

Ring Around The Roses



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Leadership Remarks

Fort Vancouver RS: Spot Light on
Roses

Event Type Local Rose Show
Event Host Fort Vancouver Rose Society
Event Name Spot Light on Roses
Event Date June 29, 2024
Time
Venue TBA (See our website for updates)
City Vancouver
State Washington
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Event Link <https://fortvancouverrosesociety.org>

Is it just me or did November seem like it could go on forever? I guess maybe it's just looking forward to December.

A very productive and informative General Membership meeting on November 9 started the month for FVRS. Then, more member activity took place on November 10 with the winter closing of the rose garden at Esther Short Park. *Thank you to Sally Rossetto and Jan DeWeese for your newsletter articles on these Society events.*

I'm pleased to report that our 2024 Rose Show will appear in the May-June edition of the American Rose (the bi-monthly magazine of the American Rose Society). With the show date of June 29, 2024 (determined this past July by the FVRS Board and the Rose Show Committee), and the theme, *Spotlight on Roses* (determined by the General Membership at our November meeting) we met the six-month advance publication deadline. Thank you, everyone... we're there!

--submitted by Kathy Fry, Editor



Fort Vancouver Rose Society
2024 BOARD OFFICERS AND MEMBERS-AT-LARGE
NOVEMBER ELECTION



At the November 9, 2023, meeting of the Fort Vancouver Rose Society, the 2024 Nomination Committee presented a slate of names to be elected by the General Membership to serve as 2024 Board officers and members-at-large. The committee consisted of two 2023 Board members--Kathy Fry and Sally Rossetto--plus three members from the FVRS General Membership--George Boozer, Deborah Erickson, and Phyllis Pegg. The slate provided for each position to receive nominations from the meeting floor, which were then written on the ballots provided each member for the election.

Sally Rossetto, representing the 2024 Nominating Committee, reported that, after contacting FVRS members to fill the slate, the office of president was still vacant. Sally opened the meeting floor for nominations for the office of president. As there were no accepted nominations received, a motion was made and seconded to place Article IV of the FVRS Constitution & Bylaws in abeyance for 2024 as it pertains to the duties and responsibilities of the position of president. The motion passed, allowing the 2024 Board to function as a leadership team.

The consulting rosarians elected the 2024 CR member-at-large, which will be a shared position filled by Jim Swenson and Louis Rossetto. Two persons from the General Membership were also nominated for the position of member-at-large. After the nominations closed, the General Membership voted and the ballots were then counted. The following FVRS members will serve as the duly elected FVRS 2024 governing body:

President... (open remains open)
First Vice President... Carol Adams
Co-Second Vice Presidents... Mary Benson and Samson Ramirez
Secretary... Jan DeWeese
Treasurer... Maggie Mikalatos
CR Co-Members-at-Large... Louis Rossetto and Jim Swenson
Members at-Large... David Goggin and Wendy Tilley

Louis and Sally Rossetto will continue to serve on the FVRS Board as immediate co-past presidents. At its first meeting in January 2024, the FVRS Board will officially appoint the editor, webmaster, historian and committee chairs to serve in 2024. It is anticipated many of the positions will be filled by those members who served in 2023 (a fabulous year for the Society as it celebrated its 70th anniversary!) and those members who are already working hard on the 2024 Rose Show and serving in ongoing positions.

A special thanks to members of the 2024 Nomination Committee for their work in developing the election slate. Last, huge congratulations to the new and the continuing members of the FVRS 2024 Board!

--submitted by Sally Rossetto

YAY! ... WE'RE DONE AT ESTHER SHORT PARK FOR 2023!

Thank you to the eleven folks who showed up Friday, November 10, to cut and mulch the rose garden at Esther Short Park. Yes, again we had eleven folks as Julie Goggin said she was just there for the doughnuts...that Julie is such a jokestermeister!

