

Roses in the Redwoods

Next Meeting

Thursday, February 10, 2011, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Christ Church Episcopal, 15th & H Street, Eureka

Pruning Demonstrations:

Due to the pruning workshops at Miller Farms and Pierson's there will not be a meeting in January.

Miller Farms	Saturday, January 15 @ 10 am
Piersons	Saturday, January 29 @ 10 am
SoHum	Wednesday, January 26 @ 1:00 pm

From the Editor:

My first year serving as your editor has come and gone, and I still feel inadequate for the task, especially when I see newsletters from other societies! Our wonderful contributors have helped - thanks Doug, Judy, Sue, Pat, Gaird, Stan, and Patrice for stepping up to the plate when I needed your help, you are totally awesome!!! Because of your help, this newsletter business is a little easier.

December 3, 2010 was our Annual Christmas Dinner and Installation of Officers, the dinner was awesome, the decorations beautiful, and the company was fantastic! Thank you to all our wonderful chefs and helper bees. Jane Nelson extends her thanks for the help she received; she said she couldn't have done it without you!! If you are missing a serrated knife, pie server, or large serving spoon, Jane is taking good care of them. Doug Durham is taking good care of a pair of tongs with a small piece of blue tape on them and a steel serving spoon with "coe" scratched on the back. He will bring these items to the February meeting. Gail Ledbetter is missing a small pair of tongs that were used for serving the pulled pork. Many thanks for the award of the Bronze Medal Award for 2010!

Miller Farms and Pierson's have requested we host rose pruning demonstrations again this year. The demos are scheduled for: January 15 at 10 am at


Miller Farms and January 29 at 10 am at Pierson's. Board and Officers should attend both sessions, and member representation is always beneficial. Doug and Judy will prune/represent the society in Southern Humboldt.

The Historical Society has asked us to prune their roses again this year. We did it last year and the job should be simple this time around. We will meet at the Society building at the corner of 7th and H at 9:30 on Saturday January 22 and when we are finished move on to the church garden to prune and winterize our roses there. Two new roses will be planted also. This exercise will be a good hands-on workshop and a chance to help our society. After the job is done we will meet at a local watering hole (location TBD) for lunch.

Amy Stewart has written a new book, "Wicked Bugs" and will be going on a book tour soon. But, before she leaves foggy Humboldt County, she will come to our February meeting and provide a power point presentation on her latest book with a Q&A session. I always learn something new from Amy; this is a meeting you don't want to miss. Flyers about Amy's program will be at our pruning demonstrations. Ellie Gayner, Sue Silva, and Kat Egan are working on the program for March and there's a strong possibility Terry Kramer, chief gardener at the Humboldt Botanical Gardens and gardening columnist for the Times Standard, will be the March program.

This year our Consulting Rosarian roster grew by one, Phyllis Davis has passed the test and now is eligible to share her knowledge with the world. Congratulations Phyllis!!

Our guest columnist this month is Darrell g.h. Schramm, President and Consulting Rosarian from the North Bay Rose Society.

There are 27 members who have not paid their dues. If you receive your newsletter via regular mail and you haven't paid your dues, there is a  on your address label and this will be your last newsletter. If you believe you have paid your dues, please contact our treasurer, Bev.

Happy Birthday!!!

Jim Gayner	01-05
Suzanne McBride	01-08
Rosie Pitlock	01-16
Lynne Sarty	01-17
David Hamilton	01-18
Ellie Gayner	01-19
Pat Moranda	01-23
Don Trepanier	01-25
Janet Sclar	01-27
Sue Silva	01-29

Social Activities Chairs ~ 2011

Fund Raising	
Plant Sale	Bev Olson/Sharon King
Silent Auction	Mike Norberry
Refreshment	Jane Nelson
Publicity	Ellie Gayner/Mike & Kat Egan
Historian	Jane Nelson
Sunshine Girl	Sharon King
Church Garden	Doug Durham/Judy Bonds
Membership	Doug Durham
Rose Show	Sue Silva/Paula Grabowski
Pruning Demos	Doug Durham/Janet Sclar
Garden Tour/Pot Luck	
	Sue Silva/Jane Nelson/Paula Grabowski

Make sure you check out the silent auction table at our next meeting. If you have any items, please talk to Michael Norberry.

Check out our website: www.humboldtrose.org

President's Message

~ Richard Grabowski

Dear Humboldt Rose Society Members,
I would like to take this opportunity as the newly elected President to thank the outgoing officers and board for the wonderful job they did in 2010. Special thanks go to our outgoing President, Doug Durham, for his outstanding leadership.

