

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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LEADERSHIP REMARKS

Talking with a friend this morning about the weather, she made a comment about *Indian summer*, and I thought about all the work I have to do to get my garden and yard ready for winter. First, with some help, I managed to spread five yards of compost. Glad that's done!

I was excited to hear that Rob Zimmerman will speak at our October meeting. He has the best compost around! Our consulting rosarians will also be there to sharpen tools and answer questions about tending our roses this fall. And, Wendy Tilley (The Rose Gardener / Harlane Garden Labels) will share holiday gift-giving ideas. *Definitely not a meeting to be missed!*



In this newsletter you will learn about events in the next month and find lots of opportunities to get involved. Enjoy!

--Submitted by Kathy Fry, FVRS President

Louis Rossetto, Gene Fults and Kathy Fry at Esther Short Park Rose Garden on workday in October 2023 ... just one of the FVRS opportunities to get involved!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday, October 2, 7 p.m. **General Membership Meeting**

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 426 E. Fourth Plain Blvd.

Speakers: Rob Zimmerman – Mulching our Roses

Wendy Tilley – Holiday Gift Ideas



AND...Bring Your Pruners or Loppers
to be sharpened
(one tool per person, please!)

Saturday October 4, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. **PlantFest** (*see page 3*)

Friday, October 10, 9 a.m. **Workday**

Start at Esther Short Park Rose Garden then travel
to Covington House -- pizza at Covington House provided
by Covington House Foundation (*see page 4-5*)

Friday and Saturday October 24-25 **PNW District Fall Conference**
(*See page 9*)



2022 Conference: Margaret
Snitzler at registration table



2022 Conference: Silent
Auction shoppers



2022 Conference: Mary
Hoover awarded CR Emeritus

SNACK/REFRESHMENTS SCHEDULE

A - F February and June

G - J March and September

K - R April and October

S - Z May and November

PlantFest 2025

Saturday, October 4, 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Clackamas Community College in Oregon City at the Gregory Forum, 19600 Molalla Ave, Oregon City, OR 97045 [\[MAP\]](#)

The Hardy Plant Society of Oregon presents PlantFest – a celebration of the changing seasons and the arrival of fall! Enjoy a speaker presentation by Lisa Graff of [Lux Perennials Nursery](#) about the power of fall planting, shop from boutique nurseries and garden art vendors, and take advantage of on-site tool sharpening. It is the perfect way to say goodbye to summer and welcome the crisp, colorful days ahead.

[Find out more information and get tickets to the lecture here.](#)

Plant sale is free and open to the public!



--Submitted by Jan DeWeese

Esther Short Park October Workday

October 10 at 9 a.m.

We did a wonderful job of cleaning up the crowns of the roses last October and need to do it again this year. The work we do will rejuvenate the roses to help grow new canes from the crowns. It entails blowing or raking the leaves off the crowns and cutting off the dead, dying, diseased and damaged canes, as well as some of the twiggy canes growing from the crowns of the roses.

We will be working down near the ground so you may want to bring knee pads along with your loppers and long sleeve gloves. Then, too, the garden will need to be weeded and the leaves gathered up. When our work is done the roses will be in better condition when we cover the crowns with compost on November 11, which is Veterans Day (free parking!). Also, along with adding compost over the crowns in November, we will be cutting back the roses to about waist high.

See you all at the Esther Short Park Rose Garden at 9 a.m. on Friday, October 10. Pray and hope for no rain.

Thank you and see you in the garden!

--Submitted Jim Swenson and Louis Rossetto

On Friday, August 22, a group of dedicated, diehard deadheaders (new word!) met at 8 a.m. to clean up the roses at Esther Short Park.

Many thanks to Bob Britt, Nathan Day, Gene Fults, Michael Giddings, Frank Hecker, Craig Homnick, Maggie Mikalatos, Louis and Sally Rossetto and Jim and Detra Swenson.

Afterwards, the garden looked nice for the weekend activities at the park.