With everyone pitching in, we got the job done in about 2 hours

**Bob Britt – Dan DeWeese – Jan DeWeese - Kathy Fry – Cheryl Giddings – Mike Giddings
Julie Goggin – Samson Ramirez – Louis Rossetto – Sally Rossetto – Detra Swenson – Jim Swenson**



And, HUGE thanks to **Rob Zimmerman** of Soil Builders, Inc., for his generous donation of 8 yards of mulch for this year's winterization of the Esther Short Park Rose Garden. Such an extra special gift toward keeping our city's roses protected!



--submitted by Jan DeWeese

Jim says Thanks!

Thanks to all of you who helped care for the community Esther Short Park Rose Garden (**our garden!**) this past year.



The garden got its last cutting and composting completed for the year on November 10. Many hands, shovels and wheelbarrows made quick work to get the garden ready for winter.

And, once again, special thanks goes to Rob Zimmerman for donating at least 8 yards of his wonderful compost... such a generous gift to the community.

--submitted by Jim Swenson

Audit of FVRS Checkbook



The 2021 and 2022 audit of the FVRS checkbook was not completed during the COVID-19 pandemic. I'm pleased to report that, with the help of Margaret Snitzler and Maggie Mikalatos, the FVRS checkbook for the years 2021 and 2022 has been audited and determined to be in good order.

Once the financial records are closed for this year, an audit of the 2023 checkbook will be prepared.

--submitted by Jim Swenson



ARRANGEMENT WORKSHOP NEWS

It's that time of year when we get together to make centerpieces for the holiday dinner. As we did last year, we will meet at Kathy Fry's heated garage at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, to create holiday designs.

Roses, evergreens, greenery, and decorating basics will be provided; and Kathy has found holiday themed containers that are perfect. All you need to bring is your creativity and snips or pruners.

We will be making quite a few centerpieces so please, everyone, join us if you can!



What -- Holiday Centerpiece Workshop

When -- Wednesday, December 6, 2023

2:00 p.m.

Where -- Kathy Fry's Heated Garage

13108 NE 22nd Street

Vancouver, WA 98684

360-823-3155

Hope to see you on December 6...!

--submitted by Julie Goggin 360-609-1749



2024 FVRS MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

Thank you to those who have paid their membership dues for 2024. The dues are the same as last year -- **\$25** -- per household.

You can pay your dues at the dinner meeting, December 7, or send your dues to our mailbox:

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

Make your check payable to **Fort Vancouver Rose Society**. Those who joined or renewed during the year need to renew. If you have any questions, please call me at 360-695-0456. Remember I screen my calls, so identify yourself and I will pick up or leave your name and a call back number and I will return your call.

Thank you!

--Margaret Snitzler, Membership Chair

DECEMBER ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

You can still attend the December annual dinner meeting if you get your order to me by Monday, December 4, 2023. The cost is \$25, and your choices of entrees are:

