

# Portland Rose Chatter

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## THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING TO OUR REQUESTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN ROSE SOCIETY EVENTS. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

In the May issue of the *Chatter* was a request for you, the members of the PRS, to join in on the fun and partake of some of the events that we sponsor. The response was positive which is all we need to attain our mission of promoting the rose in Portland and the Pacific Northwest.

**STARLIGHT PARADE** The first event that we called for volunteers was The Starlight Parade. The Mobile Rose Garden has appeared in this fun parade for the last four years. This year was the best of all. We had more participants than ever before, 39 people marched with us. The feedback was tremendous from the parade watchers as well as the Portland Rose Festival. The judges that graded the marchers said we would have a good chance for an award if we could walk in straighter lines. Well, you can't have everything. Having more people marching made our unit bigger and much more noticeable to the crowd. Personally, I had a great time in the parade even though I carried the rose "Flower Girl" and took a lot of grief from a number of parade watchers. But this interaction told us that people were paying attention to our group and the roses that we were carrying, which is why we are in the parade, public awareness. At the end of the parade I asked if everyone had a good time and would they want to do it again. All I heard were positive responses, so it looks like we will be marching again next year in the starlight parade. Keep this activity in mind and when it comes around again next year think about having some fun with the PRS and say yes to marching in the starlight parade.





The picture on the previous page is of the group that marched in the starlight parade. I will attempt to identify everyone but I will probably not get it all right. Starting from the left: Mike & Barb Schwartz, 2 children with Lyn'd Tillman, Lyn'd Tillman (holding banner), exchange student with Helen Davalos, Carol Fandel, 2<sup>nd</sup> exchange student, unidentified man, Molly Bauck's Step Daughter, Sue Casey, (Shawn Casey hidden but with pink rose), Molly Bauck, Rollin Reynolds, Friend of Jenny Fandel, Kelly, Jenny Fandel, Natalie Humphrey, Robert Anderson, Gretchen Humphrey, Deidre and Sarah, Michelle Enyart, Rosie Dean (holding banner), John Sitton, Don Deane, Helen Davalos, Mike Humphrey, Barbara Besand's Granddaughter, Pat Adams, Barbara Besand, Bill Hettick, Kris Wolfram, Barbara Besand's granddaughter, and Barbara

Baker. Those who did not make the picture were Gary and Cheryl McClain, Paula Hastings and the photographer Rich Baer. To the left above is a picture of Marika and Bella as they and their car are about to enter the Starlight Parade.

**SPRING ROSE SHOW** The Portland Rose Society extends a great big thank you to the Lloyd Center and all of the individuals who helped to make our show a success again this year. Please consider adding the Lloyd Center to your shopping plans because it is the best way that we can show our appreciation for their support of our PRS activities. Our next big event was the Spring Rose Show. As Chair of the rose show I watched the rain fall and the rain fall and the rain fall. Portland set all kinds of records for the amount of rain that fell in May and the first week of June. Two years ago we had cold right up to the day of the rose show and no one had roses to bring to the show. I was beginning to feel that we could have fewer entries at this show than we did in 2008. We did have two nice sunny days early in June, one was the day of the Starlight Parade and the other was the day of the Grand Floral parade but that was after our rose show. As I stood on the ice rink at 5 am and looked at the sea of empty tables I could not envision what would happen during the morning. Just over 100 people brought roses to the show. This number, 100, represents the smallest number of participants we have had at a spring show since records have been kept. But I realize where many of our normal exhibitors were. I listened to Sue Klobertanz, Prime Minister of the Royal Rosarians, describe her blooms as a bunch of "maluck". That is her word for the moldy gray flowers that should have been beautiful but were quite the opposite. I know that many local rose growers looked out at their gardens in total despair and justifiably did not try to participate in the show. I hope all of you who had that experience will bring your roses to our fall show at the Lloyd Center, so you will not get out of the practice of bringing roses to our shows.

Those 100 exhibitors did, however, make just over 1000 entries into the show which made the rink have the appearance of being full of roses. All things considered, I could not have been happier with the result, because I feared a much worse outcome. The results of the show are included later in this *Chatter*.



The Rose Festival Court appeared at the spring show and Queen Rachel cut the ribbon to formally open the 122<sup>nd</sup> annual Portland Spring Show. The top rose in the show (above right) was chosen as Neptune exhibited by Gretchen (our 2<sup>nd</sup> VP) and Mike Humphrey.