And welcome to our incoming board and officers who have already proven their support for our Rose Society.

This year I will strive with all of the other officers to make this the best year ever for HRS. Plans are underway for the Rose show in June and the Rose Tour in July. Sue Silva and her team are preparing for the annual Rose Show, and I hope everyone will support them in making this the best rose show extravaganza in Northern California. Sue is also heading up the Rose tour committee and the Oregon Society is planning to visit us in July. I hope you will welcome them and show your beautiful gardens with pride. As you can see Sue is shouldering a lot of the work for this year's main events. Please give her your complete support in these endeavors.

Doug Durham, Sue Silva, Judy Bonds, Pat and Gaird Hamilton, Janet Sclar, and Jack Saffell, will be showing their pruning skills during our pruning demonstrations and this will certainly add to our efforts to recruit new members for the Society.

To that end, I would like to make that the objective of every member of the Rose Society this year ~ increasing our membership by adding new members and getting inactive members to rejoin. If you know potential new members please invite them to our upcoming events. If you are in contact with our inactive members please ask them to come home and support our Society.

Sue has already set a wonderful agenda for the first meeting this year. Amy Stewart, Winner of the 2010 American Horticultural Society Book Award and the New York Times Bestselling author of *Wicked Plants*, has agreed to make a presentation on her new book, to be released later this year, *Wicked Bugs*, at our February members meeting. We will be following up this presentation with well known horticulturists and rose experts throughout the year.

So invite your friends and neighbors to come and join us in supporting the Rose Society's activities.

Pruning Roses

~ Gaird Hamilton Consulting Rosarian

Whenever the weather is halfway decent in early January, our minds eagerly turn to the rose garden. All through December most folks are occupied with the holiday season filled with family, friends, football, trips,

shopping, and celebration. This leaves the rose garden all lonely and forlorn with only a few brave scattered blooms to remind us of the glory that has been and will be again. For most of us there has not been enough good healthy vigorous outdoor activity. Then comes January, the month which lays the foundation for the beauty to come. While some of these jobs can be done in February, they are best begun while the roses are at their most dormant stage.

We really enjoy pruning our roses. The first and most important thing is to be in positive a state of mind. The next is to have good sharp pruners, preferably a bypass type instead of anvil, of good quality. The best grades of pruners, properly sharpened, make the work much easier and better for the rose, since you won't be crushing the canes at the cuts. It is good to be aware of the fundamentals of rose pruning, but even more important, realize that it is better to prune with whatever skills you possess, than not to prune at all. The primary reason is to rejuvenate the plant, with a secondary purpose of creating a bush which is healthy, pleasant to look at, the right size for your landscape, and capable of producing nice large blooms on strong canes for show or bouquet.

Visualize with me and I will prune a hybrid tea for you. When I first come up to the bush, I look for any dead or dying canes, or any canes which obviously detract from its appearance such as a cane crossing from one side to the other right through the center of the plant. These I remove first. Then I look for the canes which look the best to me, hopefully enabling me to create a vase shaped bush with an open center. When I have these main canes spotted I look for a height where most of them can be pruned to good effect with the top remaining buds being normally toward the outside of the bush. Depending on the size of the unpruned plant, I usually try to prune off about 1/3 to 1/2 of the height. After I get the outline of the bush in my mind by getting those main canes done, then I remove all of the smaller growth which is under a pencil diameter, and which is not going to amount to anything. I also take out larger canes which are older and past their prime, and also ones which are too close to a main cane which I have picked out. You can take your time with some of these decisions, but just remember that long periods of indecision are counterproductive and detract from the pleasure.

We have too many roses too afford to be inefficient. Just get in the creative flow and enjoy your work. If you wind up with 4 to 6 main canes, that is considered ideal. However, you have to use your good judgment. Some roses do very well with quite a few canes while others are very stingy at growing any new canes at all.

When you get the rose pruned, then you should pull off any remaining leaves from last year. This is because our roses in this climate usually do not go into full dormancy, and we need to do it for them. This also gets rid of fungal spores from last year. If you are pruning a bit late however, and there is new growth which is healthy from this year, be careful to keep it in good shape or you will set back the growth. When you get a rose bed finished to this point is a good time to clean up the leaves and debris from the ground. This will help in the fight against funguses and garden pests. To complete the clean look of the pruned bed, now is the time to also pull out the weeds. Weeds in January have not started growing and their roots are much easier to pull out than they will be in the spring.

