

# Ring Around The Roses



**FORT VANCOUVER ROSE SOCIETY  
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON**

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***Affiliated Member of the American Rose Society***

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**May 2024**

## Leadership Remarks

Fort Vancouver Rose Society Board members and many FVRS volunteers have had a busy April. In addition to getting our gardens pruned and readied for the first glorious bloom, many of us are busy keeping up with myriad Society activities. The Community Outreach events with the Portland Rose Society were unique opportunities to connect with potential new members and to introduce our Society to others interested in growing roses.

The 2024 Rose Show Committee continues its organizing and completing of the seemingly endless tasks that must be checked off to have a successful show. The Horticulture, Artistic Design (Arrangement), and the new Photography sections are near finalization. We are delighted to be bringing back the “Men Only” class in the Artistic Design section and, this year, we have a challenging Personal Adornment class that highlights hat decoration.



**Queen Elizabeth**

The Exhibitor show book is getting its final reviews and should be posted soon on our website. A Visitor show book on the day of the rose show will highlight our donor-level patrons and all the trophy donors.

Pick up your 2024 Rose Show yard sign and advertising flyers at the May 2 membership meeting. Also watch for volunteer opportunities to help at the show.

*--submitted by Kathy Fry, Editor*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 1, 2:00 p.m. Arrangement Workshop (registration required)

*Kathy Fry's house - 13108 NE 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Vancouver (see pg. 4)*

Thursday, May 2, 7:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting

Parish Hall at St. Luke's, 426 East Fourth Plain Blvd, Vancouver (see pg. 3)

Saturday, May 4, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Community Outreach

Cascade Greenhouse, 6005 NE 139<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver

Saturday, May 11, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Downtown Camas Plant & Garden Fair

*(see pgs. 5-6)*

Friday, May 17, 9:00 a.m. Work Day at Esther Short Park Rose Garden

*(see page 10)*

### ATTENTION FVRS MEMBERS WITH LAST NAMES S-Z !!!

*Lucky you! Because of the Ice Cream Social at the May meeting, you get to skip bringing a snack to share ... ah, but how about bringing a friend to enjoy the social and silent auction with you?!?*