**GRAND FLORAL PARADE** June 12<sup>th</sup> began with the promise of a sunny day. As we have stated we had not seen many of them so far this spring. A number of Portland Rose Society members gathered at Jake's to watch the festivities of the day. With much anticipation we waited for the parade to get to our location. Jake's is near the end of the parade route and it takes almost two hours before the parade arrives, but it was worth the wait. Some people have noted that the Parade did not seem as lavish as it has in the past and we have to admit that this observation is true. In lean economic times sponsors just do not have the resources to produce the really big displays that we have become accustomed to in the past. A couple of the highlights of the day included finally learning that the new queen of Rosaria is Victoria, because she appeared rather early in the parade. Later we got to cheer for our PRS President Marika Reiner, as she and Bella appeared in a red convertible



**PORTLAND'S BEST ROSE** The PRS extends a great big thank you to Dennis 7 Dees for being the major sponsor of this event. If you need new roses they have a tremendous display of very beautiful roses



currently in stock. Give them a visit as a personal thank you from the PRS. The day after the Grand Floral Parade was another big PRS event, Portland's Best Rose at

Washington Park. This is a multipurpose event which can accommodate about 170 people and allows the people of Portland to choose the best rose in Washington Park, but also is the venue for awarding Special PRS Honors. For about 1½ hours all of the attendees walk through the park and rate many of the new roses on a scale of 1-10 based on nothing more than how they feel about the beauty of the individual varieties. They return to the staging area with their score cards. The scores are tabulated by four individuals and after combining all of the scores the winners are established. The day turned out to be sunny and very nice. The garden was very walkable, but our area where the tent was turned out to be a little bit muddy because it is the low spot in Washington Park and the water tends to drain into this area and not out of it. It did make for some muddy shoes. The winners of the various categories were: Best Hybrid Tea – **Grande Amore**; Best Grandiflora – **Sweet Fragrance**; Best Floribunda - **Marmalade Skies**; Best Shrub – **High Voltage**; Most Fragrant – **Sweetness**; and the highest scoring rose for the day, which makes it Portland's Best Rose was **Wild Blue Yonder**. Also announced were the two gold medal winning roses, **Preference** a red Floribunda and **Strike it Rich**, a yellow grandiflora. The Gold Medal Awards are determined by a committee of seven PRS members who evaluate new roses in the garden from two to four years. To win, a rose has to compile an average score of 85 points or better, which is not an easy accomplishment. These roses are then added to the collection of roses that are currently growing in the Gold Award Garden at Washington Park.

The celebration of Portland's Best Rose has also become the occasion for announcing and awarding several Portland Rose Society Awards. One of these awards is the Bronze Medal for service to our organization. By vote of the Board of Directors this year's winner was Harry Landers. Harry has been the man in charge of the Washington Park gardens for a number of years and has served on the Board of Directors for many years. One of the requirements of receiving this award is that the recipient must be a member of the American Rose Society. Due to this restriction the pool of possible recipients has become very narrow. Next year the Portland Rose Society will announce a new award to replace the Bronze Medal

from the ARS. It will be an award called the Portland Rose Society Gold Medal. More information about this award will be forthcoming in the near future.

The other major award that the PRS presents at this function is the Lifetime Achievement Award. This year we had three people who were voted by the Board to receive this honor. The first award went to Eilene and Dave Curtiss. They both have served the society in a number of ways including Eilene being president and serving in other board positions during the last 20 years or so. Husband Dave has been equally involved with the society with one of his most noted being the fertilizer chair for a number of years. He has also been a major contributor through many of his volunteer positions.

A second (or third) lifetime achievement award was presented to Paul Raab. Among his other



activities with the PRS is that Paul is a past president, has served on the financial committee for many years and has been an important member in the planning of Portland's Best Rose for all of its fifteen years. If you look into the past of these lifetime achievement award winners you will have seen them volunteering almost anytime the PRS needed a volunteer.

**ROYAL ROSARIAN GARDEN CONTEST** During the first week of June the Royal Rosarians traveled throughout the city to judge rose gardens for the Royal Rosarian Garden Contest. The participation was light this year. Hopefully this was the result of the very unusual weather we experienced this year and not general apathy, a condition that I always worry about. To prevent this condition from occurring we always stress participation in any event that you can participate in. Sure making your garden look nice for the Rosarians is work, but when you get your garden in great shape, you continue to enjoy the beauty that you have created every day. Editor Rich entered his garden in the Grand Challenge class as a previous winner. We had everything looking pretty good, but there still were a lot of yellowing leaves from black spot, and I figured that everyone would have that so it would not be a big deterrent. However, during the night before judging we had about an inch of rain and wind. The garden did not look very good with stems that were broken over and lots of foliage and petals everywhere. Normally I would have tried to fix it, but it continued to rain and I finally felt defeated by the weather and gave up. My garden did not win its class but I will be back at it again next year and hopefully we will have a kinder spring.

