

# Ring Around The Roses



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## **Leadership Remarks**

Seems like everything now is sort of getting ready for winter. Pruning, but not hard. Weeding, mulching, and planning to get more mulch.

Oh yes, and shopping for new roses. Having just added six new miniatures to my backyard garden, I have to keep telling myself “Stop Now.”

There’s good things happening this month. A special program for our General Membership Meeting and PNW District Conference. Also, the arrangement workshops are back.

We are looking forward to next year already.

At the October General Membership Meeting we will be asking for two or three volunteers to join the Nominations Committee. The committee will develop a slate. The election of 2025 officers, members-at-large, and the Theme for the 2025 Rose Show will take place at the November General Membership meeting.

*Reported by Kathy Fry*

## Mark Your Calendar

October 2, 2:00 pm. Arrangement Workshop. Elks Lodge,  
11605 SE McGillivary Blvd. Pg. 3

October 3, 7:00 pm. General Membership Meeting. Parish Hall,  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Pg. 4

October 11, 8:30 am, November 15 9:00 am. Esther Short Park  
Rose Garden, deadheading and fall clean-up. Pg. 5

October 25-26 PNW District Fall Conference Pg. 8



*Luis Desamero*

*1937-2024*

## ROSE ARRANGEMENT WORKSHOP NOTICE

**WHEN-** Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2:00 p.m.

**WHERE-** Vancouver Elks Lodge,  
11605 SE McGillivray Blvd.  
Vancouver, WA 98683

**WHAT-** Demonstration and exhibits of types of rose design types including: Underwater, Tubular, Transparency, Traditional line mass, Reflective and possibly Illuminary.

**AND**

Your help in determining what you want to learn about at the workshops this year.

This is your chance to make the Arrangement Workshop work for you. Bring your ideas and we will make it happen in 2024-25.

See you on October 2<sup>nd</sup> ! Julie Goggin, Arrangement Chair

360 609 1749, [jhgoggin@comcast.net](mailto:jhgoggin@comcast.net) call or email if you have questions.

**Directions to Elks Lodge:** The Elks Lodge is located at the intersection of McGillivray and Chkalov Drive. The entrance is a fairly long driveway on the South side of McGillivray just at the intersection of Chkalov and McGillivray. I 205 is on the West boundary of the lodge. Take the Mill Plain exit from I 205 and turn South on Chkalov, follow Chkalov to the intersection and light at McGillivray. Proceed directly South across the intersection to the entrance to the driveway for the lodge. There should be a sign. Alternatively, you can come from Mill Plain to Chkalov and turn South on Chkalov, then drive to the intersection of McGillivray and Chkalov and follow the directions as above.



# General Membership Meeting

Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

We are thrilled to invite you to an exclusive in-house online seminar featuring **Jason Crouch** of **Fraser Valley Rose Farm**, a respected rose expert and passionate gardener. Jason, along with his wife Lisa, has cultivated an impressive collection of exquisite roses at their farm, gaining a reputation for producing stunning blooms that light up gardens every spring and summer.

In this special online seminar, Jason will walk us through the essential *fall care practices* he employs to ensure his roses are healthy, vibrant, and ready to bloom beautifully when the warm seasons arrive. Topics will include pruning, soil conditioning, disease prevention, and winter protection—each step crucial for nurturing strong, gorgeous roses.



This is an amazing opportunity to learn from a seasoned grower who is deeply knowledgeable about roses and their care. Whether you're just starting out or looking for ways to improve your rose garden, Jason's advice and techniques will inspire and guide you toward success.

After the presentation, there will be a live Q&A session where you can ask Jason your specific questions about rose gardening. It's the perfect chance to get personalized advice from a true expert!

Don't miss out on this informative and engaging event.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and learning how to grow exquisite roses with Jason!

*Reported by Samson Ramirez*

## Esther Short Park Rose Garden

October 11 beginning at 8:30 the roses will need to be deadheaded, the dead wood on the rose crowns removed and the garden weeded.

November 15 beginning at 9:00 the roses will need to be cut back about waist high, the garden weeded, and compost put over the rose crowns.