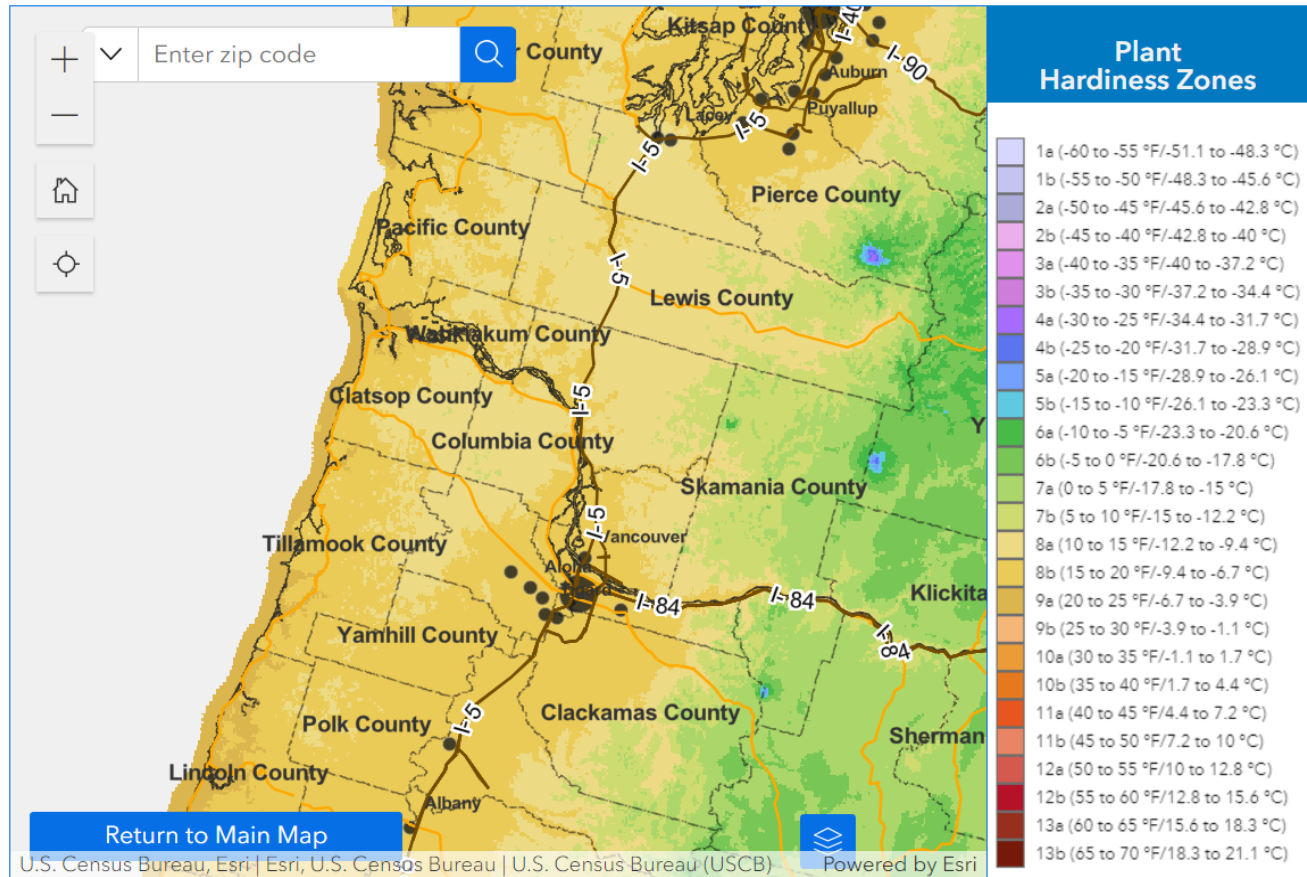
Spaghetti with Italian Sausage and Meat Sauce
Baked Lasagna
Fettuccine Alfredo
Mizithra Cheese with Brown Butter over Pasta

The entrée comes with salad, bread, coffee, hot tea and iced tea or milk and spumoni ice cream for dessert.

Mail your check, payable to **Fort Vancouver Rose Society** and indicate your choice of entrée, to me at: 4302 NE 49th Street, Vancouver, WA 98661. Remember that it takes at least two days for the mail to get to me or call me to make arrangements to drop your check off.

--Margaret Snitzler

Check the interactive official USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map below, or visit the [USDA website](#) to find out exactly which zone you live in!



Interactive Plant Zone Tool Courtesy of USDA

Note: The USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map was just updated in November of 2023, the first update since 2012. According to the USDA, the new 2023 map uses data from 13,412 weather stations compared to the 7,983 from the previous map. Compared to the 2012 map, the 2023 version shows that half of the country moved up to a warmer zone (including much of Alaska), while the other half stayed in the same zone.

The scientists are using 30 years of long-range data and more sophisticated computers for a more accurate map, especially in challenging areas such as mountain zones and Alaska, which may have been rated too cold or warm in prior iterations of the map.



Weather Word

By Ryan Tilley, Master Rosarian,
Meteorologist Supreme

It is time once again to take a look how winter is going to shape up and a strong El Nino is a great to start. Whenever there is an El Nino event present, certain weather patterns are likely to happen each and every time. This is because ocean temperatures are higher than normal in the equatorial regions of the Pacific Ocean. When this happens, the jet stream tends to dip further south than normal resulting in the storm track being further south.