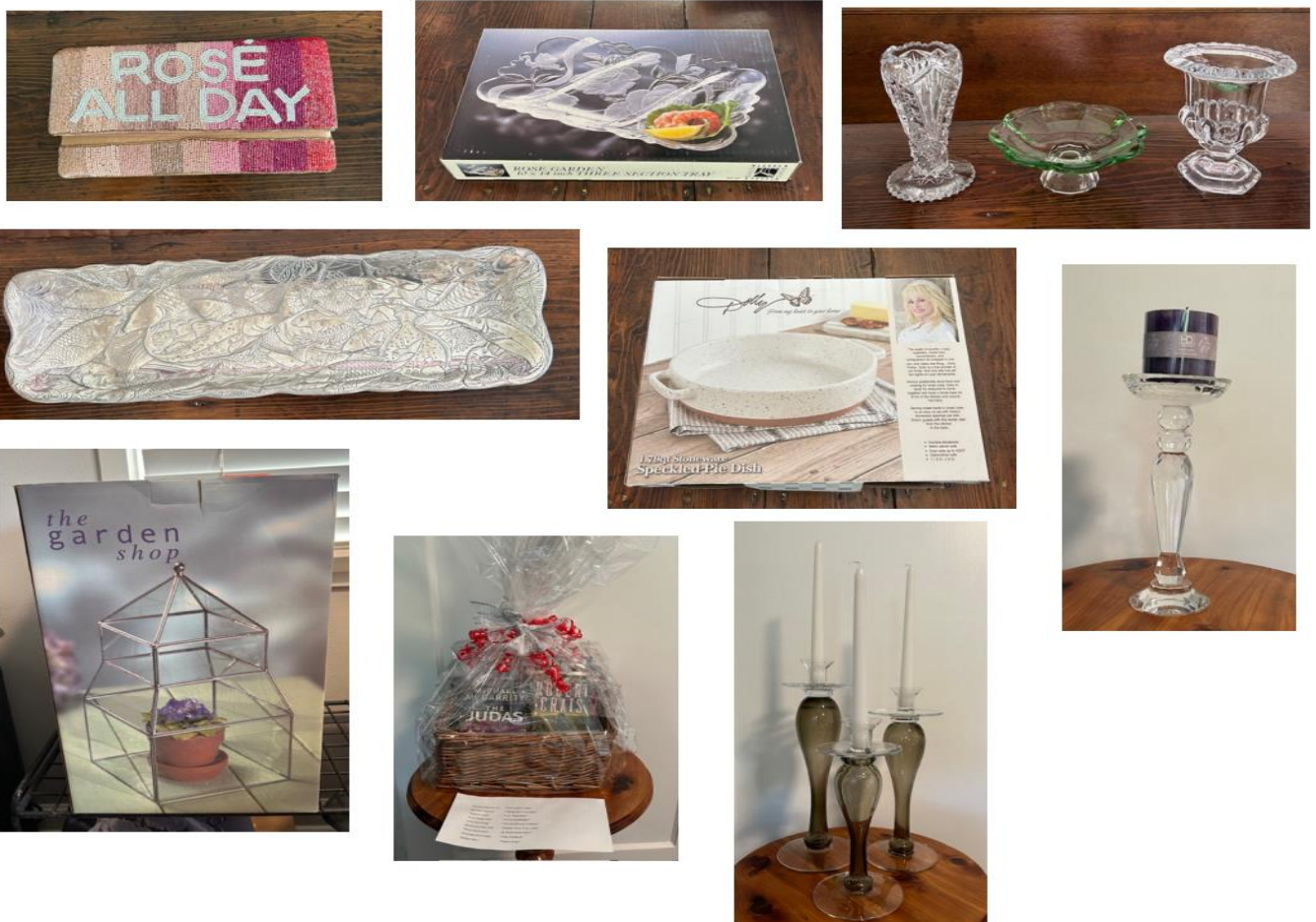


Carol Adams (on right) stopped by the FVRS/PRS Community Outreach booth at Yard 'n Garden Land on April 6. Volunteering earlier that day were Kathy Fry and Margaret Snitzler. On duty when Carol visited were Louis and Sally Rossetto (left and middle) and Jan DeWeese (photographer).

# Silent Auction

**Join us for the Silent Auction at the next  
General Membership meeting on  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

We have a stunning array of unique items, for both home and garden for this year's auction. Including artisanal garden décor, handcrafted jewelry art, crystal, gift baskets, items for your home and so much more. With your support, we're sure it'll be as successful as last year's auction. Pictured below are just a handful of what will be included in the auction.



**During the Silent Auction, these additional, exciting activities will also be taking place!**



**ICE CREAM SOCIAL – Enjoy an ice cream sundae with all your favorite toppings while perusing the auction items and deciding what you'll bid on next.**

**PRUNER SHARPENING – Bring your pruners (no loppers, please!) and have them sharpened by our expert Consulting Rosarians.**



**SOIL TESTING – Is the pH level in your rose garden soil correct? Bring samples of your soil (in small plastic bags) from several areas of your rose garden and get them tested.**

# ARRANGEMENT WORKSHOP NEWS FOR MAY

**\*\* IMPORTANT- PLEASE REGISTER  
FOR THIS WORKSHOP BY MONDAY, APRIL 29 \*\***

**see contact information below**

We are fortunate to have I Li Hsiao, Floral Designer, working with us again. This workshop program is jammed full of hands-on design techniques for creating rose arrangements. You will learn to make reed yarn extenders for use as an arrangement accessory. I Li will focus on the concept of Line in a design. The 2024 Artistic Design (Arrangement) section of our June 29 Rose Show will be available as well as some examples of arrangement types as indicated in the show book. As you can see, there will be a lot to learn on **May 1**.

## All you need to bring is:

- 1. Your black container from the last workshop. (If you weren't at the April workshop, there will be containers available for you.)*
- 2. 4-5 branches. You can use the curly willow from the last workshop if you still have them. Otherwise, just look around your yard or neighborhood.*
- 3. Bring your snips or pruners.*

**Location:** 13108 NE 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Vancouver  
Kathy Fry's Heated Garage  
**REGISTER WITH JULIE at [jhgoggin@comcast.net](mailto:jhgoggin@comcast.net)**  
or call 360-609-1749

**Date:** Wednesday, May 1, 2024

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.



