

Ring Around The Roses



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LEADERSHIP REMARKS

I hope everyone has had a nice, relaxing summer. It seems my roses are relaxing also. This, I think, is a good thing.

Although it is not the New Years, it sort of feels like it. The FVRS Board is looking forward to planning the next few months and already into the next year. This is the time of year we discuss next year's dues. After considerable debate, the Board decided not to increase dues. We are in good shape financially at the present time. Look for Carol Adams' 2027 dues announcement on [page 7](#).

We are also in a transition stage within the Board. Mary Benson has requested a leave of absence from her position as Co-Second Vice President. This has been a co-person position for the last couple of years. Michael Giddings, the other Co-Second Vice President, continues recovering from medical issues from last December and is not quite ready to tackle the job alone. Anyone interested should let me know!

Also changing is our Consulting Rosarian Member-at-Large, Leslie Mowers. Leslie will step down this September. Jim Swenson has agreed to step into the position; he brings experience, knowledge and “can do” with him. Last, we have also lost one of our Board Members-at-Large with the recent passing of Wendy Tilley. She is dearly missed on the Board and within the Society. Both her enthusiasm and love of roses were assets to everyone who knew her.

And now for some goods news.

Donna Peterson and David Pfaff exchanged marriage vows on Saturday, August 1, 2026. The ceremony was held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Vancouver. Daughters Kari and Nicole stood in as witnesses. After the ceremony, a reception was attended by more than 200 family and friends. Congratulations Donna and David!



--Submitted by Kathy Fry, President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday, September 3, 2026 -- General Membership Meeting

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

WINGS AND ROSES: Annual In-House Rose Show and Dinner

Doors open at 6 p.m. for set up; program starts at 7 p.m.

See pages 4,5,6.

Friday, September 11, 2026 -- Workday at Community Gardens

Esther Short Park Rose Garden and Covington House Rose Garden

We'll begin at Esther Short Park at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 30, 2026 -- Arrangement Workshop

Time and location TBA.

Wednesday, October 1, 2026 -- General Membership Meeting

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

7:00 pm.



SNACK/REFRESHMENTS SCHEDULE

A - F February and June
G - J March and September
K - R April and October
S - Z May and November



Exclusive Presentation

WINGS AND ROSES

One time showing at a Meeting Near You!

Thursday, September 3, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Setup starts at 6:00 p.m.

Chicken Wings and all the Fixing's provided by your Board



Dipping sauces, side salads, dinner rolls, water provided.

Please bring a dessert to share!

In-House Rose Show Schedule - next pages

2026 In-House Rose Show

Please note changes in this in-house rose show, specifically, vases will be provided by the rose society, you do not need to bring your own vase to display your roses on the exhibit table. Many thanks to Gene Fults for managing the transport of vases from storage.

Horticulture Instructions/Rules

- * Vases for roses will be provided.
- *One entry per person in each class of your appropriate section.
- *Entry tags will be available at the meeting.
- *On each entry tag, indicate either Section I- Novice or Section II- Advanced as well as the class.
- *Cut stems long enough to balance the size of the blooms and foliage. Remember, you can always cut a stem shorter, but you have only one opportunity to cut it longer.
- *Don't forget to print your name on the entry tag.

Horticulture Exhibitor Schedule

Section I: Novice/Beginner

Section II: Experienced/Advanced *Note: the classes are the same in the two sections.

Class A: One hybrid tea or grandiflora, disbudded. This means no side-buds or small leaflets where a bud might normally be- but do not remove regular large leaflets.

Class B: One floribunda spray, a cluster of blooms with at least 3 blooms in a cluster, all coming from one main stem.

Class C: One miniature/miniflora bloom, disbudded.

Class D: One stem David Austin rose, or another shrub, Old Garden Rose, or climber.

Class E: Large rose- floating rose

Class F: Miniature/Mini Flora- spray

Artistic Design- Rose Arrangements Instructions

* Note: please read instructions carefully as there have been some changes from last year.

3 Sections- Traditional, Modern-Creative, East Asian

**Novice and Advanced exhibits will enter the same section, but Novice entries will be judged against the other Novice entries and Advanced entries will be judged against Advanced entries. There will be a first place for Novice and a first place for Advanced entries in each section.

Rose size- in each section you may choose to use either large roses or miniature/miniflora roses for your design, but your design cannot be composed of a mixture of large and small roses. In other words, your design can have only large roses or only small roses.

Size of exhibit- for large rose designs height is not limited but should be no wider than 24 inches. Miniature/mini flora rose designs should not exceed 12 inches in height and width.

Mark Novice or Advanced on your entry card, this is important. Mark the Class number of your design on your entry card. Don't forget to put your name on the entry card.

Accessories- accessories are permitted but should be subordinate. Remember, the idea is to interpret rather than to illustrate the theme.

One entry per class.

Arrangement Schedule

Class 1: Traditional Line Design- your choice of line design including horizontal, crescent, vertical, diagonal, Hogarth Curve, triangular.

Theme: "Winging Southward"

(Both Novice and Advanced enter this class. Novice will be judged with Novice entries and Advanced entries will be judged with Advanced entries. See above information**.)

Class 2: Modern Creative Design- a creative design showing movement.

Theme: "Winging It!"

