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THE CAPITAL ROSE

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November - December Events Arlington Rose Foundation Rose Bush Auction

Sunday, November 14, 2:00 p.m.
Merrifield Garden Center

12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030

This popular year end event is a great way to add high quality roses to your garden at pennies on the dollar. Many of our members offer up some of their roses to make room in their gardens for new roses they intend to try the following season. Anyone bringing roses for auction please fill out a 3 x 5 index card for each, including the rose name, class, rating, color, fragrance and location. Everyone can bid on the roses being offered. Also, election of Officers and Directors for 2011 will be held. Bring your friends and shopping list and have some fun! Don't miss this opportunity. Refreshments will be served.

Potomac Rose Society Monthly Public Meeting

2010 Rose Growing Wrap-up

Thursday, November 18, 2010, 7:30 p.m.
McLean Governmental Center,

1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, Virginia 22101

A panel of PRS members will answer your questions about rose care given this year's excessive heat, summer drought, and sporadic attacks of rose midge. We'll discuss our experiences this year - the good and the bad - plus how to move forward, to clean up the garden and winterize your rosebushes to protect them against icy cold weather. Also, elections for 2011 Officers and Directors will be held.

No PRS Meetings in December or January

ARF Christmas Holiday Brunch & Installation of Officers

**Sunday, December 5, 12:00 Noon
at Blue Iguana**

12727 Shoppes Lane, Fairfax, VA 22033

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Rose Garden Checklist for November-December *by Joe Mirilovich* *ARF Master Consulting Rosarian*

By now everyone growing roses in the Washington Metropolitan Area has experienced or will soon experience a frost and/or a hard freeze, traditionally signifying the end of our growing season. We now turn our thoughts to roses for winter.

Diseases and Pests. If you have not been faithful to spraying for fungus disease so far this fall then there is a plentiful supply of viable fungi spores distributed about the rose garden. Rose foliage may appear gray and withered but cane bark is still green and subject to attack. Spraying one last time in November with a good contact fungicide like Mancozeb or Maneb will knock down a blackspot infestation. Equally important is the removal of leaf drop due to this disease. If powdery mildew was a problem earlier, then consider adding some Banner Maxx to the spray mix to keep that disease in check. Insects and spider mites should not be a problem at this time of the year.

Fertilizers. Some of our better growers apply a high phosphorus/high potash granular fertilizer at this time to help the roses slip into dormancy. It is not absolutely necessary but some say it helps. I like to add granular limestone at this time of the year to keep pH levels in balance. If you haven't limed earlier this year, then a cup of granular limestone distributed about the base of each plant is recommended. Our soils are naturally acidic so a light application of limestone once a year should keep the pH in a good 6.0 to 6.5 range. If rain is not in the weather forecast then water the limestone in.

Pruning. Cut back tall bushes to waist high over the next two months. This will prevent the plants from rocking loose

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Membership is also encouraged in the American Rose Society (ARS), dues for which are \$49 per year (\$46 for those 65 and older). To join ARS, send dues to:
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ARF President's Message

Dave Maxwell

By the time you receive this issue, those of us in western Fairfax County may have had our first frost, as our average first frost date is October 20. This signals the beginning of our roses' dormancy period and offers us the opportunity to kick our feet up, relax and reflect on the past year and plan ahead for next year.

Over the past 10 years or so we have experienced a steady decline in year-to-year membership. Although this year is not yet in the history books it appears certain we have, at least temporarily, reversed that trend. As of the end of October our membership is nearly 17% greater than on January 1 of this year. We have had 21 new members join over these 10 months, and even more remarkably, have lost only 4 members. Does this reversal signal a trend or is it just an anomaly? I don't know. But what I do know is that it did not happen by accident, rather it is the direct result of some very specific, targeted initiatives and the hard work, imagination and determination of the many volunteers who contributed to our Community Outreach Program.