# Downtown Camas Plant & Garden Fair

*Coordinated by Samson Ramirez*

Dear Fort Vancouver Rose Society Members:

We are excited to extend an invitation to all of our members to join us at the upcoming Camas Plant and Garden Fair on May 11, 2024. This event promises to be a celebration of everything green and growing, and we would love for you to be a part of it.

**We are seeking volunteers** to assist in various tasks throughout the day, including setup, community engagement to discuss *all things roses*, conducting a raffle (FVRS-produced arrangements), and helping with breakdown at the end of the event. Your involvement will make a significant difference in the success of our participation at the fair.

If you are available and willing to contribute, please sign up for a block of time that suits your schedule best. Further, if you just want to stop by and hang out at the booth, we will have extra chairs available to seat a total of six people. Your support is immensely appreciated.

Camas Plant & Garden Fair (<https://cwplantfair.org/>)

Date: May 11, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Location: Camas Downtown – Booth (TBD)

## Volunteer Sign-up Info:

QR:



Website: [t.ly/o9B8\\_](https://t.ly/o9B8_)

Thank you in advance for considering this opportunity to join us and make a positive impact at the Camas Plant and Garden Fair. Your dedication to the Fort Vancouver Rose Society and our shared passion for gardening are truly valued.

**We would also like to take a moment to extend a special thanks to Michael and Cheryl Giddings for putting forth the time, effort, and expense to bring the Fort Vancouver Rose Society to Camas. From all of us at the Fort Vancouver Rose Society, thank you!**

*--submitted by Samson Ramirez*

# 25<sup>th</sup> Annual CAMAS PLANT & GARDEN FAIR

SATURDAY, MAY 11 9AM-4PM



in CHARMING DOWNTOWN CAMAS!



From rare *beauties*  
to *funky finds*, this is a  
**favorite event not to be missed!**



Plants, Trees, Flowers, Herbs, Vegetable Starts  
Garden Art • Local Growers and Vendors • Bedding Plants  
Hanging Baskets • Bird Houses & Feeders • Planters  
Plant & Garden Experts Available  
Live Music & Petting Zoo

**Free Kids Fun Zone 10am-3pm**

*downtown*  
**Camas**  
*association*

*A special thank you to our local Scouts for helping with our customer plant hauling needs. Tips gladly accepted!*

**JUST IN TIME FOR MOTHER'S DAY!**

Signature Sponsor:

Another fun event brought to you by the DCA and our generous sponsors:



**CAMAS PLANT & GARDEN FAIR** **WWW.CWPLANTFAIR.ORG**

FORT VANCOUVER ROSE SOCIETY

Presents 69<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Rose Show

## *Spotlight on Roses*



**SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2024**

**1 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

First Evangelical Church  
(GYMNASIUM)

4120 NE St. Johns Road, Vancouver

**FREE TO THE PUBLIC**

*All Rose Growers and Rose Photographers  
are Welcomed to Enter*

Vases will be provided

*\*Enter roses between 7 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.*

*Novice Assistance 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.*

*\*\*Mail 5x7 photos by June 27 or enter by 8 a.m.*

\*Roses Information: Contact Julie or Margaret at 360-609-1749

\*\*Photography Information: Contact Kathy at 360-823-3155

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**With the June 29, 2024 Rose Show sneaking up on us, we are seeking volunteers. There will be sign-up sheets at our next two meetings (May 2 and June 6) for set-up and tear-down help and clerks. We're also looking for wagons. Contact Julie Goggin at 360-609-1749 or Margaret Snitzler at 360-695-0456.**



**Fort Vancouver Rose Society  
Member of the American Rose Society  
Pacific Northwest District**

We are seeking support for one of the largest rose shows in the country! Each year the Fort Vancouver Rose Society (FVRS) hosts a free rose show for our community. The cost to put on the show this year is estimated to be \$8500.

