

The Rose Companion

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NEXT Meeting

Where am I suppose to be?



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Last Meeting

Once again Carol & Jerry Macon's hospitality was superb; their gardens a delight to stroll thru; the pot luck food was delicious (and thankfully calorie free); and we won't even discuss the wonderful beverages. A light, brief rain took the edge off the heat of the day. Many conversations were held next to the roses and under the arbors. THANKS Carol & Jerry for such a delightful day!



Master Rosarian: Betty Roberts, florabetty@aol.com, 282-9642. Betty lives in Briargate, in the NE part of the city where the soil is mostly sand.

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Carol Macon, carol@maconsys.com, 576-7626. The Macon's live in the SW part of the city, so are familiar with growing conditions near the Broadmoor Hotel.

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Jean Foran, wjeanforan@aol.com, 683-7495. Lives out east, near Calhan, and deals with those harsh, windy, high-plains conditions.

President's Corner



From Betsy's Desk



Greetings,

Hope everyone had a great time at the Macon's on Sunday and enjoyed the garden tour. The friendship shared always implants wonderful memories. The Sangria was wonderful and Barb assures me there were no ill effects from the worm.

I was able to get to the HAS garden and do some deadheading. Spoke with Dave and he had been able to spray, as the worms were doing some serious damage. He agreed it had been a hard year for the roses.

My own garden is looking great. I had purchased a few roses and after preparing an area for them got them settled. When I went to add their names to my diagram my tags were all missing; fortunately I had a list of what I had purchased and once they bloomed I was able to identify them. Guess I should have put the tags under lock and key. How funny, that they had gotten thrown away by the gremlins.

How many of you visit our advertisers? When you do, introduce yourself, let them know you are from the Pikes Peak Rose Society.

We will be meeting at the Glaze home for the next meeting, hope to see you there.

Thank You,
Betsy Vasquez, President



GARDEN TO DO'S

OH, WHAT SHOULD I DO?

AUGUST

While the list of gardening tasks is shorter in August than in many other summer months, there is still lots to do. You will want to utilize any cooler days to perform your grooming and weeding tasks.

- 1) Water—water thoroughly and water deeply. Water in the morning. Don't forget those hanging baskets and containers!
- 2) Deadhead—pick or cut off the dead flowers. This not only makes the garden pleasing to the eye but encourages growth and not seeding.
- 3) Divide—spring flowering perennials can be divided and transplanted in Aug. or Sept.
- 4) Lawn—water & mow—but don't cut the grass too short; taller grass cools the roots and helps keep moisture in the soil.
- 5) Odds & Ends—keep up with your weeding to keep weed seeds at a minimum for next year. Change the water in your bird bath regularly. Standing water is not healthy for birds and breeds mosquitoes.
- 6) Apply Mile Hi Fertilizer to your roses around mid-month. This will be the final application for this summer. Your roses need to start winding down for their winter nap.

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Of Local Events

PPRS meetings are usually scheduled for the **2nd Monday of the Month (Feb thru Nov)**. We like to gather about 6PM, start the meeting about 6:30PM and get the program under way around 7PM. Occasionally, there are changes so be sure to read and note the date & time for each meeting.

August 9th Meeting: Will be a garden tour at the home of Aurora & Robert Glaze, 28 Berthe Circle (598.2249). Our guest speaker is Susan Bishop a member of the Denver Rose Society. Susan will speak on "The Petite Queen of Flowers—Miniatures and Miniflora's" Aurora & Robert will provide food. Please let them know if you have allergies and such. **NOTE: We will gather at 5:30PM, meeting at 6:30.** Directions: I-25 South to Circle Exit 138. Heading West go to Lake Ave for 2.3 miles, turn Right onto Berthe Circle.

September 13th Meeting: Will be a garden tour and **potluck** at Phyllis & Hank Godfredson, 2120 Oak Hills Drive (592.0032). Directions: From I-25 take Woodmen Road west. Don't turn north when Woodmen does but continue straight on Rockrimmon. Take Right on Allegheny, Right on Oak Hills—up the big hill. No formal program at this time.