One other thing that I should mention is that while you are pruning the roses is a good time to evaluate how much pleasure each rose gave you last year. If you have a real dog in your bed this is a great time to remove it and plant a better variety either from a local nursery or from a mail order or on-line source, If you are not sure whether a certain rose will do good under our climatic conditions, check with a member of the Humboldt Rose Society. We have eight Consulting Rosarians who are all willing and eager to help, as well as a number of other highly experienced rose growers. There are too many roses which do exceedingly well in our area to put up with one which requires a hot dry climate.

After you have the bed all weeded and cleaned up is a good time to put on good mulch. This will hold down the weeds and also hold in the moisture, and organic mulch will provide long term nutrients and microorganisms. Some good mulches are shredded redwood bark, pine needles, composted horse manure, other barks, leaves, straw, etc. The main thing is to use something which looks good to you and fits into your budget. Some are more reasonable than others.

If you spray your roses, the dormant spray is the most important spray of the year. Roses which we have pruned before the new growth is out $\frac{3}{4}$ " we usually spray with a copper spray such as Kocide or Microcop, and horticultural oil. If the new growth is out more than $\frac{3}{4}$ " you will burn it with that spray. In that case we use Banner Maxx and Aliette, though you could use your regular spray. More on spraying I am sure in a later issue.

When I started describing the pruning of a rose, I specified a hybrid tea. The same general rules apply to the others. If the rose is a floribunda just bear in mind the flowering habit of a floribunda. It usually has smaller flowers, usually in clusters, and the plants are often smaller. You can leave smaller canes here and cut them a little less severely. A miniature can be cut just like a very small hybrid tea. A shrub rose can be pruned to fit its role in your garden. An example from us is Graham Thomas, a David Austin Shrub, which we had in one part of the yard pruned like an overgrown hybrid tea, and then we made it into a climber in a different location. Just remember roses bring joy when they bloom, and if you learn how, they bring joy when you are working on them

Californiana Rosana

- Darrell g.h. Schramm, San Mateo Rose Society

- Between the year of the Gold Rush and the onset of the 20th century, 1,200 known varieties of roses were brought into California.
- Though others offered more varieties, the earliest California nursery with huge sales in roses seems to have been Louis Prevost's San Jose Nursery in San Jose, which in 1854 offered 17,000 roses in 80 varieties.
- Three nurserymen, A. P. Smith in Sacramento, William Connell Walker in San Francisco, and James Lloyd Lafayette Warren, first of Sacramento then of San Francisco, are known for introducing roses to California prior to 1860.
- Artist Paul de Longpre (1855-1911), a painter of roses, was known as Le Roi des Fleurs, having created a three-acre garden in Hollywood of over 4000 roses.
- Francis E. Lester of Monterey County was the first rose lover and nurseryman to uncover or discover in Gold Rush Country many lost and abandoned roses of the Forty-niners. He began his search for these lost roses in 1931.
- The Empire Mine Park of Grass Valley keeps a formal garden of 950 old roses, most of them originally bought from Roses of Yesterday and Today near Watsonville.
- Because of a "rose rustling" expedition to Alcatraz in 1989, the old Bourbon rose of 1887, 'Bardou Job', was saved from extinction and is now commercially available from two rose nurseries on the West Coast.
- Quarryhill Botanical Garden in Glen Ellen preserves a few old Asian rose species, including *Rosa chinensis* var. *spontanea*, which was thought at one time to have become extinct.
- The large-flowered, darkly crimson, strongly fragrant climber 'Oklahoma' is available from only one source in the world; California's own Vintage Gardens—but through custom order only.
- The San Jose Heritage Rose Garden contains the largest public collection of rose varieties in the Western Hemisphere, with about 3200 varieties.
- Jim Delahanty of Sherman Oaks owns one of the largest polyantha collections in the United States.
- Bill Grant of Aptos, owns the largest collection of Geschwind roses in the United States.
- Miriam Wilkins of El Cerrito ignited the country's interest in Old Garden Roses, founding the Heritage Roses Group in 1975. She died in 2009, 91 years old.
- World-acclaimed botanist and rosarian Fred Boutin in 1992 established a repository for old garden roses in Sacramento's Historic Old City Cemetery.
- The oldest naval cemetery of the Pacific region, located on Mare Island, is fronted just outside its pearly gates with a carnivalesque row of various floribundas and hybrid teas.
- 'Hermosa', a Bourbon-china, is one of the most commonly found roses in old California cemeteries.
- *Rosa californica* ranges from British Columbia to Baja California and eastward into Nevada.
- *Rosa pisocarpa* is believed to be endemic to the state of California.
- The tiny, unusual species *Rosa minutifolia*, one of two in the subgenus *Hesperhodon*,

grows naturally only in southern San Diego County and Baja.