The purpose of the society is to encourage interest in and cultivation of the rose and to spread the love of the rose to our community. Our annual rose show is one of the primary ways to accomplish this. Please consider supporting our 2024 show at one of the following donation levels:

<b>Level 1 – Hybrid Tea</b>	<b>\$500 and over</b>
<b>Level 2 - Floribunda</b>	<b>\$250 to \$499</b>
<b>Level 3 – Climber</b>	<b>\$100 to \$249</b>
<b>Level 4 – Miniature</b>	<b>\$50 to \$99</b>

As an acknowledgment and thank you for your donation, our donors are listed in the show program and in a display that attendees see as they enter the show, Donors are also mentioned in our newsletter. (Remaining anonymous is an option.)

Here are some things to know about our rose show:

- It provides a venue for rose growers across the Pacific Northwest to share their roses with the public.
- It is open to the public with no admission or participation fees.
- Roses are judged by ARS (American Rose Society) certified judges.
- In each category, winners are recognized with ribbons. The top winners receive special recognition.
- Education and awareness concerning roses are two key parts of the show.
- Knowledgeable members and judges are on hand to answer questions from those attending.
- The show is the second largest in the Pacific Northwest and one of the largest in the U.S.

More about FVRS and what the accomplishments of its members through many volunteer hours:

- Maintain the Esther Short Rose Garden and the Covington Rose Garden, both free to the public.
- Conduct free seminars on rose cultivation and care at local nurseries.
- Offer free consultations to persons who are seeking advice on growing and identifying roses.
- Hold monthly meetings that promote the rose and provide information on the care of roses.
- Give presentations to local organizations who desire to know more about roses.
- Plan, prepare and present the annual rose show.
- Maintain a web site ([www.fortvancouverrosesociety.org](http://www.fortvancouverrosesociety.org)) making information available to all who are interested in roses.

**Thank you for considering support of the 2024 FVRS Rose Show.  
The FVRS is a state and federal non-profit: 501c Tax Exempt EIN: 58-1783636**

**Please send your donation made payable to:  
Fort Vancouver Rose Society  
6400 NE Highway 99, Suite G, #457  
Vancouver, WA. 98665**

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Should you have questions or need more information, please contact Maggie Mikalatos, FVRS Treasurer, at [maggie.mikalatos@gmail.com](mailto:maggie.mikalatos@gmail.com).

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## ROSE PHOTOGRAPHY

The 2024 Rose Show Committee is very excited to have Photography added to the competition this year in addition to Horticulture and Artistic Design.

The photo displays for the last two shows were well received, so we are moving to the next step and having a juried Photography section. This will be our first year so, even after thinking through myriad details, I am sure there will be a few wrinkles.

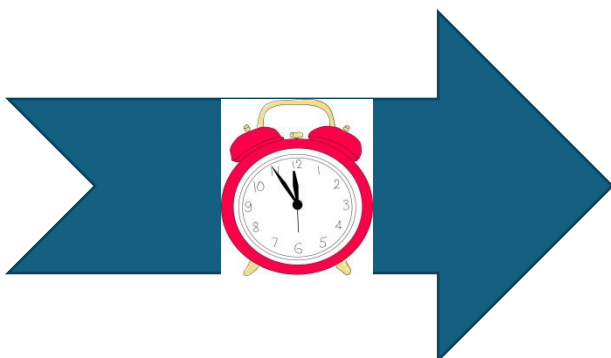
Two highly qualified, nationally known photography judges--Harlow Young and Rich Baer--have committed to our show. Their expertise and guidance at our first juried photography competition will be invaluable and so appreciated. The 2024 Exhibitor Show Book with General Instructions for Photography, as well as Horticulture and Artistic Design, will be posted soon on our website. Look for a display regarding the Photography section at the next two General Membership meetings. Questions? Call Kathy Fry at 360-823-3155 or email your questions to her at [cowjazz1999@comcast.net](mailto:cowjazz1999@comcast.net).

--Submitted by Kathy Fry

## Consulting Rosarian Study Group

A panel of our consulting rosarians spoke at our April meeting on how to apply to the ARS to become a consulting rosarian. Applying involves studying. You are invited to join the conversation regarding forming a study group. There is so much information to learn, and a group could help keep you centered and focused. Contact Kathy Fry at 360-823-3155 if you are interested. The group would not start until after the June 29 Rose Show. In the meantime, you could get a copy of the Consulting Rosarian Manual, \$10 + \$6 shipping from ARS: [2021 Consulting Rosarian Manual | Rose.org](https://www.rose.org/2021-Consulting-Rosarian-Manual)

--Submitted by Kathy Fry



It's time... Actually, it's **WAY PAST TIME** to get your **\$25 FVRS 2024 Annual Dues** paid.