Examine the opportunities in your own environment and recommend ways we can reach out in your community to increase the interest in growing roses and provide hands-on help. You may have a community center where we could offer a talk on rose culture. You may have a community newsletter that accepts ads or announcements to bring attention to our services. You may have a neighbor you've seen growing roses. Stop by and talk with them; see how they're doing and how we might improve their growing experience. It won't cost them a cent and there is no obligation to join.

This brings me to an important point: although membership gains are important and an easy metric by which to measure performance, they are not nearly as important as improving the public's knowledge of how to grow good roses. If we can stimulate an interest in growing roses in ten new people and none of them join, we will still have accomplished our primary objective. Maybe, just maybe they will join and help us further our cause. But if we can't help them why should they support us?

Also I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the support we've received from several garden centers:

Campbell & Ferrara for providing roses at cost for ARF's sale at the National Cathedral's Flower Mart

Merrifield Garden Center for hosting our meetings, Rose Shows and storage shed

Sam's Farm for Country Store support

As you are completing your fall chores, find some room to plant the new bushes you will most likely find you can't do without, as you peruse the catalogs. You may find you need to replace some of your old favorites. Go ahead, dig them up and bring them to our Rose Bush Auction on Sunday, November 14. This way they will find a good home.

Finally as the colorful autumn leaves are replaced with the cold north winds and you are snuggled up to your warm fireplace, don't forget to count your blessings and give thanks to God as you celebrate the holiday season with family and friends.

PRS NOMINATION SLATE-2011

To be voted on by the membership at the November PRS meeting

President	Joe Covey
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SOIL NUTRIENTS FOR ROSES

David Maxwell

Fertilizer Programs: An Analytic Approach

In the Sep/Oct Capital Rose I discussed fertilizer programs by Howard Jones and John Smith. In this issue I will feature a program used by Diana Klassy, another very successful exhibitor.

Program 2d8: For her 'solids' Diana uses a combination of an extended duration fertilizer, 9 month Osmocote 18-5-12 once in the spring, and some combination of organics, either Mills Magic Mix, Fertrell Rose Food or Espoma Plant-tone (or combinations thereof - I will arbitrarily alternate them) three times over the season. These are supplemented with liquid feedings of either Jack's 20-20-20 or Miracle-Gro 18-24-16 (For illustration I use Jack's 20-20-20). Chelated iron is added to the liquids as needed. HTs are in beds spaced 34" apart and her minis are in 13" and 15" pots. The amounts shown are for the HTs spaced 34"; the minis should (more on that later) receive less in accordance with the Table.

Drip Line Dia Inches	Area Sq ft	Conversion
48	12.6	X1.99
42	9.6	X1.53
36	7.1	X1.12
34	6.3	X1.00
30	4.9	X0.78
24	3.1	X0.50
16	1.4	X0.22
15	1.2	X0.19
13	0.9	X0.15
12	0.8	X0.12
10	0.5	X0.09

Drip Line Conversions

Time Amount per 34" drip-line

Last wk Mar	1 cup Osmocote 18-5-12
2nd wk Apr	2 cup Fertrell Rose Food 4-2-4 1/8 cup Epsom salts
1st wk May	LF#1: Mix following in 1 gal water, 1 gal/bush 1 tbsp Jack's 20-20-20* 2 tbsp fish emulsion**
3rd wk May	LF#2: Mix following in 1 gal water, 1 gal/bush 1 tbsp Jack's 20-20-20* 2 tbsp fish emulsion** 1 tsp Epsom salts***
1st wk Jun	LF#1: repeat LF #1 above, 1 gal/bush
2nd wk Jun	2 cup Espoma Plant-tone 5-3-3
3rd wk Jun	Alfalfa Tea: Steep 8 cups alfalfa pellets in 26 gal container for 5 days, then add following and dispense 1 gal/bush 1 1/2 cup Jack's 20-20-20 (≈ 1 tbsp/gal) 2 cup fish emulsion (≈ 1 1/4 tbsp/gal)
1st wk Jul	LF#2: repeat LF #2 above, 1 gal/bush
3rd wk Jul	Alfalfa Tea: repeat Tea above, 1 gal/bush
1st wk Aug	LF#2: repeat LF #2 above, 1 gal/bush †
2nd wk Aug	2 cup Mills Magic Mix 6-5-1
3rd wk Aug	Alfalfa Tea: repeat Tea above, 1 gal/bush
1st wk Sep	LF#1: repeat LF #1 above, 1 gal/bush
Late fall	3/4 to 1 cup lime

* Diana actually uses 1 1/2 cup (24 tbsp) Jack's 20-20-20 in 26 gal of water; 24/26 = 0.92 tbsp vice my 1.0 tbsp per gallon.