October 11th Meeting: Will be at the East Library, 5550 N. Union Blvd. We will have our Annual, End of the Season **People's Choice Rose Show & Morticia Addams Rose Competition**. The show will include standard & miniature roses (one per entrant). Bring your ugliest bloom, dried or otherwise, to compete in the Morticia Addams portion of the show!! Nominations for all offices will be taken at this meeting. All members are welcome to run for any office or nominate a member. You can also assist in any position. Ask any officer if you are interested.

November 8th Meeting: The Annual Holiday Potluck & Election of Officers will be held at Gail & Gordy Werner, 6399 Cache Drive (660.5426) Directions: Turn East off of Powers Blvd onto Stetson Hills Blvd, go 1/2 mile and turn Left onto Charlotte Pkwy, Right onto Vermillion Bluffs Dr, Right onto Cache Dr, 6399 is on your right.

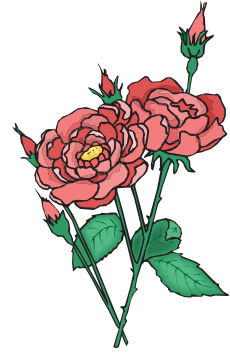


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Of National Events

August 14: Loveland RS Rose Show, Mt. View Presbyterian Church. Contact Carol Bergerson 970.482.8154

August 14: NCNH District, CR School, Reno, NV, Jolene Adams 510.537.2326, Jolene_adams@comcast.net



August 20—22: 2010 ARS National Miniature Conference and Rose Show in Milwaukee, WI. For more information contact: Diane Sommers at dsrosenut@wi.rr.com, or call 262.781.7989, or visit www.milwaukeeose.org.

October 7-11: 2010 ARS Fall National Convention and Rose Show in Atlanta, GA. Contact: Bobbie Reed at 770.979.4237 or berdks@mindspring.com

October 1-16: Fall National Convention hosted by Los Angeles Tinseltown Rose Society. Contact Dr. Tommy Cairns or Marcia Sanchez-Walsh, losangelestinseltownrs@gmail.com

November 27: Glendale, AZ, AZ West Valley RS Rose, Arrangement & Photography Show, ASU West Campus, Mike Wilson 602.997.4384 or Lauren Toth 623.533.5844,



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14th ANNUAL PIKES PEAK ROSE SOCIETY ROSE SHOW

The Rocky Mountain District Rose Show



What a long, hectic and busy but glorious day it was. Unlike last year we had sunny and warm weather—no rain. Not that I'm against rain—just didn't need it that Saturday.

We had 387 exhibits this year. Jerry felt this may have been the highest in the past 10 years or so!!! And what beautiful exhibits they were. The clerks were hunting down extra blue ribbons because they couldn't keep their trays full of them.

Because PPRS also hosted the RM District Show we had exhibits from different states. Part of PPRS being the host society meant a RM District Board Meeting at our dinner. It was very interesting to listen and participate in that meeting.

And speaking of dinner—if you didn't sign up to eat at The Marigold Café you missed it. The companionship, the food, the ambiance—all made for a wonderful evening and the perfect way to end a long day.

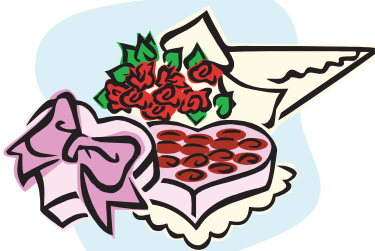


This year's show was dedicated to our own Jean Campbell Cartwright; Founding Member & Past President of the PPRS; ARS Consulting Rosarian and CSU Master Gardener. We were graced by Jean's wonderful personality from May 27, 1933—August 19, 2009.

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This Morning's Garden

No coffee today! Iced tea is better with all this great summertime heat! As I look around, I feel the rose garden is finally looking good!

After a record cold winter and late, cold spring... my Hybrid Tea (HT) & Grandiflora (GF) roses had a very slow start and are still small and thin - but have been having beautiful blooms and are on their 2nd flush now. However, the plants still look small and thin to me. I must say that the shrubs and OGRs (WmBaffin, Jean

LeJoi, Crested Moss, Terese Bugnet) had a banner year in size and number of blooms!