The winners as announced at the ceremony June 29<sup>th</sup> in the Royal Rosarian Garden in Washington Park were as follows: Donnie and Renee Wright won for Formal Rose Garden 25-75 rose bushes, Dale Brandt won the Grand Challenge, Mark Stepien won for a rose planting from 25-75 bushes, Estell May won in the Cottage Garden class, Donnie & Renee Wright won the visibility contest for the west side, Lloyd & May LeClair won the visibility contest for the east side, Michael Greenfield won the Senior Citizen for the Eastside, Mel & Harriet Vanderbilt won senior citizen for the west side, Doug Nielsen won the Royal Rosarians Trophy, Mike & Patsy McKelligon won for the best garden money can buy (have hired help), Michael Greenfield won the Winners Circle competition (previous winners), the Presbyterian Church, Laurelhurst won a section in the Commercial Rose Gardens, Portland Fire Station 17 won a section in Commercial Rose Gardens, Progressive Builders NW won a section in Commercial Rose Gardens, and finally Dr. Charold Baer (Editor) won the section for



Royal Rosarian Prime Minister Sue Klobertanz and Queen Victoria present award to Dr. Charold Baer

Portland Rose Festival Directors. The Rosarians reported that at least 12 trophies were not awarded because there were no entries. Let's not let this happen again next year. Plan now to be part of this activity next year.

**TILLAMOOK DAIRY DAYS AND MOBILE ROSE GARDEN** It was a beautiful Saturday for a parade in Tillamook. Actually a number of us got the weekend off beginning on Friday as we assembled in a large rented beach house on the Netarts Bay. Saturday morning found a number of PRS members and friends assembled in the park in Tillamook ready to provide the power for the Mobile Rose Garden to move through the streets of Tillamook. One thing about a parade in a small town is that it seems that everyone in the town comes out to watch. The parade is not very long but there were almost 120 entrants in addition to ours. President Marika Reiner was in a car driven by husband Bella and the garden marched behind them. After the parade, most of the participants in the parade drove to the beach house where Brad Wanamaker and friends had prepared a great lunch of grilled burgers, hot dogs, sausages and all the rest of the works. The beach was beautiful and everyone had a great day. Those who were not staying for the weekend made



their way back to Portland late in the afternoon to early evening. Sunday a number of us tried clamming, you notice I said tried as the clams seemed a bit reclusive this day. Later in the day crabbing was in vogue, and while there were a large number of crabs brought up, most of them were slightly undersized or female (not keepable).

In the picture above are most of the marching unit participants who took part in the Tillamook parade. They were Charold Baer, Bill and Joyce Hemmerling, Molly Bauck, Matt Hastings, Carole Fandel, Paula Hastings, Judi Tawny, Molly Bauck's Granddaughter, Amy, Irene Heen, Jenny Fandel, Michele Enyart, Michelle Thomas and Jim Harper. At the left the participants enjoy a lazy afternoon at the

beach house putting together puzzles, watching a little world cup and taking naps on the couch. Reservations have already been made for the same accommodations for next year's Tillamook Dairy Days and weekend at the beach.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** by Marika Reiner

The Rose Festival is over. What a fantastic once in a life time experience it was. WOW. First of all, I would like to thank each and every one of YOU for making it possible for me to be a part of it. Thank you for your trust in me to represent the Portland Rose Society. I've tried my best with tremendous PRIDE. My only regret was that I could not have all of you with me. It is difficult to tell you what just part of it was like. It is very hard to pick and I don't think our Editor would be happy if I take up all the room in the *Chatter*.

What was the best? I think the best was meeting and getting to know all of the Princesses. We had the most outstanding 15 young ladies representing our Portland youth. I was glad that I was not one of the judges selecting the Queen because each one of them was a special individual. There were four of them who were not born in the USA and even our Queen Victoria's parents were Romanian immigrants. We had one young lady who was born in Zimbabwe and she came here as an orphan. When she was asked what she would like to do after she finished her education, she said that she would like to be the

next Oprah, not because she is very rich, but she would like to do all the wonderful humanitarian things she is doing for so many people. Interestingly, Victoria was one of my favorite from the beginning and she is now Queen Victoria.

My next best time was the visits to the various military ships. It was a tremendous experience to meet all the young service men and women. We hear so many outrageous things on the news about the war and sometimes we may wonder if we are going to survive? After getting to know some of our dedicated servicemen, I don't worry anymore: "OUR COUNTRY IS IN GOOD HANDS."