--Submitted by Kathy Fry





**Mike Giddings and Kathy
Fry at the August 22
workday at Esther Short
Park Rose Garden**

**Rose *Melody Parfumée*
... looking good!**

Rose Note Cards

Some of you may have noticed the display of rose note cards at our September meeting. Here is how the cards came about:

This summer, FVRS participated in some community events that were held outside. We needed to be able to share something that would represent our roses but not be affected by the heat. Having something to sell would be a plus. Note cards that featured our roses seemed like a good idea, and we could include our logo on the back.

It was after the 2025 Rose Show so we asked our members who entered the photography section if they would allow us to use their photos to make note cards. If so, they would send in their digital copies. We received quite a few photos in response to this request, and 20 of the photos were selected to feature on the cards. The photo appeared on the front of the card and included the name of the rose. The back of the card showed our FVRS logo and credited the photographer. The cards were sold in sets of 10 for \$10 each. All the sets were sold except the ones that were used for display. The proceeds have been added to the Rose Show Fund.

At the July 19 event celebrating the 200th anniversary of Fort Vancouver, FVRS had a table and display section where we shared the actual photos on our photo display stands along with the rose note cards (we had also asked permission from our members to do this). The feedback on both was incredibly positive, and it was a great way to share FVRS with the community.

Thank you to those who entered the photography section of our rose show and then generously allowed the use of their photos!

--Submitted by Maggie Mikalatos



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Fort Vancouver Rose Society has participated in the Kroger Community Rewards program for many years. If you have not set up your Kroger account to benefit FVRS, we encourage you to do that now. This is what you have to do as outlined by Kroger on their website:

Enrollment Steps

1. Create or Log In to Your Account: Visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com or download the [Kroger mobile app](#).
2. Navigate to Community Rewards:
 - o Website: Sign in, and on your account page, find the Community Rewards section to enroll.
 - o App: Log in, then navigate to the Rewards section and select "Kroger Community Rewards."
3. Find and Select Your Charity: Search Fort Vancouver Rose Society
4. *Enroll: Click the circle next to FVRS and complete the enrollment process to link your card.*

How to Make Your Purchases Count

Use Your Kroger Plus Card: When shopping, present your Kroger Plus Card or your alternate ID (often your phone number) at the register during checkout.

Automatic Contributions: Once your card is linked and you use it at checkout, a percentage of your spending will automatically be donated to your selected organization.

Important Notes

No Cost to You: ***The Kroger Community Rewards program costs you nothing;*** Kroger makes the donation to the charity on your behalf.

Link Your Card: You must have your Kroger Plus Card number or alternate ID linked to your digital account for your purchases to apply to the program.

Show Your Card: Always present your Shopper's Card at checkout to ensure your transactions are credited to the program.

More than One Charity: You can designate more than one charity. If you do, the money generated by your participation is divided equally between your charities.

FVRS receives a check from Kroger quarterly. The more members who participate, the bigger the check!

--Submitted by Maggie Mikalatos

Fort Vancouver Rose Society
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September 15, 2025



Dear Society Members,

Greetings, I hope this finds everyone well. I am writing to communicate the financial state of our Society. Our Treasurer, Maggie Mikalatos, reports that we are in good shape. The move to OnPoint Community Credit Union offers high interest rates on the monies we have there. And, with interest in our MoneyMarket account, our money is working for us.

Looking forward to 2026, we do not see any need to increase dues. At a time when everything seems to be going up, that is good news.

Why Should You Pay Your 2026 Dues Before This End Of The Year?

Fort Vancouver Rose Society is a member of the American Rose Society. ARS membership is paid annually and due for renewal in January of each year. ARS offers member societies liability insurance. This insurance must be purchased when the annual membership is renewed. The cost of insurance is based on the number of members in the society, and a roster of names has to be provided. FVRS purchases this insurance each year.

Current members of FVRS should pay their dues for the coming year by the end of December 2025. When they do this, they are included in the insurance coverage.

For this reason, we are requesting our members pay their \$25 dues beginning at the October meeting or have them paid by end of the year. Dues can be paid with a check or cash at a meeting or event or send a check to our postal box.