Be sure to see FVRS Treasurer Maggie Mikalatos to pay your dues at the May meeting or send your \$25 check payable to [Fort Vancouver Rose Society](#) to:

**Fort Vancouver Rose Society**  
6400 NE Hwy 99, Suite G, #457  
Vancouver, WA 98665



Bob Britt at the March 8 spring pruning of the Esther Short Park Rose Garden.

## **TIME TO “TIDY UP” THE ROSES at ESTHER SHORT PARK ROSE GARDEN**

**It will soon be time to look over the garden at Esther Short Park. The garden was pruned and cleaned on March 8 so that the roses would begin their spring growth.**

**Beginning at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 17, FVRS volunteers (*that means YOU!*) will “tidy up” the garden—bring pruners, rakes, gloves, buckets—as the first flush of blooms will be starting to show. Pesky weeds will already be showing, so bring your weeders and kneelers to dig them up.**

**After the cleanup at Esther Short Park, we’ll check out how the rose garden at Covington House is faring.**

**Hoping to see you at 9 a.m. at the garden on May 17; donuts and water will be there to keep you going!**



**--Submitted by Jim Swenson 360-606-5622**

# Weather Word

by Ryan Tilley, Meteorologist Supreme

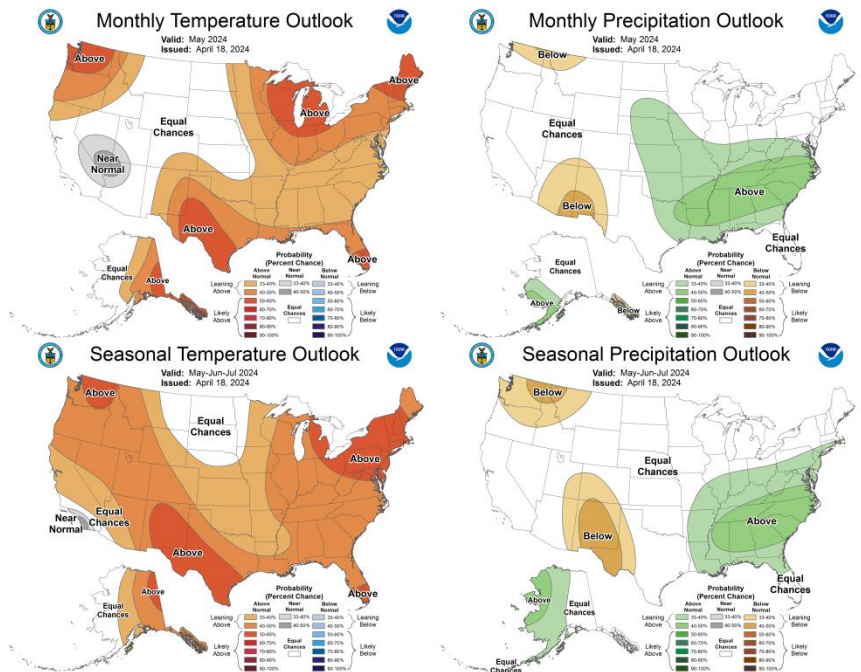


El Nino is basically on life support and by the time Summer arrives we should be seeing ENSO neutral conditions; or, in layman's terms, we will be in neither El Nino nor La Nina. By the time Fall rolls around though, look for a return to La Nina conditions.

So far, April has been mild, but very dry. This trend will continue as well right through the summer. Seems that we could forecast a hotter and drier summer every year without looking at any computer forecasts or ocean temperature data. Could we go a whole summer with no real rainfall to speak of?

Later on this month we will get the official hurricane outlook for 2024, and it will be interesting to see what the NWS says will happen with no El Nino or La Nina to lean on.