Of course I cannot leave out the Parades. What an experience. My favorite was the Starlight Parade. Half of the time I was in tears. Seeing all the people, nearly 250 thousand, waving and cheering for you. Sometimes they started chanting my name. All of a sudden I became very humble and wondered what did I do to deserve all that?

Of course I have to thank you for making our Rose Show a success despite the rainy weather. I hope you all had much fun too! All through the Festival I was telling everybody "We" started all this 121 years ago" when THE PRS WAS STARTED.



## CALENDAR OF ROSE RELATED EVENTS – PLAN AHEAD

The activities are marked according to what an attendee can expect. A ☉ means that the activity needs PRS volunteers, a ☺ indicates that the activity is mostly for having fun with other rose lovers and a ✱ means the event offers an opportunity to learn more about roses. If you wish to be a volunteer or desire to get more information about any event, you can do so at the monthly general meetings or by calling the PRS at (503) 777-4311.

PRS Phone Duty	Annie Plasker aka The Communications Director
July 31 <sup>st</sup> , Saturday	Pacific Northwest Sponsored Workshop, the focus of which will be the Mini-flora rose. This workshop is open to anyone interested in gaining knowledge about the rapidly expanding class of roses known as Mini-floras.
August 14 <sup>th</sup> , Saturday	The 2010 Portland Rose Society All-Miniature Rose Show will be hosted by the Pittock mansion for the second year in a row. It was a beautiful venue for a rose show last year, so set this day aside to participate in one of the best PRS summer activities. If you do not exhibit roses come and observe the show and mansion.
August 15 <sup>th</sup> , Sunday	The PRS annual summer picnic, which will be held in our usual spot beside the river in Oaks Amusement Park. More information will be provided in the August <i>Chatter</i> and in this Chatter.
September 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> Saturday and Sunday	PRS Fall Rose Show at Lloyd Center Mall. Remember all those beautiful roses that were frustrated by our spring weather are waiting to show themselves off to a legion of people who appreciate beauty. What better way to achieve this than to let them show themselves at our fall show, come and participate.

### PORTLAND ROSE SOCIETY ROSE CHATTER

Please note the following information about the *Chatter*.

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## TROPHY WINNERS FOR THE PORTLAND ROSE SOCIETY, SPRING 2010 SHOW

Queen of Show (Best Rose): Neptune; Gretchen & Mike Humphrey, Tigard

King (2<sup>nd</sup> Best): Cajun Moon; Lon Lee & Don Riggs, Scappoose

Princess (3<sup>rd</sup> Best): Marilyn Monroe; Rosalie Dalzell, Portland

Prince (4<sup>th</sup> Best): Andrea Stelzer; Stan & Gladys Garrison, Camas, WA

Duchess (5<sup>th</sup> Best): Helen Naude; Stan & Gladys Garrison

Vase of Three: LeAnn Rimes; Bill Moravics, Portland

Vase of Five Roses: LeAnn Rimes; Bill Moravics

Lloyd Center Supreme Rose: Richard & Janis Parke, Portland

Open Bloom: Wimi; Stan Miles, Corvallis

Twelve, One Variety: LeAnn Rimes; Bill Moravics

Twelve, Mixed Varieties: Caroline de Monaco (2), Nightingale (2), Liebeszauber, Signature, Gemini, Oktoberfest, Polerstern, Elina; Stan Miles

U.S. National Bank Grand Challenge: Peter Frankenfeld, Selfridges, Nightingale, Caroline de Monaco, New Zealand, Dublin; Stan Miles

Umpqua Bank Challenge: Gold Medal, Gemini, Veteran's Honor; Jim & Nancy Cavanaugh

Boyd Coffee Competition: Olympiad, Wildfire, Sheer Elegance, April in Paris, Lynn Anderson; Richard and Janis Park

Colorama Competition: Tineke, Stephanie Diane, Gold Medal; Stan Miles

Bloom Progression: Gold Medal; Jim & Nancy Cavanaugh

Portland Gold Medal: Julia Child; Stan Miles

Small Garden Entry: Spellbound; Gene Reddemann, Wilsonville

Rose Festival Directors' Competition: Solitaire; Dr. Charold Baer, Portland

Royal Rosarian Competition: Bewitched; Carla Stenberg, Portland

Potpourri Bowl: Mixed; Karen & Merrill Allen, Portland

English Box: California, Opening Night, Glad Tidings, Tineke, Signature, Haogy Carmichael; Karen & Merrill Allen