Once the rose crowns are covered with compost the garden will be ready for a Winter nap until we wake it again next March.

Your participation helping the rose garden look and grow well this past year is most appreciated. Many people have seen and complimented the beauty of the garden.

See you in the garden.

Gratefully, Jim Swenson Louis Rosetto

8 a.m. August 23...

Bright and early a small but efficient crew descended upon Esther Short Park and made short work of the late summer chores. Considering the potential risk of major damage during the recent reconstruction of the playground and restrooms, the contractors overall seem to have respected and done a nice job of protecting the roses.

Construction appears to be fairly complete, and the fences have now been removed.

However, It's been reported that some unknown individuals have made some irresponsible harvesting runs through the beds, so careful pruning of the damaged, dying or dead canes certainly improved the appearance and will help with recovery before the end of the season.



Along with the normal corrective pruning, deadheading, weeding and sweeping the crew moved right along to the celebratory finish line treats from Donut Nook.

Thanks to Jim for hauling away all the green waste.

*Reported by Michael Giddings*

**Detra Swenson and Kim Erion**



## IN-HOUSE ROSE SHOW *with* Ballgame Supper ...

***What's not to love?!?***

At the September 5 meeting, FVRS members, their guests and meeting visitors feasted not only on a scrumptious supper of roasted hot dogs, chili, chips, veggie kabobs and desserts

***BUT*** also feasted their eyes on gorgeous roses, too!

Lovely arrangements by FVRS members graced the tables during the meeting and evening meal.



Horticultural judges Gary and Cheryl McClain did an outstanding job explaining the attributes of each rose entered in the exhibit classes. They awarded first, second and third place ribbons. First place winners also received a gift card or certificate.

*--submitted by Jan DeWeese*



# IN-HOUSE ROSE SHOW

## Thursday, September 5, 2024

### SECTION I -- BEGINNER/NOVICE

**Class A** First Place: Vicki Holman with *Mother of Pearl*  
Second Place: Jennifer Jacobus with *Firefighter*  
Third Place: Cheryl Giddings with *Queen Elizabeth*



Mother of Pearl

**Class E** First Place: Carol Adams with *April in Paris*  
Second Place: Mary Benson with *White Delight*  
Third Place: Mary Benson with *Sheila's Perfume*



April in Paris

**Class F** First Place: Kathy Fry with *Be My Baby*



Be My Baby

### SECTION II – EXPERIENCED/ADVANCED

**Class A** First Place: Louis & Sally Rossetto with *Black Magic*  
Second Place: Rich & Charold Baer with *Pope John Paul II*  
Third Place: Jan DeWeese with *Parade Day*

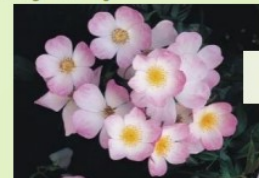
Black Magic

**Class B** First Place: Rich & Charold Baer with *Lavaglut*  
Second Place: Louis & Sally Rossetto with *Lavaglut*



**Class C** First Place: Rich & Charold Baer with *Joy*  
Second Place: Louis & Sally Rossetto with *Swirly Pop*

**Class D** First Place: Margaret Snitzler with *Lyda Rose*



Lyda Rose

**Class E** First Place: Jan DeWeese with *Sugar Moon*  
Second Place: Margaret Snitzler with *Elegant Beauty*  
Third Place: Deborah Erickson with *Sunsprite*

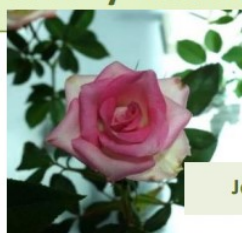


Sugar Moon

**Class F** First Place: Rich & Charold Baer with *Foolish Pleasure*  
Second Place: Margaret Snitzler with *Seattle Sunrise*  
Third Place: Louis & Sally Rossetto with *Joy*



Lavaglut



Joy



Foolish Pleasure



## 2024 PNW DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Friday, October 25, 6:00 pm – 10:30 pm and Saturday, October 26, 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