I should have replaced about 10% of the HT plants, but didn't have the heart to take out all of them. And good thing too, as 2 in particular (Gemini and Ingrid Bergman) are now doing very well. Others I replaced and one is still pretty weak. The weak one is a 14 year old Peace that was a gift from friends and I tend to keep her for sentimental reasons.

HT Roses often decline in vigor after about 5 to 8 years, and they really should be replaced. Some of the new varieties are quite amazing in their energy and beauty... but this particular old Peace rose brings back a lot of good memories of other gardens and gardening friends, and I look forward to seeing her every spring.

And isn't that what gardens should be? A place to reflect and relax? Something that brings you joy?

About mid August, slow down your watering and stop fertilizing. If you haven't put on your 2nd helping of Mile-high Soil additive, you can still do so (1 cup per bush). Remove spent blooms and keep the bushes and companion plants tidy.

I usually remove the lower leaves (to clear the ground by about 6 inches) and some center leaves on my bushes to improve air circulation through each bush... this has always helped prevent disease. But this year my HT, Floribunda (FL) and GF are pretty thin, and I am keeping as many leaves on as I can to help them regain their strength.

I love the "work" of the garden. The routine, the results and the time just being outside with all the birds, bees and growing things.

Don't let your garden become a place just for work, find time to enjoy it.

See you in the garden.

Phyllis

ALL THOSE BLUE RIBBONS



PREP FOR THE SHOW



What is Blackspot?

By: Danny Craft, drcraft@aol.com , Charleston, WV



Symptoms Blackspot is a plant disease caused by a fungus (*Diplocarpon rosae*) that is generally damaging and usually a source of major problems. Blackspot looks like circular black spots with irregular edges on the top side of the leaves. The tissue around the spots or the entire leaf may turn yellow and the infected leaf may drop off. Plants with a severe case may lose all of their leaves if not treated. Flower production is often at a minimum and the quality of bloom suffers badly.

Biology High humidity is one factor that helps the spores to germinate. The spores germinate in 9-18 days on a moist leaf at 70-80°F temperatures. The spores can be spread by splashing water and by the Rosarians themselves. The spores are wind-borne only in water drops. The spores can be spread on clothing, tools or even your hands, but the way it is spread most often is by infected leaves that have wintered over in the rose bed.

Control Blackspot can be satisfactorily controlled by spraying with a good fungicide every seven to ten days (read the label and follow the directions). There are also a number of measures that should be taken to keep from getting and/or controlling the disease. Avoid watering in a way that splashes water up on the leaves and avoid watering late in the evening with a hose or sprayer. Make sure to clean up the beds completely of all leaves or stems to

help keep the disease from wintering over. Always have good ventilation through the plant and good soil drainage. Apply fungicides after a rain to keep down spores. Put the plants on a spray schedule and spray with a fungicide that gives good control, such as, Manzate®, Maneb®, Daconil® and Lime-Sulfur compounds.

There are also organic methods of controlling Blackspot. Baking soda has been tried as a cure and as a preventative measure. It was found that using baking soda and spray oil mixed with water as a spray can damage roses if it is not mixed in the proper proportions. It was also found that baking soda gave only moderate control of Blackspot, but appeared to be effective as a preventative. There is a new product coming on the market that has been used by our local Rose Society that does show promise. This product is derived from the Neem tree. It is called "Rose Defense" by The Green Light Co.

One other way to prevent Blackspot is to plant roses that are disease resistant. There are some roses that have some resistance built into their genes. But remember, they are **Resistant** not **Immune**. They still need to be sprayed on a regular schedule.

Roses should be kept on a regular spray schedule regardless of which method is used. Remember, prevention is the key to controlling Blackspot.



Humane Ways to Deer-Proof your Garden

By: Joe Prevey, as posted to DIYLife.com

As the natural habitat for these herbivores is reduced by urban sprawl, hunger has driven deer to our backyards. But there are harmless ways to keep these beautiful creatures from munching on your garden.

In the early morning, deer can be seen strolling down many suburban streets, stopping to devour a tulip or lily in spring, a prized hosta or hollyhock in summer, and fruit in the fall. Lushly planted yards are simply too irresistible.