Fragrant Rose: Double Delight; Kathy Kromm, Portland

Rose Portrait: Tineke; Karen & Merrill Allen

Rose in a Bowl: Helen Naude; Dave & Eilene Curtiss, Boring

Judges- Cup: Selfridges, Helen Naude, Daybreaker; Gretchen & Mike Humphrey

One Spray, Floribunda: Liverpool Echo; Stan Miles

Second Best Spray, Floribunda: Playboy; Annette & Paul Raab

Best Spray, Polyantha: Pinkie; John & Caroline Fredette, Seattle

Three Sprays, Floribunda: Julia Child; Stan Miles

Spray of Tea or Grandiflora: Frances Ashton; John Sitton, Albany

President's Competition: Three Sprays Floribunda, Different Varieties: Playboy, Champagne Cocktail, Dusky Maiden; Paul & Annette Raab

Floribunda Colorama: Sunflare, Pleasure, Glad Tidings; Karen & Merrill Allen

Show Chair's Competition: Dublin Bay, City of London, Gold Medal; Karen & Merrill Allen

Dowager Queen: Rosa Rugosa Rubra; Dave & Linda Erickson

Victorian Award: Rose de Rescht; Mike & Gretchen Humphrey

Three Stems Old Garden Roses: Burgundian Rose; Gail Hughson

Seven Stems Old Garden Roses: Rose de Rescht; Barbara Baker, Portland

David Austin Rose: Graham Thomas; Char Mutschler, Salem

Three Mixed Austins: Graham Thomas, Abraham Darby, Gertrude Jekyll; Karen & Merrill Allen

Shrub Rose: Sally Holmes; Clark & Gretchen Smith, Portland

Shrub Rose three stems: Lyda Rose; Margaret Snitzler, Vancouver, WA

Climbing Rose: Dublin Bay; Karen & Merrill Allen

Climbing Rose: Three Stems: Altissimo; Char Mutschler

Miniature Queen: Dancing Flame; John Sitton

Miniature King: Giggles; John Sitton

Miniature Princess: Hot Tamale; John Sitton

Three Miniature Blooms: Dancing Flame; John Sitton

Mini-Flora Rose: ButterCream; Karen & Merrill Allen

Three Mini-Flora Roses: Amy Grant; Dr. Charold & Rich Baer

Single Miniature Rose: Glamour Girl; Karen & Merrill Allen

One Spray Miniature: Lipstick 'n' Lace; Annegret Wolford, Portland

Fully Open Miniature: Mother's Love; Ron Chambers, Portland

Miniature Challenge: Giggles, Dancing Flame, Baby Boomer, Fairhope, Miss Flippins; Jim & Nancy Cavanaugh

Miniature Bloom Progression: King's Mountain; Jim & Nancy Cavanaugh

Miniature Rose Box: X-rated, Fairhope, Miss Flippins, Baby Boomer, Dancing Flame, Sam Trivitt; Jim & Nancy Cavanaugh

Twelve Miniature Blooms: Baby Boomer, Miss Flippins, Dancing Flame, Fairhope, Klassy Lady, Giggles, Soroptimist International; Jim & Nancy Cavanaugh

Miniature Rose in a Bowl: Fairhope; Jim & Nancy Cavanaugh

Miniature Rose Portrait: Dancing Flame; Jim & Nancy Cavanaugh

Miniature Rose Palette: Luis Desamero, Soroptimist International, Sunswept, Mtchie's Gold, Glowing Amber; Dr. Charold & Rich Baer

Best Novice Rose: Tahitian Sunset; Kimberly Tupper, St. Helens

Runner-up Novice: Olympiad; Judi Tawney, Portland

Lloyd Center Supreme Rose, Novice: Adelle Harris, Portland

Open Bloom, Novice: Tuscan Sun; Judi Tawney

Miniature Rose, Novice: Happy Thoughts; Pete Gallucci, Clackamas

Miniature Rose, Runner-up, Novice: No Award

Best Floribunda, Novice: Apricot Nectar; Bruce Stevens, Portland

Best Shrub, Novice: Graham Thomas; Ursula Cawley, Portland

Best Rose, Junior: Lloyd Center Supreme; Zakiah Fuller, Portland

Best Miniature Rose, Junior: Carrot Top; Cyrus Buck, Vancouver

Arrangement, Designers' Challenge: No Award

Arrangement, Traditional: Pat Allen, Portland, using Love & Peace

Arrangement, Modern/Abstract: Pat Allen using Honor

Arrangement, Oriental Manner: Carolyn Finch, Vancouver, using Secret and White Delight