The Heathman Lodge  
7801 NE Greenwood Drive  
Vancouver, Washington 98662

**Friday Evening:** Arrangement Workshop (hands-on creating an arrangement) presented by **Judy Fleck & Julie Goggin**

**Friday Evening:** Horticulture Judging Audit presented by **Bruce Lind and Gretchen Humphrey**

**Saturday Keynote Speaker:** Steve McCulloch speaking on “Cutting Propagation”

**Additional Speakers:**

**Gary Ritchie, PhD**, our resident scientist, speaking on “**Growing Roses on Glaciated Northwest Soils**”

**John Moe**, speaking on “**Chemical Safety**”

**Jolene Angelos**, presenting the **2024 PNW District Photo Contest Winners**

And of course, we will have the presentation by **Michael Humphrey** of the **District Prizes & Awards for 2024**.

Please call the **Heathman Lodge** at **360-254-3100** and mention “**American Rose Society**” to receive the special room rates of: \$153.00. Hotel reservations need to be made by **Friday, October 4, 2024**, to receive this special rate. We do have a block of rooms. **And please remember to bring items for the Silent Auction!**

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E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Friday Evening Arrangement Workshop \_\_\_\_ (6:30-9:30) Friday Evening Horticulture Judging Audit \_\_\_\_ (7:00-9:00)  
Friday Evening Welcome Reception \_\_\_\_ (9:00 – 10:30pm) Saturday Morning Coffee \_\_\_\_ Saturday Lunch \_\_\_\_  
**\$75.00** \_\_\_\_\_ **per person**    **\$45.00** \_\_\_\_\_ **Via Zoom (stay home and watch via Zoom Saturday only)**  
**\$15.00** \_\_\_\_\_ **Arrangement Workshop Fee**

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# December Holiday Dinner and Installation

Our December meeting and installation of 2025 officers and board members will again be held at the Old Spaghetti Factory, located at 730 SE 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, WA 98661 on Thursday December 5, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

Menu choices are:

Spaghetti with Italian Sausage and Meat Sauce

Baked Lasagna

Fettuccine Alfredo

Mizithra Cheese and Brown Butter over Pasta

Chicken Ceasar Salad

For those who do not want pasta in their entrée, the restaurant will substitute broccoli for the pasta. Please make this choice when you sign up so I can get the order correct. If you are on a gluten free diet please make this note also.

All dinner entrées include salad, bread, and dessert (spumoni ice cream). Beverage choices are coffee, hot tea, iced tea, milk or a soft drink. Any other beverages ordered will need to be paid for to the wait person.

I will be taking reservations for the dinner at the October and November meetings. The cost this year will be \$27.00 per person. Please note your entrée choice when making your reservation. If you have children attending with you, let me know so we can plan for them.

If you are unable to attend either of these meetings you can send your entrée choices and a check payable to Fort Vancouver Rose Society. Mailing address Margaret Shitzler, 4302 NE 49<sup>th</sup> Street Vancouver, WA 98661.

Last but not least. If you'd like to attend, but don't drive after dark, let me know, We can arrange for transportation.

Hope to see everyone at our traditional December meeting.