With traditional deer deterrents, the cure is often worse than the ill, and inhumane to boot. Bags of human hair or bars of soap hanging in the trees, for instance. Or how about the aroma of rotting eggs, garlic, fox urine, or bags of sewage? Then there's hot pepper spray, made from stewed jalapenos. You can forget about stopping to smell those roses.

SAFE WAYS TO DETER DEER

For starters, try the fence option. Unfortunately, the pretty picket variety won't do. To be effective, it needs to be 4 to 7 feet high and set at a 45 degree angle from the ground. The electrified variety is an option, but they're not considered humane.

[Polypropylene mesh deer fencing](#) is durable, yet nearly invisible from a distance. It's strong enough to keep out deer without harming them -- or your pets or small children

Then there's this clever [Guardener solar-powered deer-detering device](#) that works in two ways: first with ultrasonic waves that are audible (and annoying) to deer but not people, and then with short blasts of water. (The base of the unit holds 3.5 gallons of water, enough for 30 or 40 cycles, so no piping is necessary.) The unit is triggered by a motion sensor, so be sure to place it where passersby or wind will not be a problem. It works on other animals pests too.

Several other chemical-free products combine motion sensing, a light source, and an FM radio. When a deer approaches within 25 feet of your garden. The light and radio come on. You can set the duration with most units. I recommend the [Deer Chaser](#).

Perhaps the simplest and least obtrusive of all are repellents that work like motion-activated water sprinklers. They measure only 15 inches off the ground, and the range is quite a bit greater than other products I've looked at. One, called the [Havahart Spray Away](#) can be adjusted to release a burst of water

when an animal approaches to within 35 feet. You do have to devote a hose to it, and a 9-volt battery, but that's about it. You don't have to position it in a sunny spot or replace scent tubes regularly as you do with other repellents.

PLANTS THAT DETER DEER

You can also **plant flowers, herbs, and shrubs that deer don't fancy** -- although they'll eat it if they get hungry enough. Check with your local cooperative extension agent for what works in your area as deer habits differ. That said, the list below contains commonly recommended species of deer-proof plants you can incorporate into your garden for extra peace of mind.

Flowers and Groundcovers: Ajuga, Anise, Astilbe, Bleeding Heart, Chrysanthemum, Cleome, Coneflower, Dahlia, Ferns, Forget-me-not, Foxglove, Freesia, Gloriosa daisy, Grape hyacinth, Jacob's ladder, Lamb's ear, Lavender, Lily of the valley, Morning Glory, Salvia.

Veggies and Herbs: Basil, Bay Leaf, Bee balm, Chives, Fennel, Lavender, Mint, Onion, Parsley, Pumpkin, Rhubarb, Rosemary, Sage, Thyme, Yarrow

Shrubs and Trees: Boxwood, Butterfly Bush, Cedar, Dogwood, Elderberry, Flowering Quince, Forsythia, Japanese Maple, Mountain Laurel, Pine, Rosa Rugosa, Spruce, Wisteria

Thanks Carol Macon for forwarding on this information from Jean Franson. Carol also wrote:

Last Monday we sprayed our front yard roses and daylilies with Bobex; pretty gross stuff. Then we put up a mesh fence in front of the house, using steel gas pipe cut to eight foot lengths sunk into the ground inside 18 inch sections of larger, steel hollow pipe and rolls of deer mesh. Jerry pounded one end of the larger pipe shut, forming a wedge shape which made it easier to pound into the ground and kept dirt from getting into the pipe. The fence is almost invisible, and it seems to be working. However, last night a bear got caught in the mesh. He left us a sag in the fence (it did not tear) and a bear patty on the front lawn.

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## **CHANGE is inevitable....**

There will be a small change to the newsletter deadline. If you would like to submit an article for publication, please be sure to have it to the editor by the Saturday after the 2nd Monday meeting date. This will help streamline the process and avoid time crunches when our meeting is later in the month due to the way the calendar falls.

All members are encouraged to either write an article or submit an interesting article—please be sure to give full credit where due.

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