This in turn pushes the main storm track further south meaning California tends to get more rain and the Pacific Northwest tends to get less rain than normal. This is due to a split in the jet stream where the wetter southern Polar jet stream affects California and the northern, drier Polar jet stream primarily affects Washington and Oregon. Since weather patterns typically move from west to east, every part of the United States the west coast will also be affected by this change in the storm pattern. Expect drier, milder northern plains and wetter, cooler southern states. I don't really say "Colder" for any region anymore because climate change has basically brought warmer than usual winter weather everywhere east of the Rockies for the last 10 years so why fight Mother Nature on this. Cooler is about as cold as it gets.

The past 3 years have been La Nina years and so rainfall and snowfall was much higher than normal in the Pacific Northwest along with lower than normal temperatures. This also means that California tends to get less rainfall in El Nino years. And then of course the weather patterns east of the Rockies will be affected as well.

In the southeast, El Nino typically means a cool/mild winter with much higher than normal rainfall with an increased chance of having wintry weather across the northern sections of the Gulf coast including the northern half of Georgia.

The tricky thing is that very strong El Nino events historically behave erratically and then other forecasting computer models and anomalies around the world. So we may see a few wrinkles in the storm patterns that are atypical. Throw in climate change where extreme weather events occur on a regular basis, we have a very interesting winter ahead of us. Just what we need, even wilder, more unpredictable weather!!! Remember Hurricane Otis just a few weeks ago. El Nino typically means more and stronger hurricanes in the eastern Pacific Ocean? Just sayin'.