Arrangement, Miniature Traditional: Judy Fleck using Elfinglo

Arrangement, Miniature Modern/Abstract: Judy Fleck using Snowbride

Arrangement, Miniature Oriental: Judy Fleck using Herbie

Arrangement, Novice: No Award

Arrangement, Junior: Cooper Allen, Portland, using Judy Garland

## **AN OLD FASHIONED PICNIC AT OAKS PARK** **Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 - 1 P.M. to 6 P.M.**

Once again our annual family picnic will be held at the historic Oaks Park. This year the picnic site is located in Oaks Park at site Riverview 9, located on the river, south of the dance Pavilion (where we hold our meetings) and immediately west of the roller coaster. There is easy access to unload, ample disability parking and regular parking immediately adjacent to the picnic site. When you come in the main gate, turn left and go around the roller coaster, turn right and go through the narrow gate by the railroad tracks and head to the west. Our spot has a gazebo and tent top. Sometimes parking can be a problem, but if you park at one of the lots further away from the main event area, Oaks Park does provide shuttle transportation so you will not have to walk too far to join in on the fun.

The Rose Society will provide: hamburgers, garden burgers, hot-dogs, buns and condiments. We will also provide (through Oaks Park) bottled beer, lemonade and soft drinks. Paper plates, napkins and eating utensils will also be provided. We have ordered extra amounts this year because we do not want to run short, it might be a warm day.

You are asked to provide: a main dish to share with others, according to your last name (we only do this so that everyone does not bring a dessert). If you have a specialty, please feel free to bring it. A-H a hot dish or salad; I-Q: a dessert, R-Z: a fruit plate, or chips and dips, or munchies. Our intrepid past president cooks will attempt to have hot food off the grills by 3:00 P.M.

### **ROSE GARDEN HELPER FOR HIRE**

Recently while selling our PRS fertilizer to a regular user, our conversation ended as my guest said that she had to go work in a client's rose garden. I know that on the PRS answering machine we get a number of requests for referrals for someone who knows roses and can help in garden. Kelsey Bourdeau stated that she was looking for new clients for her rose care business. If you are interested you will need to contact Kelsey at 503-997-6254 and work out the details with her. I cannot give her a great referral because I do not know her, but she does know enough about roses to seek out the best fertilizer that you can put on them. If one or more of you should try Kelsey, let me know what you think so that we can pass along the information.

### **PORTLAND ROSE SOCIETY FERTILIZER NOW AVAILABLE**

Fertilizer sales at our general meetings is over for the season but that does not mean that you will have to do without until next year. Our *Chatter* editor Rich Baer has approximately two tons of our wonderful PRS fertilizer (\$10 per 20 pound bag) stored in his PRS shed. He also has about one ton of the PRS organic blend (\$10 per 20 pound bag). Just call 503-246-3087 and arrange to stop by 8039 SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Place (Multnomah-Garden Home area) and pick up what you need. There are also a number of vendors around the city who are carrying our fertilizer as well if you do not want to travel to the SW to get yours. The cost will be higher but the convenience may make up the difference. The options for purchase are: The Gardener's Choice, Dennis 7 Dees, Naomi's Organic Supply, Lake Grove Garden Center, Ferguson's Nursery, Pearl Hardware, Portland Nursery, Concentrates, Rain Or Shine, Wilsonville Garden Center, and The Garden Frog

### **PORTLAND ROSE SOCIETY WEB SITE**

Over the past few months **Donnie and Renee Wright** have been working very hard to put together a new and we hope easier to use and maintain website. Our new webmasters would like you to visit the site and try it out. The webmasters are looking for any feedback to make the site better. New information will continue to be added to it too and we hope that it will become one of the best society web sites. One way that you can help to make it better, is to submit any good digital pictures you may have taken at PRS events that you would like to share. Please take some time to visit our site [www.portlandrosesociety.org](http://www.portlandrosesociety.org) and see how it is developing.

### **DIGITAL FULL COLOR CHATTER AVAILABLE**

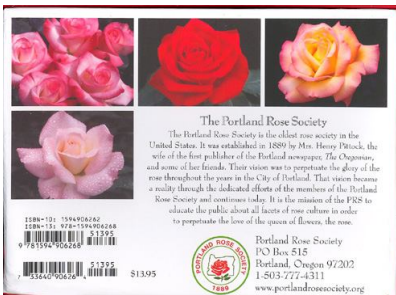
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## A COUPLE OF OTHER WAYS TO LOVE ROSES

Last week just over 1000 2011 "Celebrating Roses" calendars were delivered to the PRS. It is truly a beautiful work of art. Some of the featured roses are Gold Medal, Octoberfest, Soaring Spirits, Blueberry Hill, Moondance and many more. They are currently on sale for the same price as the last few years, \$10 when picked up and \$13 to be mailed. These calendars are one of our two major fund raisers for the PRS and one of the reasons that we can do so many things with our dues at only \$15 dollars per year. Remember that make the best gifts as they are very useful for a time and then can be disposed of, although many people tell me they save the pictures from the calendars when the year has come to an end. Get your now and avoid the rush when holiday season comes. I have already had on friend drop by and get ten that he sends to out of town friends as a Christmas present and greeting from Portland.