** Diana actually uses 3 cup (48 tbsp) fish emulsion in 26 gal of water; 48/26 = 1.85 tbsp vice my 2 tbsp per gallon.

*** Diana actually uses 1/2 cup (8 tbsp) Epsom salts in 26 gal of water; 8/26 = 0.31 tbsp vice my 0.33 tbsp (1 tsp) per gallon.

† 1 tsp Sequestrene 330 Fe Chelated Iron per gal added to LF#2 on 1st wk of Aug (equivalent to about 1/2 cup in 26 gal).

The nitrogen fertilizer applications of Diana's program are shown by the trapezoids in Fig 46.

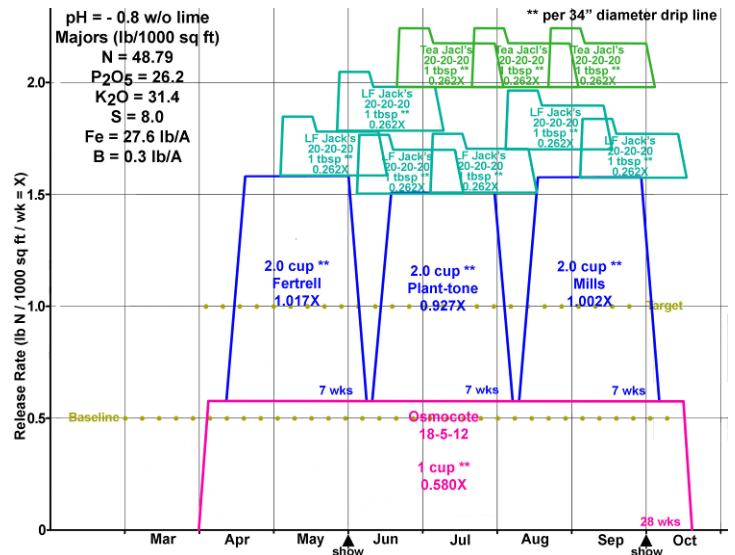


Figure 46: Program 2d8 - Diana Klassy

The essential nutrients provided by Diana's program are in the upper left corner of Figure 46. In the Sep/Oct Capital Rose I provided the basis for my recommendations of the essential nutrients required in a fertilizer program; these are shown in the Table. Diana's program falls near the upper end of my recommendations.

Nutrient	Amount
N	24 to 48 lbs per 1000 sq ft
P ₂ O ₅	14 to 28 lbs per 1000 sq ft
K ₂ O	16 to 32 lbs per 1000 sq ft
S	5 to 10 lbs per 1000 sq ft
Fe	9 to 30 lbs per acre

Nutrient Recommendations

Slightly different results will be obtained with different combinations of Fertrell, Plant-tone, Mills, Jack's and Miracle-Gro, but they all fall within my recommendations, except for an all-Fertrell option which harmlessly over supplies potash (K₂O), and replacement of Jack's with Miracle-Gro which provides no B.