Month	Avg High	Avg Low	Avg Precip
May	67	45	2.72
Vancouver	67	45	2.72
Portland	61	43	2.72
Seattle	58	42	2.68
Seaside, OR	55	41	5.91
Spokane	66	44	1.61
Tacoma	60	43	2.99
Salem	68	45	2.20



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**Ryan's Organic Brew.** Want to make your own organic algae? Just fill a trash can with water and some fertilizer like Peter's 20-20-20 and make sure it gets a lot of sun. After a few days, you will get this green slime of organic goodness. I think it helps a bit that this can is in my small greenhouse. I use this to water and fertilize my potted roses as well as any new ones I have planted. If I wanted to make it even better, I could throw in a bit of alfalfa like I do when I make my Alfalfa Tea Recipe later this year. For that, I often also add some Epsom salts, fish emulsion, and/or liquid seaweed.

## Ryan's Way With Roses

by Ryan Tilley, Master Gardener

Spring can be an extremely busy time for rosarians with large rose gardens. I can remember back before 2018 when I had my rose maintenance business, "Rose Gardens by Ryan," feeling overwhelmed every year starting in late February. That was when rose garden start-up for not only my garden, but for 100 rose gardens around metro Atlanta was the order of the day. Late winter pruning, winter mulch spreading, start-up spraying, rose fertilizing, and thumb pruning all came at once. This was especially true as winters got warmer, and spring was skipped in favor of summer-like weather in late February and March. I sometimes wonder how I made it out alive.

Now my Vancouver garden, with its 250 roses or so, is all I have to worry about. Piece of cake. I also remember wanting to keep my rose garden small enough to easily manage. The problem was there were so many planting areas already in place that begged to harbor new roses, I felt compelled to fill them with all my favorites as well as some worthy new varieties. That is what obsessive compulsive is all about, isn't it?

But thanks to my "Queen of Show" win with *Neptune* a few days ago, I no longer have to obsess over my bucket-list item of winning Queen of Show once before I die. Granted, I still want to grow Queen-worthy blooms, but the pressure is off (sort of); and I can take a more relaxed approach to my rose care routine.

For example, for the first 33 years of my rose growing career, I followed a rigorous routine of removing the winter mulch completely away from the bud union and pushing it into the areas between each rose. This meant getting down on the ground, Bionic gloves on hands, and carefully pulling the mulch away and trying not to accidentally break off any newly growing basal breaks, an unforgiveable tragedy. Since I lived in the arctic tundra far north suburbs of Atlanta where severe winter damage/winter kill was a yearly occurrence, I piled tons of winter mulch, sometimes with young roses on fortuniana rootstock held in place by 12-inch-high chicken-wire cages over the bud unions and lower laterals. Now as you can imagine, it took a ton of physical effort on my part to remove and spread this mulch. Back then I had younger knees that could crawl around and in-between the bushes and since I got a lot of free mulch from tree-trimming companies, I did not worry much about the cost of the mulch, unlike today, where I need to purchase the mulch I need. I get composed mulch from **Soil Builders at \$30/cubic yard** and Mini-Nuggets from **Yard 'n Garden at \$50/cubic yard**.

Fast forward to 2024. I still put down a lot of winter mulch, more than I ever thought I would here in the PNW, so there is a lot of mulch to spread. And, some of my roses are hiding behind a 2-foot fence that was needed last year when racoons were digging up many of my roses, making mulch exceedingly difficult to spread. Couple that with several recent knee and hip surgeries and it has become nearly impossible to get on the ground and accomplish this task. I have even resorted to getting a **Scoot-N-Do** contraption to help get around the garden without as much getting up and down and stooping.



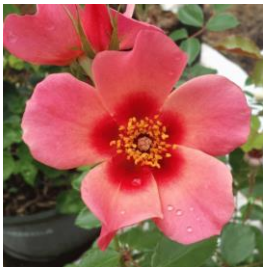
So, my new approach is to push and pull away as much mulch as I can using things like my long 3-prong cultivator that I can use while standing. If you do a good job of your main pruning this can be accomplished a bit easier than you might think. A one or two prong extendable one is even better. Is this as good as pulling all the mulch away from the bud union? No, it is not. But after several years, mature roses have often settled in the ground so that the bud union is partially buried anyway, and own-root roses have all their canes coming from below the soil. So why not below the mulch?