*Reported by Margaret Shitzler*



# Weather Whiskers



## Weather Word

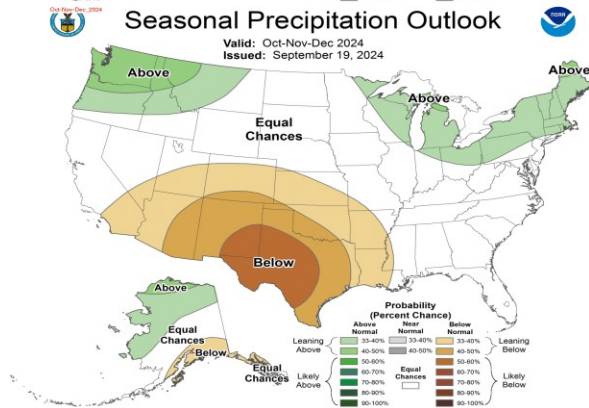
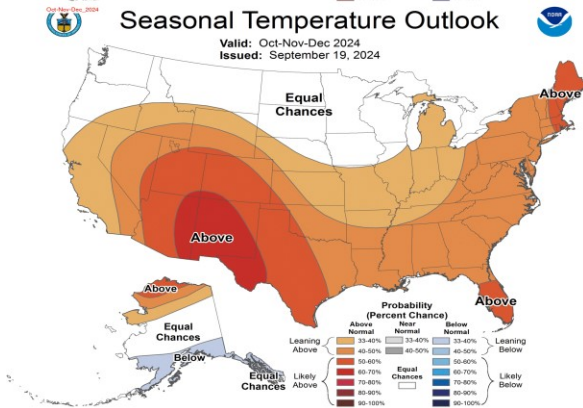
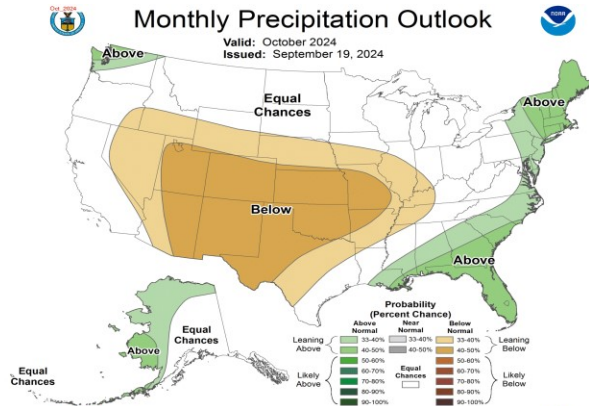
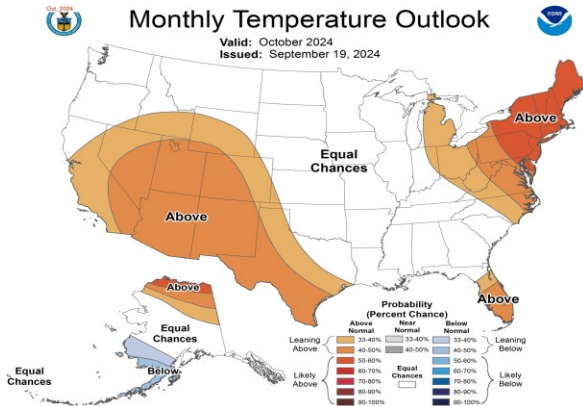
by Ryan Tilley, Meteorologist Supreme

Now that summer is gone, how the NWS do on their long-range forecasts. Well, sort of okay, but not great. Summer was supposed to be ridiculously hot and very dry. But the really hot spells were infrequent and short-lived, only a few days at a time. We topped 100 degrees only once and their might have been a dozen or so 90-degree days. Rainfall was scarce as has been the case the last 5 years.

So how will the rest of the year shake out. Well, October begins the cool rainy season and that is what is being forecasted. A La Nina event is being forecasted by most of the statistical computer models to develop and continue through the winter. As we have seen in the past, this has resulted in a wet winter that is colder than normal. Our recent heavy snowfall events have all occurred with a La Nina in progress. Given this, that is exactly what the NWS is forecasting, and I tend to agree with it.

Also, given all the hype for the current hurricane season, it has been disappointing from a meteorologist viewpoint. But October is still a month that can produce a lot of hurricanes, so there is still time for more strong hurricanes to develop.

October	Avg High	Avg Low	Avg Precip
Vancouver	63	41	3.39
Portland	64	46	3.00
Seattle	59	47	3.27
Seaside, OR	60	45	6.54
Spokane	60	37	0.41
Tacoma	61	46	3.70
Salem	64	42	3.03





## Botrytis Scorecard

by Ryan Tilley

Some information from an article by

Kristine Lofgren,

<https://gardenerspath.com/plants/flowers/botrytis-roses/>

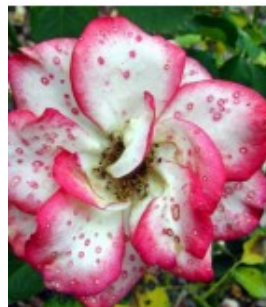
As I was cutting roses from my rose bed along the street the other day, I realized that the much bally-hoed *South Africa* was clean as a bell, unlike many of the other varieties that had some sort of botrytis. I cut a large bouquet right then and there and then started this article.