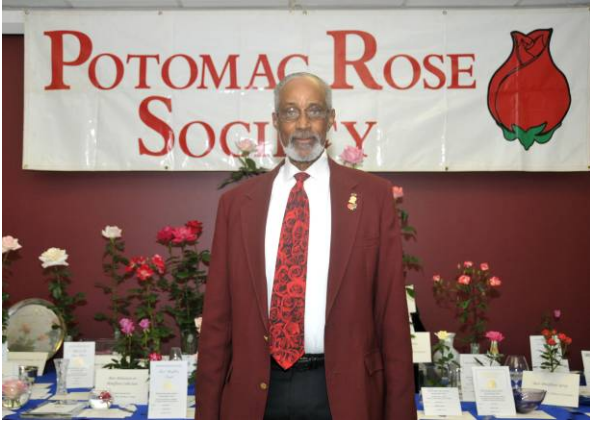
Now for a critical point: Diana applies x0.25 the amounts to her potted roses that she applies to her bedded roses. Since her pots are 13" and 15" the theoretical amounts should be (see the drip line conversion table) x0.15 for 13" pots and x0.19 for 15" pots. Therefore Diana is applying more fertilizer to her potted roses than to her bedded roses; 32% more to 15" pots and 67% more to 13" pots. Therefore, if the baseline bedded roses are getting 48.79 lb N/1000 sq ft (Fig 46) then the 13" pots are getting 81.5 lb N/1000 sq ft (48.79 x 1.67) and the 15" pots 64.4 lb N/1000 sq ft! Far above my recommendation and yet they are performing beautifully. Clearly, N = 81.5 lb N/1000 sq ft is not excessive.

Caution is advised, however, in jumping to the conclusion that something on the order of 80 lb N/1000 sq ft should be the norm (vice my 48), as Diana waters her potted roses far more than her bedded roses, resulting in higher N losses due to leaching. I believe Diana would achieve the same results if she cut back on her portions to potted roses in accordance with the Drip Line Conversion table - about 1/5th to 1/6th rather than 1/4th.

The real message here is that my recommended limit of 48 lb N/1000 sq ft is a conservative level. Don't fear exceeding it somewhat in your own program. Just water plentifully and frequently, as well as before and after each application.

Please send questions to davesroses@yahoo.com.

Scenes from the PRS Rose Show



Rose show honoree, Joe Ennis, receiving well deserved recognition at the awards ceremony



Ken Borrmann came down from the Philadelphia area to sweep the HT court. Ken is holding the Queen of the Show, **Let Freedom Ring**



The fabulous results of everyone's hard work. See full listing of winners on pages 6 and 7 of this issue



Sisters Elizabeth Marciniak (left) and Chris Ventura (center) each won several awards, following in the footsteps of their late father, Charles A. Park, who was a PRS member in the 1960s. Their niece, Katy Kemp (right) got the next generation off to a good start, winning three Junior Awards.

Potomac Rose Society Rose Show Winners List – October 2, 2010

CATEGORY	WINNER	VARIETY(IES)
President's Choice Award (Three One-Bloom/Stem Minifloras)	Andrew Hearne	Dr. John Dickman
Queen of the Show	Ken Borrmann.....	Let Freedom Ring
King of the Show.....	Ken Borrmann.....	Moonstone
Princess of the Show	Ken Borrmann.....	Affirm
Prince of the Show	Ken Borrmann.....	Gemini
Duchess of the Show	Pam Powers.....	Touch of Class
Best Dainty Bess		Not Awarded
Best Floribunda Spray		Not Awarded
Best Polyantha Spray		Not Awarded
Best Floribunda (One Bloom)	Pam Powers.....	Playboy
Best Hybrid Tea Spray	Pam Powers.....	Gemini
Best Grandiflora Spray		Not Awarded
Best Open Bloom	Pam Powers.....	Pristine
Best Climber	Joe Mirilovich	Fourth of July
Species Rose.....		Not Awarded
Dowager Queen.....	Kathy George	Rouletii
Victorian Queen		Not Awarded
Classic Shrub.....	Kathy George	F.J. Grootendorst
Modern Shrub.....	Kathy George	Carefree Sunshine
Best Seedling (Non-Miniature)	John Smith	Seedling 06-532
Best Miniature or MF Seedling		Not Awarded
Miniature Queen	Pam Powers.....	Fairhope
Miniature King	Andrew Hearne	Bees Knees
Miniature Princess	Pam Powers.....	Soroptimist International
Miniature Prince.....	Pam Powers.....	Breath of Spring
Miniflora Queen	Ken Borrmann.....	Conundrum
Miniflora King.....	Andrew Hearne	Dr. John Dickman
Miniflora Princess	Andrew Hearne	Madeleine
Miniflora Prince	Andrew Hearne	Unbridled
Best Miniature Spray	Bill Toth	Soroptimist International
Best Miniflora Spray	Joe Mirilovich	Tabasco Cat
Best Miniature or MF Open Bloom	Bill Toth	Klassy Lady
Best Single Miniature or Miniflora	Pam Powers.....	Glamour Girl
Best Miniature or MF Collection (Three One-Bloom/Stem, Even Match, Same or Diff).....	Andrew Hearne	Dr. John Dickman