The main reason for pulling mulch away from the bud union is to expose it to sunlight to help it produce basal breaks. I can even remember in my early rose growing days of scraping away the bark from the bud union with a wire brush to expose the bare surface and help produce more buds. And, I still do sort-of subscribe to some of that way of thinking. But can I still do it? No sir I cannot, so I don't. I still get all of the large healthy canes I can handle during the growing season, perhaps too many! The next time I update my article, **The Lazy (Injured, Retired) Rosarian's Guide to Growing Roses**, this tip will be added.

Okay, enough of that. There was a really nice stretch of weather in mid-April, unlike the 2022 snow, sleet, and hail record event, and so I was able to get all of my fertilizing done in 2 days. I was an exceptionally good boy by getting lime added to all of the roses last fall, so I just used the Portland 15-10-10 fertilizer mixed with the slow-release, iron-rich Milorganite.

In the past I have also included the terrific organic product **Mills Magic Rose Mix** from **Beaty Fertilizer**. I highly recommend this, or some other similar product as it contains slow-release goodies like alfalfa meal, fish meal, cottonseed meal, etc... Every year in Atlanta, I would apply this to my garden as well as my client's garden in early spring as it takes a month or so to break down so the roots can use the nutrients and earthworms can chow down. But it is an expensive luxury for my large rose garden and really needs to be applied a bit more carefully at ground level than the other fertilizers to prevent some of it from blowing' in the wind (with all due respect to Bob Dylan).

If you want to buy this product, Beaty Fertilizer still delivers it without a shipping charge, which is good because it comes in 20 lb. to 80 lb. bags. They carry other formulations like **Mills Easy Feed**, which is a liquid that comes in pints to 2.5-gallon jug; and I highly recommend it as well. For my liquid fertilizing needs, I often use Peter's 20-20-20 available in 20 lb. bags. But the Mills Easy Feed is very convenient, and I used it in my fertilizer injector system attached to my well back in Atlanta.



Ringo's All Stars

The first rose to bloom this year is a newly planted hultemia persica bush, **Ringo's All Stars**, which is remarkably similar to the hultemia **For Your Eyes Only**, that was and still is unavailable here in the States. Both have deep, rich, salmon-pink single blooms that transform to lavender pink as they age and with a darkened center eye. Either way, it is a great rose that I am putting in the raised circle around the fountain, which is reserved for short David Austin roses, floribundas, and even a new Knock Out variety, **Knock Out Orange Glow**.

Another that has disappeared from the U.S. is the very first hultemia I ever grew, **Eyeconic Lemonade**, which was yellow with a reddish eye. But a few years back, **Ringo**, was introduced and it was remarkably similar to **Eyeconic Lemonade** including its sluggish growth habit. Perhaps there will continue to be more "**Ringo**" introductions in the future just like there are in the "**Eyeconic Lemonade**" series, like the excellent **Eyeconic Mango Lemonade**.



For Your Eyes Only

Two other hultemia roses that I highly recommend for outstanding color are **Easy on the Eyes** and **In Your Eyes**. Both of these roses have a multi-color effect like **Ringo's All Stars** does. I have 9 each of these roses planted in my rose border on the street next to my driveway and one or two in my floribunda bed.

For the past few years, the first rose to bloom in my garden was the hybrid tea, **Tickled Pink**, a beautiful, fragrant pink blend. However, it has also had its share of winter damage, and I fear this year will be the last year it holds a garden spot. It is now down to 2 short so-so short canes with no strong growth at all yet from the bud union. Since I have quite a few maidens in the greenhouse that will need a garden spot either late this year or more likely early next year, I am satisfied that Mother Nature seems to have decided where some of these maidens will go.

A few other roses on the hot-seat are the underwhelming **Hot Prince**, a rose I would like to replace with the decidedly superior **Hot Princess**; **Cheri**, a stingy, meh orange blend on fortuniana rootstock with decidedly small blooms;; **Affirm**, a delicious medium-pink rose with huge blooms that just won't wake up; **My Lady Barbara**, spectacular in Atlanta, not so much here with relentless botrytis and vegetive centers; **Cinnamon Dolce**, gorgeous color with intoxicating fragrance, but winter tender here; **Stainless Steel**, a beautiful mauve-colored rose which has died back some each of the last 3 years; and **Falling in Love**, a thorny pink blend with supposed show quality blooms that never come. Tick Tock Tick Tock!