In addition to the Calendars we have boxed note cards. There are



16 cards per box with each card featuring one of four different rose photos. The featured roses are Olympiad, Peace, Pristine and Gemini, four of the most beautiful and popular roses of all time. The dimensions of the cards are 5 by 6 3/4 inches. They are blank except for a description of the rose on the back of each card. They will be available at all future rose society meetings. The price is \$10 per box pick up price, \$13 if mailed. For either send remittance to Dr. Charold Baer, 8039 SW 62<sup>nd</sup> Place, Portland, OR 97219. Make checks payable to the Portland Rose Society.

## PNW PHOTO CONTEST FOR NW ROSE PHOTOGRAPHERS

There will be a District Photo Contest again this year. This contest is for digital photos only, however, prints can be sent in and they will be digitized and returned to you so that they can be entered. The information about this contest fills an entire page, so if you want the information send the request to the editors (mailing info at bottom of PRS calendar – on page two) or e-mail your request to [rosesxrich@aol.com](mailto:rosesxrich@aol.com). There are sections for novices and advanced photographers, so everyone has a good chance of having their photos selected as some of the best. The winning pictures are printed and auctioned at the Fall PNW meeting to raise funds for the operating budget of the Pacific Northwest District. Share the beauty that makes you grow roses.

## THE SLATE OF OFFICERS

There is no regularly scheduled *Chatter* for the month of July and there is no July general meeting. However, the Bylaws of the Portland Rose Society mandate that the slate of candidates for office be announced at least 30 days before the election of officers. Since the election of officers occurs at the August picnic, it is necessary to deliver the slate at this time.

## THE CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE FOR THE 2010-2011 YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**President – Rich Baer**

**Recording Secretary – Michele Thomas**

**1st Vice President – Gretchen Humphrey**

**Treasurer – Carol Fandel**

**2nd Vice President – Molly Bauck**

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This slate was submitted by the nominating committee comprised of the last three PRS presidents:

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## CHANGES ARE COMING FOR THE AMERICAN ROSE MARKET

Several months ago I announced in the *Chatter* that Jackson & Perkins Rose Company filed for Bankruptcy with a hope of returning as a reorganized company. Since then things have changed for them. As of this time the Jackson & Perkins company no longer exists. All of their varieties that we have loved over the years are now open to being purchased by the few remaining companies. Since there are really too many varieties to be assimilated by the other companies, many of the roses that we have loved will probably never be available again. But we will just have to wait until next year to see how everything

shakes out before we will really have any idea about what will be the result of the failure of J&P. It looks like Weeks roses has purchased the crop of roses that J&P had in the field for next year and are offering them as a supplement to their regular varieties, but for next year only. There are no roses for J&P varieties budded for two years from now. If there are some varieties of J&P roses that you really would like to get for sure, contact a local nursery that carries roses and see if you can get them to add the varieties that you would like to obtain on their wish list for next year.

But Jackson & Perkins is not the only company due for changes for next year. What I believe is the third largest rose company in the US, Conard-Pyle, is also looking to making changes that may affect the rose market. The following information was obtained from "Acres Online" about the future of the Conard-Pyle rose company, one which is generally ranked in the top three rose companies in the United States.

### **CONARD-PYLE TO FOCUS ON BREEDING AND LINERS**

Steve Hutton, CEO of Conard-Pyle in West Grove, Pennsylvania, just announced that he'll be downsizing his family business out of finished material in order to focus on breeding and licensing young plants and bare root roses.

Why? Not because they are being forced to, Steve assured me, but because a down cycle like we're in is the perfect time to reinvent your business. "The nursery business is in a mess", the third-generation nurseryman stated frankly in a phone interview Thursday. "There s too much of everything. There are too many plants, there are too many nurseries, too much breeding - even in my part of the business. There are too many wholesalers, even in some cases too many retailers. There is too much of everything except consumers."

The other "mess" we face he says is the macro-economic mess. The recession, which as we all know is a global issue. "I'm firmly convinced that when we nursery folks get on the other side of these two messes it is going to be a different landscape entirely," he continued. "You had better be very good at at least one thing-and probably only one thing. So we had to pick and we're going to use the time that these two messes have given us to transition from what we have been for the last 25 or 30 years into what we're going to become".