Potomac Rose Society Rose Show Winners List (cont'd)

CATEGORY	WINNER	VARIETY(IES)
Mini or MF Collection - Runner Up (Cycle of Bloom).....	Joe Mirilovich.....	Leading Lady
Mini or MF Collection - Runner Up (Three Sprays, Same or Diff)		Not Awarded
HT or G'flora Col-Best Diff Var Even Match	Ken Borrmann	Moonstone, Affirm, Veterans' Honor
HT or G'flora Col - Cycle of Bloom		Not Awarded
HT or G'flora Col - Best Same Var Even Match	Chris Ventura.....	Sonia
Most Fragrant Rose.....	Pam Powers	Pope John Paul II
Best Floating HT/GR Rose In Bowl.....	Ken Borrmann	Cajun Sunrise
Best Miniature Floating Rose In Bowl		Not Awarded
Best Miniflora Floating In Bowl.....	Ken Borrmann	Shawn Sease
Best Rose in a Frame	Elizabeth Marciniak.....	Diana, Princess of Wales
Best Junior Entry - HT	Katy Kemp.....	Tropicana
Best Junior Entry - Floribunda.....	Katy Kemp.....	Hot Cocoa
Best Junior Entry - Miniature		Not Awarded
Best Junior Entry - Any Other Rose	Katy Kemp.....	Sonia
Best Judges Entry - HT or GR.....	Joe Yelinek	Gemini
Best Judges Entry - Miniature.....	Diana Klassy.....	Joy
Best Photograph	Charlie Maier.....	Playboy
Challenge - 4 Hybrid Teas	Elizabeth Marciniak.....	Beloved, Princess De Monaco, French Perfume, John Kennedy
Challenge - 3 Floribunda Sprays.....		Not Awarded
Challenge - "Triad"		Not Awarded
Challenge - Three Different AARS HTs.....		Not Awarded
Challenge - One White HT, GR, F, or Poly Spray.....	Pam Powers	Sheer Bliss
Challenge - Three Diff HT Same Color Class	Ken Borrmann	Veterans' Honor, Uncle Joe, Dublin
Challenge - English Box		Not Awarded
Challenge - Miniature English Box	Andrew Hearne.....	Erin Alonzo, Emma Grace, Sweet Melody, Bees Knees
Challenge - Miniflora English Box.....	Joe Mirilovich.....	Showstopper, Ambiance, Leading Lady, Edisto, Shameless
Challenge - Rose Diversity Bouquet.....	Chris Ventura.....	Sonia, Hot Cocoa, Marilyn Monroe, Daybreaker, Secret's Out
Challenge - Painter's Palette		Not Awarded
Petit Four Challenge -- 4 Micro Min Blms	Bill Osburn	Midget
Challenge - Miniature Bloom & Spray	Lillian Maxwell	Cupcake
Challenge - Three Fragrant Hybrid Teas		Not Awarded
Novice Challenge - PRS Member Less Than 2 Yrs.....	Chris Ventura.....	Louise Park
Novice Challenge - PRS Member Who Never Won Blue Ribbon		Not Awarded
Novice Challenge - For PRS Member Not Prev. Exhibiting		Not Awarded