Botrytis cinerea, a species of necrotrophic fungus that kills its host rather than keeping it alive, is a common fungal pathogen that goes by many other names as well. Grey mold, ghost spot, ash mold, or botrytis bunch rot are just a few! But to most of us, it's that cursed grey-black mold that turns fruit into mush and wreaks havoc on our plants. Note the pictures to the right. They show the many different faces of this accursed disease.



If you have been reading my newsletter for the past 20 plus years, you have assuredly bemoaned the scourge of beautiful blooms, botrytis. I did an article many years ago about chemicals to use against botrytis like **Decree**, **Chipco 26019**, **Compass O WDG**, **Pageant Intrinsic 38WG**, **Palladium**, **Mancozeb**, **Daconil Weatherstick SC**, and **Heritage**.

The only one that my research produced from the Michigan State University floriculture disease program that I have not tried is **Affirm WDG**, but I may give it a try since my **Decree** supply is nearly gone. Funny about **Affirm WDG** is that the hybrid tea rose that I love, *Affirm*, is one of the worst varieties ever as far as getting botrytis. So beautiful, yet so ugly!



Nothing does the trick though, partly because the disease can start well inside of the petals of the bloom where sprays cannot penetrate. This is where the brown, water-soaked petals begin and often the entire bloom will ball up and rot right there on the bush. Even a mild bout of botrytis will produce ugly petals in



an otherwise promising bloom. Sometimes you just get some pink spots on the petals that do not detract as much from the beauty of the bloom, but just enough to be depressing.

Botrytis occurs during cool, cloudy, damp periods where rain and/or heavy dew gets to the inside of the petals. *B. cinerea* struggles to develop without humid conditions and relatively cool temperatures (59-73°F). This means that roses grown in between spring and summer are prone to developing a botrytis problem, especially with poor airflow if roses are planted too close together.

On the bright side, temperatures over 80°F make it less likely for these spores to germinate and spread, and over 90°F, it tends to stop spore development entirely. Hot summers with low humidity are a godsend for roses like *My Lady Barbara* that are susceptible to this disease.

Temperatures lower than 73°F are far more common in the spring. This means that *B. cinerea* is likely to become an early-season issue and require rapid treatment to prevent spreading and plant damage.

And it is not just rain, fog, or mist that triggers the disease. Clear nights with heavy dew can be just as damaging. In my Atlanta garden, nighttime temperatures in the mid-40s or lower for only one day along with showers here and there were enough for the fungus to form and thrive. One 38-degree night 4 days before the GARS rose show was enough to ruin most of the best blooms in the garden. Only 3 days earlier with a mild, showery day my blooms had never looked better. Show quality blooms everywhere. By show time though, meh, not so much.



Before we get to the scorecard, a few general truths. First, heavily petalled roses tend to get botrytis quicker and much worse than roses with less petals : not a rule, but an inconvenient bit of conventional wisdom. Also, roses that never fully open, like *Raphaella* and *Uncle Joe*, can be botrytis magnets no matter how many petals they have. Singles, with 5-8 petals open up fast and tend to have little botrytis. My favorite hultemias like *In Your Eyes*, *Easy on the Eyes*, *Eyeconic Mango Lemonade*, and others are all singles and don't get much in the way of botrytis.

Second, the moment weather conditions improve, so will the blooms, even if you have not deadheaded away the ugly rotting blooms. So, all is not lost during a bad botrytis outbreak. Finally, even if the bloom looks good when you cut it, if botrytis has started inside the petals, you will soon have brown petals on bloom in a vase indoors. Some rosarians here in the PNW have resorted to somehow attaching umbrellas over the top of precious blooms for show.



I suppose it can help, but rain can blow under the umbrellas and 100% humidity can be enough to get the disease train rolling. Other exhibitors have bottle contraptions that not only can be raised and lowered as needed but have **Remy cloth** to help deter insects like thrips.