- EuroDesert Roses in Southern California is the only nursery in the world known to sell America's first hybrid tea, created in 1888, 'Souvenir of Wootton'.

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Need help finding the name of a rose? Try this website:

<http://www.helpmefind.com/rose/plants.php>

Roses in the Redwoods

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Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
of the Humboldt Rose Society
Wednesday, October 27, 2010
Held at Pres. Doug Durham's home

Those in attendance: Doug Durham, Sharon King, Jane Nelson, Sue Silva, Bev Olson, Richard Grabowski, Mike Norberry, Ellie Gayner. Also in attendance, some very nice refreshments.

(**indicates that a motion was made and voted on.)

Doug started the meeting at 5:30 by passing out a long-range schedule he had prepared, listing Board and General Meeting dates through 2011, including special events such as the Rose Show, the Tour and Potluck, and Christmas Dinners, 2010 and 2011.

He discussed the serious concern brought on by a notice from the State Attorney General's office regarding the Registration and Renewal Fee (for non-profits) that we are in arrears on and the steps he has been taking to address and resolve the issue.

There was a review of the various committees needed to cover the group's many projects and activities with the inherent need to have members who are willing to be responsible for and help with them:

Membership
Fund raising
Plant Sale
Silent Auction
Refreshments
Publicity
Historian
Sunshine Girl
Rose Show
Pruning Demonstrations
Church Garden
Summer garden tour/Potluck

The 2011 Rose Show is scheduled with St. Bernard's for June 12, but the scheduler at St. B's, Lynne Pretzel, wants us to check out another available venue. Jane, Sue, and Ellie will plan to make that visit, followed by their recommendation.

So far, Treasurer Bev has had very few responses to the October newsletter's notice to remit payment for membership renewal and Christmas Dinner reservations.

**At Bev's request, there was a discussion about clarifying the fees for membership. Annual membership is from January 1 through Dec. 31. By a motion made by Sharon King, seconded by Mike Norberry and approved unanimously, "Annual dues for the Humboldt Rose Society are \$20.00 per calendar year, \$25.00 if the newsletter is sent to the member via USPS. From July 1 the membership fee is \$10.00."

Richard Grabowski outlined the program for the coming November 11 meeting: A power point presentation of the ARS-provided program, "Name That Rose," and a Trivia Contest, with a nice prize provided by Doug for the winner. (Wes and Cheryl Wheeler of the Bear Wallow Glove Co. are also scheduled to be there with their gloves and garden tools.)

Looking ahead to coming programs, the membership at the next meeting will be asked if anyone personally knows Amy Stewart and would be able to make the personal contact to confirm a date for her presentation sometime next spring. She has indicated her willingness to come; it's a matter of finding a date. (Finding presenters who don't require some honorarium or reimbursement for expenses, if they come from a distance, is difficult.)

Doug indicated that Shafer's, Miller Farms, Pierson's, and Weott are all interested in our January pruning demonstrations. There was mention that Redwood Acres and Ferndale might also be interested in demonstrations at the time of their fairs.

In an effort to get more exposure for the HRS, Richard mentioned participating in more ARS activities - national photos competition, both the spring and fall district conferences, one including

a show. Various board members indicated they do attend these conferences. It was mentioned that our newsletter used to be sent to other societies. Ellie wondered about the possibility of developing a slide or PP program that volunteers from our group could be available to present for other organizations in the area. Doug indicated he is in the process of putting something like that together.

**Bev gave the Treasurer's Report. Moved by Ellie Gayner, seconded by Mike Norberry, the motion to accept the report as read carried unanimously.

**At approximately 6:45, moved by Mike Norberry, seconded by Sue Silva, the motion to adjourn also carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Gayner for Secretary Judy Bonds

Humboldt Rose Society
Board of Directors Meeting
November 23, 2010

The Board met this date at the home of Jane Nelson with the following directors present: Doug Durham, Ellie Gayner, Richard Grabowski, Sharon King, Jane Nelson, Mike Norberry, Bev Olson, Sue Silva, Judy Bonds, and guests Nancy Davis and Paula Grabowski.

The Treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

Doug reported on committees filled to date: The Eagans will assist Ellie on Publicity Committee. Doug will work on the Membership Committee. Richard suggested a major push in this area in 2011. Doug and Janet Sclar will work on the Pruning Committee. Richard suggested adding the Botanical Garden as a pruning site. Sharon and Bev will chair the Plant Sale Committee. Jane has received some information from Lida and some from Jasper Tripp and will work on the Historical Committee. Sharon will be our Sunshine Person. Show Committee Co-Chairs will be Sue and Paula. Garden Tour and Potluck Committee will be composed of Sue, Paula and Jane.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas Dinner: Jane has possibilities for table ware and the group made their choice. She is donating the table ware. Nancy Davis will bring wine glasses in addition to cooking the turkey. Members who have not yet signed up will be called. A quick review of the food shows a pretty good balance. Gail Ledbetter will install the officers. Plans were made to bring water pitchers, salt and pepper, butter, serving utensils, etc.

Shirt Order: The order has been turned in. Charges average \$1 more per item than quoted because we didn't meet our minimum. The order should be ready 12-13-10. Richard will pay and collect from individuals.

California Form RRF: The State will be paid the \$375 due. In future there will not be a fee. This was a charge for non-filing. Richard will also file a form online with the California Secretary of State regarding our tax-exempt status.

2011 Show: Sue will take in the contract for St. Bernard and a deposit for the show. They possibly have tables we can use.

Church Garden: We will charge three hours per month. Will have a work day in January to get the bed in front of the sign ready and plant the Ruby Pendants.

NEW BUSINESS:

Richard questioned whether we have officers and directors insurance from the ARS. Currently we only have liability insurance. Richard will investigate the cost and recommends we have it.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned.

Judy Bonds
Secretary

Humboldt Rose Society
Minutes, November 11, 2010

President Durham opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Grabowski introduced Wes and Cher of Bear Wallow Glove Company who gave a great presentation on their gloves and tools and instructed on proper maintenance. They also offered us an opportunity to make purchases at a good discount.

Richard Grabowski then followed up with two contests which were enjoyed by all: a Championship Rose Trivia contest won by Janet Sclar and a Name the Rose Contest won by Gail Ledbetter.

After refreshments and silent auction, the business meeting began.

The Treasurer's Report and Minutes of the prior meeting were approved as published in the bulletin.

The nominations for officers and board members presented by the Nominating Committee were accepted by acclamation.

The Christmas Dinner will be held at the Church on December 3rd at 5 pm. Nancy Davis is cooking the turkey, we will have pulled pork from the Banana Hut, Doug is providing the wine and cider and the Society will provide tableware.

Richard and Paula reported we need a few more HRS shirts ordered to meet the minimum. Please contact them with your order.

Following the closing of the silent auction, the meeting adjourned.

Judy Bonds
Secretary

Humboldt Rose Society
Financial Report

November 23, 2010

Beginning Balance as of October 27, 2010
\$ 1,838.39

Receipts:	
Dues	470.00
Dinner	290.00
Silent Auction	<u>55.00</u>
Total Receipts:	815.00

Expenses:	
Bev Olson - stamps	<u>17.60</u>
Total Expenses:	17.60

Current Balance \$ 2,635.79

~ Beverly Olson, Treasurer

Humboldt Rose Society
Financial Report

December 31, 2010

Beginning Balance as of November 23, 2010
\$ 2,635.79

Receipts:	
Dues	\$ 85.00
Donation	20.00
Silent Auction	5.50
Dinner	90.00
Pork from dinner	15.00
Border's wrapping	<u>150.32</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 365.82

Expenses:	
State Charitable Trust	\$ 375.00
Gail Ledbetter ~ dinner pork	115.00
Sharon King ~ expenses to date	45.90
Christ Church ~ hall rental	300.00
R. Grabowski ~ state filing	25.00
Bev Olson ~ wrap for 2011	<u>13.07</u>
Total Expenses	873.97

Returned deposit from Christ Church \$ 100.00

Current Balance \$ 2,227.64

~ Beverly Olson, Treasurer

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Upcoming events:

January 15, 2011 10 am	Pruning, Miller Farms	January 22, 2011 9:30 am	Pruning at Historical Society & Church garden
January 26 1 pm	Pruning, SoHum Garden	January 26, 2011	Board Mtg 5:15 pm Jane Nelson 4244 Fairway, Eureka
January 29 10 am	Pruning, Pierson's	February 10, 2011	General Mtg 7:00 pm Christ Church Episcopal 15 th & H, Eureka
June 12, 2011	Rose Show/Plant Sale St. Bernard's School Gym		

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