On a happier note, the two severely winter damaged mature roses that I cut back to the bud union last year, **Neil Diamond** and **Veterans' Honor**, are beginning to put out some strong growth and should bloom soon. So, I have taken them off the probation list and onto the success story list. Thank God because it would take me an entire day to even try and dig them up.

Another happy note is my *Black Magic* rose survived the winter in good shape. I tried this rose in Atlanta twice, but severe cold spells and/or late freezes doomed them. I really like this rose because of the large blooms size and deep, dark, blackish red color; and they add a nice color to a bouquet in a vase. Other roses in this color like *Black Baccara* class typically have smallish blooms; so, it is *Black Magic* or bust for my garden.

Now that *Rosemania* is gone, I have to find other sources to get my chemicals. A good first place to look is **Do My Own**, a Pest Control, Pesticide, Lawn, and Garden company that has a wide selection of the same things *Rosemania* sold among other things. I recently tried to get **Conserve** at a cheaper price from another company; but I got a stunning message from the seller that it could not be shipped to Washington State...**OH NO!** But then I called **Do Your Own** and talked to a customer service agent who said as long as the chemical is specified **Conserve SC**, it was not a problem, which was true since I received it a week ago. Whew, heart attack averted!

For the fertilizers that I used to get from *Rosemania*, I likely will turn to the aforementioned **Beaty Fertilizer** in Tennessee, which of course has all the **Mills Magic** products with free shipping like *Rosemania*. That is also where I got my Bloomkote timed-release fertilizer in a previous year.

I am starting to get worried about the future of new hybridized roses on fortuniana rootstock from the exhibition circuit. Over the last 20 years we have lost **Johnny Becnel Show Roses** and *Giles Roses* while other smaller fortuniana venders in Florida have proven difficult and unreliable to deal with. Right now, **K and M Roses** in Mississippi is owned by the 80+ year old Jim Mills, who has said, in the future, he may not carry many of the “hot” exhibition roses that are being hybridized by the top exhibitors as there is a smaller market for them as opposed to carrying mostly “tried and true” varieties that have a much wider appeal to rose growers.



**Rocket**

Getting some of these roses as maidens is the obvious solution, but it takes time to go from maidens to productive roses in the ground. And to make matters worse, new maidens from **Wisconsin Roses** sell out really fast, so you must watch for them like a hawk. The 4 maidens I received a few weeks ago include *Rocket*, *Runway Star*, *Camphill Glory*, and another *Clovie*.

The other young roses in the greenhouse are either maidens or fortuniana rootstock roses. They are *Silver Cream*, *Kristen Singer*, and *Pope John Paul II*; and I am hopeful to get them in the ground later this year. These are all great roses and will provide more enjoyment than the stinkers currently on probation.

When I moved here from Atlanta, I made a promise to myself that I would not create any new garden areas for roses, and I have kept that promise. So, for me to plant new roses means that some other roses in the garden have to go. Which is why I put roses on probation each year. Produce nice blooms... or else !!



**Clovie**

Now the warm/hot dry season is here, watering the roses is job one. One practice I like to take advantage of is, when we do get the occasional light rain shower, I like to run my in-ground irrigation system to augment the .10 or so amount of rain that does fall. The cloudy skies and cooler temperatures allow the water from my irrigation to soak in a bit further than it would on sunny, hot days. And, as long as the leaves are going to get wet anyway, why not take full advantage of the situation. Now of course it must rain in the first place and rainy days may be few and far between, if we get any rain at all this summer! Maybe we will get some rain from another record-setting hurricane like last year. Climate Change Baby!

Final thought – Do not fret too much about the canes that are turning black, red, or yellow or have crummy growth. These canes are ones that were cold damaged over the winter. But they were not damaged enough for you to see when you did your main pruning to prepare for spring. When the first warm/hot weather occurs, the canes cannot replenish the water and nutrients that they need to produce canes and blooms, so they die back. In fact, I have actually seen canes grow and produce blooms before the delayed die-back occurred. With luck, the bud union is still healthy and will produce more canes to replace the ones that had to be cut back or removed completely. And, if the rose goes bankrupt; well, now you have a place to plant the roses that you bought but had no real room to plant them.

On that note, the rose garden beckons.

# FORT VANCOUVER ROSE SOCIETY

## 2024 BOARD MEMBERS

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