(Both Novice and Advanced enter this class. Novice will be judged with Novice entries and Advanced entries will be judged with Advanced entries. See above information**)

Class 3: East Asian Design- your choice of Moribana or Nageire design types. See definitions below.

Theme: "Lift Off"

(Both Novice and Advanced exhibitors enter this class. Novice will be judged with Novice entries and Advanced will be judged with Advanced entries. See above information**)

Moribana Design- A design in a low container showing water. Creates a natural garden setting and consists of 3 main lines: Heaven, Man and Earth. The design must show the 3 lines.

Nageire Design- A design in a tall container- creates a freely arranged grouping of plant material. May be vertical, slanting, cascading and consists of 3 main lines: Heaven, Man and Earth.

In-House Rose Show Schedule prepared and submitted by Julie Goggin and Margaret Snitzler

2027 Dues Reminder

Our annual FVRS Membership Dues drive is upon us...time sure does fly by!

The 2027 yearly dues are just \$25 per household. We continue again this year to keep the dues the same. Please have them paid by the end of December 2026.

Doing so will include you in the insurance coverage.

(Please refer to the letter to be sent via USPS from Kathy Fry dated Sept. 15, 2026, and also included in the September and October Newsletter).

Dues can be paid with a check or cash at a meeting or event or send a check to our postal box:

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

Thank You,
Carol Adams
First Vice President & Membership Chair



Red Dogg Rides Again

The last event of the Portland Rose Festival, sponsored by the Royal Rosarians and Portland Parks and Rec, is the **Milk Carton Boat Race**. For the second time Red Dogg was there. This year the boat was sponsored by the **Fort Vancouver Rose Society** (gets our name out there!). Boat Captain, Rebecca Bunce, was joined by crew members Travis Liljenquist and Ginny Greer, design consultant Margaret Hunter, and manager Kathy Fry. More than 50 boats entered, made from milk cartons donated by Alpenrose Dairy.



The Portland Rose Society sponsors two awards for the best “Boat Design with a Rose.” Red Dogg won this award for the second year in a row! PRS President Beverly Bown presented Becky

Bunce and Kathy Fry with a lovely *Living the Dream* Rose. With our co-mascot, **Magic**, it was an easy win.



Living the Dream



--Submitted by Kathy Fry

PRINDLE MOUNTAIN GARDEN TOUR

For the second year in a row, Jim and Kim Erion opened their spectacular property to a wonderful event.



Kim's vision of what she wanted her garden to look like is coming together in grand fashion. Her hard work and persistence amazes everyone who visits. Her attention to the smallest of details is evident everywhere.



Guided tours of the property, combined with lunch by *Raven Moon Catering* and plenty of time to socialize, made for a truly special afternoon.



--Submitted by Kathy Fry



FORT VANCOUVER ROSE SOCIETY 2026 FVRS MEMBERSHIP FORM

\$ _____ **ANNUAL Fort Vancouver Rose Society DUES at \$25 (per household)**

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME: _____

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NOTE: 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 the ARS website:
www.rose.org.*

\$ _____ **FVRS MEMBERSHIP NAME TAG at \$12 each**

If you would like to order a FVRS name tag, please check below. If you are a Consulting Rosarian or Master Rosarian, check the applicable box and the designation will be included on your name tag.

_____ Yes, I would like a FVRS NAME TAG
(tag will reflect name provided above)

☐ I am a Consulting Rosarian ☐ I am a Master Rosarian

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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: _____

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

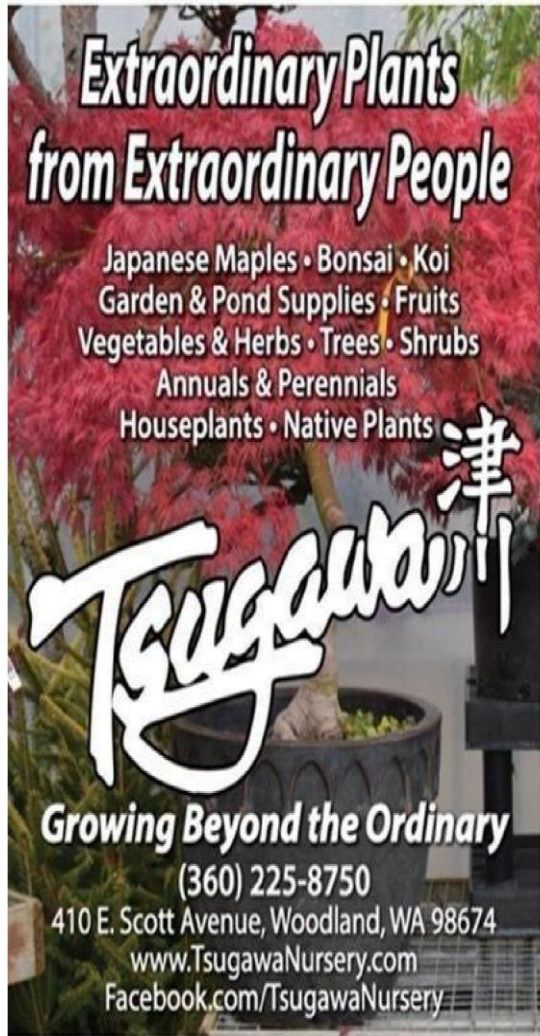
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