A Visit to the ARS National Show: Great Roses in the South (GRITS) Conference & Rose Show

by Linda Weese, ARF Member

The weekend of October 7-11, 2010, I traveled to Atlanta, GA with my sister-in-law, Teri Sutton (President of the Kalamazoo, MI Rose Society), to attend the Great Roses in the South Conference & Rose Show. We first explored the show and the many beautiful displays of roses and unique arrangements. There were about 300 entries in the show. On Day 2 we toured four private gardens in the Atlanta area - the Zinn Garden, the Davis Garden, The Tilley Garden, and The Richard Garden (also known as the Griffith House) - the latter was my favorite, with nine gardens and the largest stand of Cumminghamia trees in the southeast. On Day 3 we attended an all-day Arrangements workshop, which I found to be very interesting, educational, and fun. We learned about the many styles of arrangements, the types, the elements & principles of design, as well as the importance of color in rose arrangements. As part of the class, everyone designed and created their own arrangements and they were critiqued by the ten Arrangements Judges (who were also our instructors). Overall, we had a great time & great weather. We enjoyed the show, the gardens tour, the arrangements workshop, and meeting many other people who share our love of roses.

The 2011 ARS Spring National Convention and Rose Show will be in June 2011 in Winston-Salem, NC and the 2011 ARS Fall National Convention and Rose Show will be October 13-16, 2011 in Los Angeles, CA; hosted by The Los Angeles Tinseltown Rose Society.



Miniature Queen - **Joy**
(exhibited by Andrew Hearne)



Some of the many blooms on display



One of the many unique
arrangements

Here is a link to many more pictures from the conference:
http://gwinnettrose.org/2010_National/GRITS_in_Pictures.html

And, here is a link to the show results:
http://gwinnettrose.org/2010_National/GRITS_Results_2010.html

Editor's note (thanks to Kathy George): Andrew Hearne, who recently won top honors in the miniature and miniflora classes at the PRS show, continued his winning ways at the GRITS National Rose Show in Atlanta. Andrew won the Ralph S. Moore National Award (for 9 minis, different varieties, separate containers), with **Bee's Knees, Chattooga, Erin Alonso, Irresistible, Joy, Marie Jeanette, Peter Alonso, Pierrine, and Soroptimist International**. He also won Mini Queen with **Joy** (above) and Mini King with **Soroptimist International**, plus a few other classes. Congratulations to our rose friend from Southeastern Pennsylvania.

BILL'S ROSE NOTE BOOK



by *Bill Blevins*

ARF Consulting Rosarian

This summer's record heat lasted well into September with a couple readings of 99° - 102° in No. Va. and hot, steamy nights. Cooler nighttime temperatures in the last half of September was the perfect setup for powdery mildew in many local gardens. Insects and similar pests had a field day all year. Rose slugs and caterpillars were well fed all year, and seemingly resistant to most insecticides. We finally got some needed rainfall (downpours, flooding, etc.) from one of those persistent named Atlantic storms that had stayed over the ocean most of the summer.

Cutbacks for most of the fall shows came in 7-20 days early, thereby foiling most timing schemes zeroing in on a particular rose show. Joe Mirilovich and I had the honor of judging the MD State Fair on September 4th. A nice show, fairly well attended considering the difficult growing season. The top winners were:

Champion H.T. rose – **Let Freedom Ring** – Diana Klassy

Champion Flor. rose – **Anthony Meiland** – Kathryn George

Champion Mini rose – **Power Point** – Diana Klassy

Champion Collection roses – 12 minis – Diana Klassy

Reserve Grand Champion under 25 – **Dainty Bess** – Anna Wilkinson (It was by far the best bloom of Dainty Bess I've ever seen and I've seen plenty of them. And arguably the best bloom in the show).

Grand Champion under 25 – collection of Knockout-type roses – Cynthia Heaps

Reserve Grand Champion over 25 – collection – Diana Klassy

Grand Champion over 25 – **Let Freedom Ring** –

Diana Klassy

Additionally, the Montgomery Co. Fair rose section Best of Show was **First Prize** shown by Kathryn George. Congratulations to all the winners and our thanks to them for supporting the local shows.