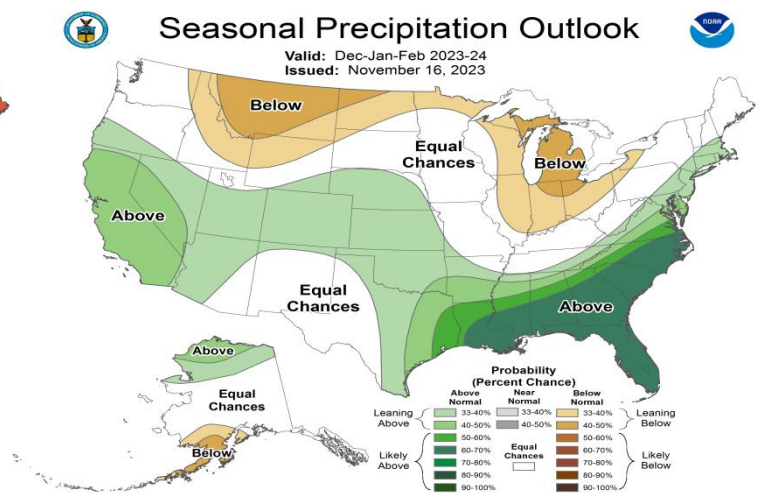
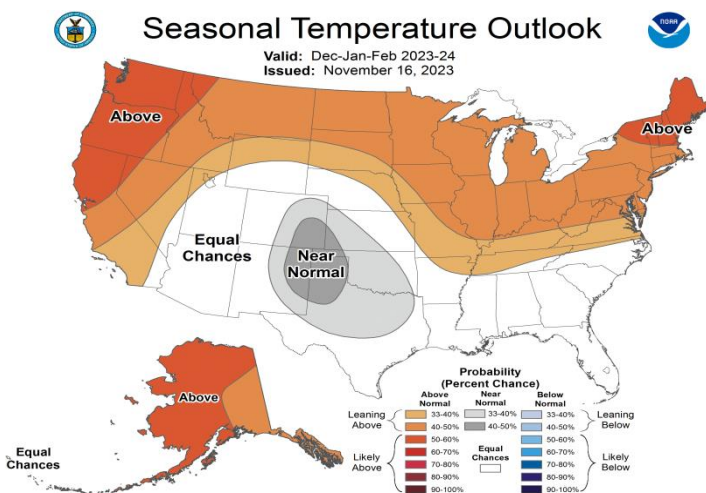
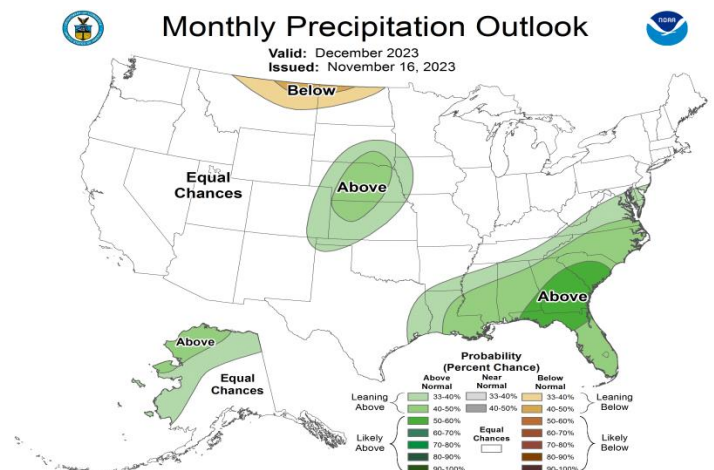
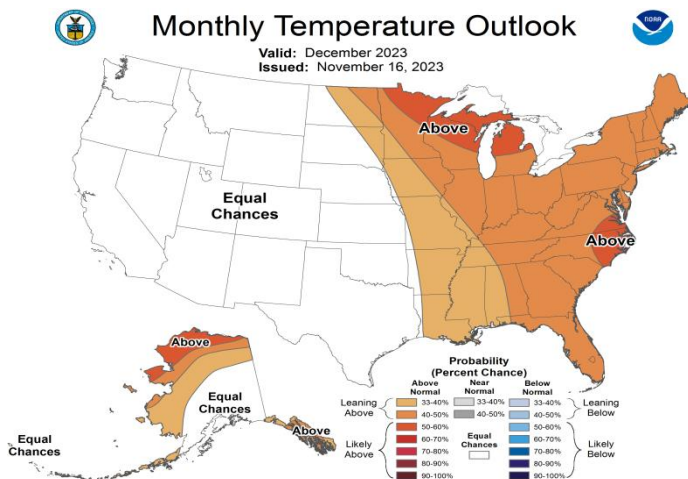
So for Vancouver, I am going to stick closely with a typical El Nino year climatology and say temperatures will end up a bit above normal and we will see much less rainfall than the past few years. As for snow, I will predict there will be no major snow events unlike the last few years where we have seen 11 inches of snow one year in February, and 5 inches of snow in mid-April. Expect another year with other minor snow events from time to time. One more likely trend is with more high-pressure areas over the Pacific Northwest, we can expect more stinky, foggy inversions than normal. You know, the kind we saw around Thanksgiving, only a bit more stinky.

In the southeast, again I stick closely to normal El Nino trends with a lot of rain across the Gulf Coast states, and several wintry threats across the northern sections including the threat of some ice events due to “the wedging effect” that often occurs in a strong split in the jet stream coming together along the mid-Atlantic coast.

December	Avg High	Avg Low	Avg Precip	December	Ave High	Avg Low	Avg Precip
Atlanta	55	35	4.33	Vancouver	46	32	6.42
Alpharetta	53	31	4.84	Portland	46	35	5.47
Athens	55	35	4.09	Seattle	46	36	5.31
Cumming	53	31	4.92	Seaside, OR	49	37	10.55
Helen	52	30	6.32	Spokane	32	22	2.28
Macon	60	37	4.31	Tacoma	47	36	5.51
Rome	50	30	4.87	Salem	46	34	6.82

December and Seasonal Winter Weather Outlook

Orange = above normal temps Blue = below normal temps
Green = above normal precipitation Brown = below normal precipitation



COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, December 6 – Arrangement Workshop at 2 p.m.

at Kathy Fry's house at 13108 NE 22nd Street, Vancouver 98684

Thursday, December 7 – General Membership Annual Dinner Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 730 SE 160th Avenue, Vancouver 98684

Thursday, February 1 – General Membership Meeting at 7 p.m.

at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 426 E. Fourth Plain, Vancouver 98663 (Parish Hall)

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2023

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