To that end, Conard-Pyle is selling off their 230 acre Maryland finished plant facility and leasing their Pennsylvania finished plant facility in order to focus on breeding and young plant production. An added benefit of getting out of the finished plant business is that they will no longer be competing with their liner and young plant customers. "I don t think that's a very sustainable practice," Steve says. For anyone who might speculate that this is a forced change, Steve insists the move is not being necessitated by any sort of financial problems inside the company.

"This is a proactive move" he says. "We don't have the hot breath of our bankers on our neck saying, do this or die. This is something that we wanted to choose for ourselves from a position of relative strength." Steve added that in the company's 113-year history, they have reinvented themselves several times. "The one I remember is my first year on the job full-time in 1978. My father and my uncle decided it was time to get out of the retail mail-order catalog business that was kind of our identity back then. We were Star Roses and we had a retail face that was to devote our energy to growing container plants and selling wholesale. So this is in that tradition of once every generation, taking stock of the situation and making a course correction."

The company will still be known as The Conard-Pyle Company and will be headquartered at the present West Grove, Pennsylvania location. Oh, if you're interested in buying a really nice nursery on Maryland's Eastern Shore or leasing their PA location, let Conard-Pyle know.

### **ROSE GARDEN ROSE IDENTIFICATION SIGNS**

Our rose garden is quite large and a lot of people visit it through the summer. Many of them may visit when I am not available to accompany them. I actually encourage visitation because one of the pleasures of a garden is getting to share it with others who might get enjoyment from it. When visiting any garden I find the enjoyment level is greatly increased if I am able to determine what it is that I am looking at. With that in mind, I try to keep all of the roses in my garden identified most of the time. Some of the neighborhood kids find enjoyment in switching the signs around in the garden, I think that they think I will not notice, but I usually get them back in their right place. Sometimes we will lose a marker to the weed eater and it does not get replaced right away, but we do try. Over the years I have experimented with a number of different signs



and we have settled on one that has worked for us for a number of years. The markers that you will see in our garden are from The Harlane Company in Atlanta Georgia. We talk to Wendy and have her send us plain marker plates and we use our lazer printer to make clear Avery labels which we stick on the blank plates. We change signs and roses so often that this works best for us. With this method, every time the weed eater or mower eats a garden sign I just go print another one and put it in the garden. I know that the laser labels last more than three years without fading as we have had them out in the garden that long. Cost is about 90 cents per plate printed or plain and the stake are about 60 cents each.

(From their Website)

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And a few new products appear this winter and spring. We have a great carrier for you arrangers and those of you who have ever spilled a vase full of water in your car. It's called "Vase Brace" and the introductory price is a low \$17.50. You'll see an even wider range of products at [www.therosegardener.com](http://www.therosegardener.com) or [www.gardenwithus.com](http://www.gardenwithus.com) (our sister sites).

If you haven't been to our website recently, you will see changes when you return. Ordering is much easier with our online order form where you type the name and quantity you like. Order one-line labels for just one plant name on the label. We will adjust the type size as needed, but if you need more information or a second name (like a botanical name) you can combine different styles of labels on our easier order form. Call me if you're not sure how to order. And, if your plant list is long and you already have your list typed in a file, just send me an email or an attachment in Word, WordPerfect or Excel at [harlane@comcast.net](mailto:harlane@comcast.net)

So, check out [www.harlane.com](http://www.harlane.com) again soon. Wendy. Phone - 404-771-9300

PS You might check out the bionic rose gloves, an overachieving name for a great functioning garden glove.

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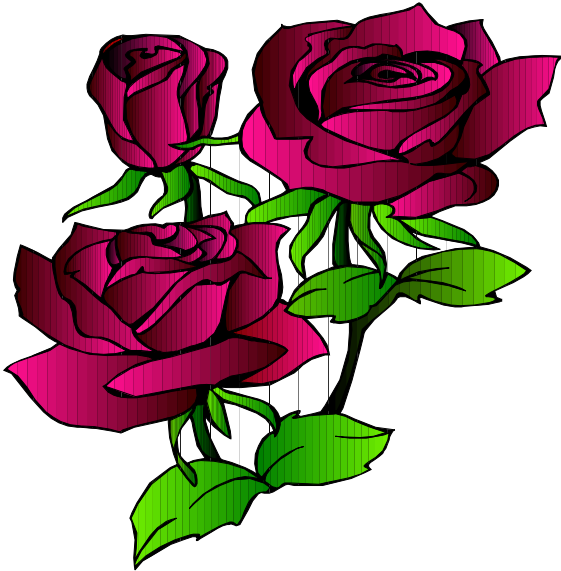
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