Check the results for the PRS Show on pages 6-7. And yes, of course the local downpours and flooding occurred mostly during the 48 hours before show time. But a good show prevailed with a memorable front table led by Ken Borrmann and Andrew Hearne who swept most, if not all, the HT and miniflora courts respectfully. Ken's **Let Freedom Ring** was an awesome Queen of Show – huge, great color and flawless form. Hope a photo of it graces one of our newsletters. It was his 5th Queen with LFR as it, along with John Smiths' HTs, Randy Scott and Snuffy, are among the hottest new(er) roses across the country. Just check the comments in the latest Horizon Roses 2010 publication, which should be listed in this newsletter (hint). Pam Powers was the big winner for the locals at the PRS show. The little lady pushed a big broom as she swept most of the Mini Court and numerous other mid-level awards. And let's not overlook 13 year old Charlie Maier winning the top photo award with a stunning photo of **Playboy**.

I had the distinct pleasure of touring and observing John Smith's Silver Run Nursery and seedling trials in September. Much promising stuff, among them and new to me:

* A flor./HT long tapered bud and opening bloom (a la **Pascali/Ivory Fashion**) with a champagne tint.

* A light yellow with exhibition form opening to a spectacular OGR quartered-type form with an explosion of about 130+ petals. Easily the most novel bloom seen there that day. This one could have a big future.

* A deep pink/lt. red blend with white and stand-fast form. This one might make **Suffolk** sulk. Color and substance to dream for.

There's more, but enough said for now. I have not listed code names and/or parentage out of respect for the hybridizer.

I've heard through the winding grapevine that Star Roses (Conard-Pyle Co.) will not be selling container grown plants any longer. Bare-root plants? Maybe, I guess. Notice I stated plants, not just roses. Still not sure about J&P roses, but I'm sure someone will pick-up some of the patents. Weeks' Roses dropped several dozen varieties from

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in their holes or bed and the larger canes from rubbing against one another. Pruning for the coming (2011) flower season is done in the spring, so this is just an effort to top out the tallest growers and keep things in bounds. It also helps to have shorter bushes if we get heavy snow cover. Shorter canes tend to bend and break less from the weight of the snow and ice.

Mulching. Adding a few inches of mulch after Thanksgiving is a good practice. Try to pile some of it next to the base of the rose plant to protect any exposed crowns. Pine bark works well but don't be too picky at this time of the year. Take what you can get from the hardware store or County mulch piles. In gardens that are exposed, one might construct wire cages around the more tender rose varieties and then pile the mulch to a height of about 1 foot. This should aid in carrying the plant through the winter.

Transplanting. Now is the time to move rose bushes to new locations. First cut the canes back to about 18 inches in length. Thin out the lesser canes and the really old ones and then strip off any remaining leaves. Next, dig around the plant and lift gently. Try to move as much soil with the root ball as you can. At the new location, make sure your hole is big enough. Improve the growing area with peat moss, compost, or other high quality organic material. Place the rose so it rests at ground level or slightly below. Backfill with improved soil and water well. Your plant should be ready to resume normal growth the following spring.

Miscellaneous. Keep weeding the rose bed. Winter weeds, particularly chickweed, can be difficult to eradicate but it's important to keep them in control so they don't use up the small bits of nitrogen left over from the previous season. Our roses will benefit from this food early next year. Hand pulling works best, especially on established clumps of weeds. Chemical products are not recommended at this time.

Take inventory of your rose gardening needs for next season. The ARF Country Store spring order form will be in the next issue of the newsletter. The store has great prices on Osmocote, Mills Magic Mix, PlantTone, RoseTone, and a host of other fine items for your rose growing hobby. Order early to ensure you get your share of the Store's limited supplies.

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In Memoriam Ronald Camp

Long-time PRS member and Honorary Director, Ron Camp passed away on September 30, 2010 after a long illness. He was 77 years old. Ron joined PRS in 1963 and served for many years on the Board of Directors, as Treasurer, and as chair of the finance committee. His fiscal responsibility and attention to detail were legendary. Ron and his brother operated Vita Foods, a health products store and lunch counter on F Street in DC. He is survived by his wife Ann Camp, four children, and eight grandchildren.