You would think that roses grown in pots in a greenhouse would be botrytis free, but that is not the case. I still got botrytis on many varieties, although not as much as they might have had out in the garden.

But keep in mind that if conditions are ideal for the botrytis fungus to form, then pretty much every bloom on every variety might end up a rotting, stinky mess. I came home one time from a short vacation in late October to find, after the remnants of a hurricane had dumped nearly 5 inches of rain on my roses, every single bloom was either balled up and rotting or seriously afflicted with brown petals or pink spots.

But the next bloom cycle in November with much drier weather, those very same roses produced a lot of incredibly attractive blooms.



If blooms are having trouble opening due to a few botrytis petals that are sticking to the other petals, try using a Q-tip to gently massage some of the affected petals open to encourage the other petals to unfurl. Do this by gently moving the Q-tip all around the inside of each petal as you try to get it to open in a natural way. Don't worry if some petals tear. Just leave it or use a tweezer to pluck it out of the

bloom entirely. You can also pluck other petals out if they are already brown and ugly.



And those unattractive outer, thicker petals can be removed as well. I recently tried this on all of the New Zealand blooms that were affected by botrytis that was preventing the petal tips from unfurling and got really good results. The blooms did indeed open much more than they would have and made for a nice display. Were they show quality? No, of course not. But a bush full of mostly open, fragrant blooms is not really a bad thing. And they were nice enough to cut and bring



inside. Botrytis blight is not just limited to rose buds and blooms. It also affects the canes as well as stubs from pruning or flower removal. Infected canes may show sunken, dead areas or blackened sections. Photo to the left by R.S. Byther. So, is there any hope for eradicating this insidious fungus? Kristine Lofgren relies on a biological product, Mycostop, to get rid of botrytis. She says that so far, this product has always worked when used in rotation with other fungicides. Mycostop contains a bacteria found in sphagnum peat moss called *Streptomyces* strain K61. You can pick up five- or 25-gram packets [at Arbico Organics](#).



Another newer product, CEASE is a product formulated specifically for dealing with botrytis. It harnesses the beneficial bacteria *Bacillus subtilis*. It's spendy, but effective. You can also get this at **Arbico Organics**. In the past you could get chemicals like these from Rosemania.com. But Robbie has since retired, just like me! We miss you Robbie! Okay, here we go. Below are my mostly subjective picks for roses most susceptible to botrytis and some that seem "less" susceptible both in Atlanta and Vancouver. You will notice that a lot of the susceptible roses happen to be some of the best show roses. A cruel joke for the avid exhibitor.

## Ryan's Botrytis Hit List

### Atrocious Botrytis Pretty Much Any Time of Year

Uncle Joe  
Affirm  
Mr. Caleb  
Cajun Moon  
Dolly Parton  
Nine Eleven  
Eddie Edwards  
My Lady Barbara  
Spirit of Freedom  
Pop Warner  
Cajun Moon  
Lynette  
Vibrant Vonnie  
Liz's Charm  
Jude the Obscure

*Halloween – Hybrid tea*



### Some Roses More Prone to Botrytis Than Others, Especially in Cool, Damp Weather

Moonstone  
Barbara Streisand  
Clovie  
Hot Prince  
New Zealand  
Alec's Red  
Big Ben  
Babies Blush  
Randy Scott  
Neptune  
Veterans' Honor  
Randy Scott  
Raphaella  
Denali  
Full Sail  
Eden  
Buxom Beauty (Parole)  
Signature  
Memorial Day  
Halloween  
Mohana

### A Few Roses That Seem "Less" Susceptible Than Other Roses Year-Round

Most Single Roses (5-8 petals)  
South Africa  
Over the Moon  
Stephen Rulo  
Hot Princess  
Picture Perfect  
Frances Meiland  
Ring of Fire  
Love at First Sight  
Paul Ricard  
St. Tropez  
Just Joey  
Gift of Life  
Pure Perfume  
Perfume Delight  
The Great White  
Parade Day  
Pink Promise  
Peach Swirl  
Paul Ricard  
Maurice Utrillo  
Dainty Bess  
Dona Martin  
Tamora  
Mutablis  
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Silver Cream  
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