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Yours sincerely,
Katherine Fry, President



2025 PNW DISTRICT FALL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Friday, October 24, 6:00 pm – 10:30 pm and Saturday, October 25, 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

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

Saturday Keynote Speaker: Kristin Ohlson, author of *The Soil Will Save Us* and *Sweet in Tooth and Claw* will present her research on how we can build “Healthy Soil to Save a Myriad of Problems: Drought, Erosion, Air Pollution, Climate Change.”

Additional Speakers:

Robin Gee of Heirloom Roses will be speaking about the rose business at Heirloom, favorite varieties and other topics.

Jolene Angelos will present the **2025 PNW District Photo Contest Winners**

And of course, we will have the presentation by **Caroline Fredette** of the **District Prizes & Awards for 2025**.

Please call the **Heathman Lodge** at **360-254-3100** and mention “**American Rose Society**” to receive the special room rates of: \$154.00. Hotel reservations need to be made by **Friday, October 3, 2025**, to receive this special rate. We do have a block of rooms.

And please remember to bring items for the Silent Auction!

Name _____ Home Society _____
E-mail address _____ Phone _____
Friday Evening Arrangement Workshop ____ (6:30-9:30pm) Friday Evening Horticulture Judging Audit ____ (7:00-9:00pm)
Friday Evening Welcome Reception ____ (9:00-10:30 pm) 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

Please make your check, payable to:

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Send this registration form or a facsimile, along with payment to:

Katherine Johnson, PNWD Treasurer Phone: 503-289-4894 E-mail: PNWD.Treasurer@gmail.com
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Portland, OR 97203



2025 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Return this completed form with payment to:

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_____ I wish to join the Fort Vancouver Rose Society

ANNUAL DUES

\$25.00 Fort Vancouver Rose Society (per household)

The Fort Vancouver Rose Society is affiliated with the American Rose Society

The American Rose Society exists to promote the culture, preservation and appreciation of the Rose, and to improve its standard of excellence for all people, through education and research.

If you wish to join the American Rose Society, please go directly to their website: www.rose.org

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(Please make checks payable to Fort Vancouver Rose Society)

Join the American Rose Society

Invitation to Join the American Rose Society



Benefits

Member of the American Rose Society receive the following benefits:

- Six issues of the award-winning *American Rose* magazine. This bi-monthly publication features informative articles and beautiful photography.
- *The Handbook for Selecting Roses*. This publication provides evaluations on over 3,000 roses.
- Educational Webinar programming available free of charge to ARS members.
- Access to the online bookshelf containing archival magazines, handbooks and other valuable ARS literature and educational material.
- Free or reduced admission to over 350 botanical gardens throughout the US through the Reciprocal Garden program.
- An updated website including our Rose Forum where members can find information, ask questions, access publications and more.
- Discounts of up to 20% at merchant partners. ARS Membership Benefit Partner program offers discounts at a number of merchants with new partners being added continuously.
- Online access to World Federation publications featuring rose history and gardens around the world.
- Free Advice from Consulting Rosarians. ARS Consulting Rosarian program connects members with expert rosarians that provide free assistance with your rose questions.

American Rose Society Membership:

- **Annual Individual Membership** is \$55 with a digital magazine or \$75 with a printed magazine
- **Annual Associate Membership** is \$20. When a husband and wife are both members of the ARS one pays the full membership while the other pays only \$20. Only one magazine per household.
- **Lifetime Membership** is a membership for one person for their lifetime: \$1,900 or \$950 for seniors 65+.

Join or Renew:

- **Join on line at** rose.org/join-renew Fill in the on line form and provide credit card information.
- **By Mail:** Print and fill in the form below; enclose a check or provide credit information.

Name: _____ Local rose society _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Preferred Phone: _____

Annual Membership: \$55 Digital magazine _____ \$75 printed magazine _____ \$20 Associate with spouse _____

Check Enclosed: \$ _____ Make check payable to American Rose Society

Mail to: American Rose Society, P.O. Box 30,000, Shreveport, LA 71130

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