded in one of the folds of her dress that were donated by Unique Opal Mine.

Queen Adelaide, in the completed Bronze Statue, will stand on a slightly raised stone base. Scott Eames purposely designed her not to stand on an elevated plinth, as that would be at odds with her personality as she was a down to earth and modest Queen for



Sculptor, Scott Eames with the bronze Statue of Queen Adelaide Image Credit: Kevin Hamdorf

the people, so he wanted people to walk up to her and meet her.

Without the input, and expert advice of so many people involved in this project, and of course every person who purchases a Maquette therefore helping fund the Statue, Scott Eames devised a way showing his gratitude, by putting each persons name in a Bronze Queen Adelaide Rose petal, that will be embedded in the stone base scattered around her dress.

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