Joe Covey

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the list I've seen, including some with patents. One thing for sure, if it's not selling there is no future for a host of varieties with the larger distributors.

I also hear that some of the plant protection requirements may be modified due to the ever changing logistics and structure of our plant and seed industry. Unrest always brings about some change, but not necessarily the best. I feel some good things will prevail in time.

I have fielded several questions recently on similar subjects so here goes:

*Several growers have tried shredded paper products as mulch. It has proved popular and breaks down fairly quickly. How to keep it in place upon application? Simply water down. Will soak up water and stay in place. Stir occasionally if restless about it.

*Holes in yard and garden beds? I've seen the pictures. Not raccoons, groundhogs or rabbits in my opinion. Maybe chipmunks, skunks (feed on grubs and love bees nests in ground), and some are cicada wasps. The wasps dig fairly large burrows and lay eggs on annual cicada grubs in the ground.

Rose midge has done some damage in nearly every garden I've seen. Buds fail to develop as the tiny larva devour the minute rose bud, often leaving a tiny black dot where it once was. I hope someone reminds me to bring a sample to the November meeting. Please attend the auction.

Farewell To A Friend

On September 23, 2010 we lost a good friend, Robert Charles "Bobby" Cole. Bobby was born and raised in Washington D.C. and later moved to Northern Virginia with his wife, Mary Alice and his three sons Robert, Sam and John, all of whom he was very proud.

Sam's Farm was started in November 1976 by Bobby and was primarily a produce outlet. He raised most, if not all, of his own produce nearby along Kirby Rd, Westmoreland Rd., and other local lots including 10 acres at what is now the Metro Station along Idylwood Rd just off Rt. 7. That 10 acres was planted in Silver Queen sweet corn in the "good old days" as Bobby affectionately recalled them. He was proud to be referred to as a huckster and/or produce peddler as they were called in those "good old days." So began our alliance and friendship, as I also had a truck garden and peddled produce back in the 1960's and later.

We compared war stories and misadventures many times as we potted up or seeded vegetable plants, dinner plate dahlias, roses, perennials and other common interests. Bobby had diverse plant interests. Rare trees and shrubs gave way to roses of all types, particularly HT, FL and GR and later the dinner plate dahlias and the intriguing world of heirloom tomatoes, as well as giant and cactus zinnias. He usually traveled some in a given year and brought back giant cannas and obscure dahlias from Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, as well as fruiting vines and plants from Central America.

Bobby was very gracious to the ARF and PRS, as well as their members. I miss him immensely and feel blessed to have known him. Perhaps we shall meet and reminisce again someday in another place, another time.

Bill Blevins

Oil and Lime-Sulfur Dormant Spray

by Kathy George, PRS & ARF Member

In late January or early February, the rose grower may choose to spray dormant-strength Oil & Lime-Sulfur spray. This kills fungus spores (e.g., blackspot, anthracnose, powdery mildew) and mite and insect pests, including scale, borers, and over-wintering eggs. Lime-sulfur is "organic," but it is rated D for Dangerous by the US EPA, which is the highest danger level. Lime-sulfur is corrosive to skin and can cause irreversible eye damage. Wear protective clothing and goggles, wash hands after using and then shower, and follow label directions. One may spray oil and lime-sulfur during the growing season in a light concentration, occasionally, or up to every two weeks. But do not spray at the heavier, dormant spray level on rosebushes that are not dormant, or they will drop leaves and may be damaged. Therefore, I wait until January or early February, when I know the bush is dormant, to use the dormant-strength spray. I skip dormant spray altogether if there is a warm winter.

Further, I buy Bonide Oil & Lime Sulfur spray concentrate, which is a combination. It is unclear to the casual observer how Bonide prepares the combination, but if you try to mix oil and lime sulfur on your own, they do not mix. If you purchase separate products, spray them at least two weeks apart.

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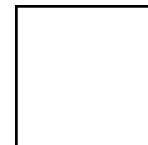


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