

Ring Around The Roses



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LEADERSHIP REMARKS

Here we are again...finishing one year and looking forward to the next! Our society has grown much this year, both in numbers and experience.

We've had a number of wonderful, new volunteers stepping up to take on difficult and/or different tasks. In some cases, they've kindly taken responsibility "weight" off those who might have been doing just a little too much. And that leads me to remind all FVRS members that we'll be looking for help with the March rose auction; next year's outreach events; and, of course, the 2025 FVRS Rose Show (see Page 5).



FVRS Volunteers at the 2024 Rose Auction in March: Fiona Neumann, Wendy Tilley, Louis Rossetto and Pete Mikalatos

I'll take this opportunity in this, the last newsletter of 2024, to thank the members of our FVRS Board. Their guidance and patience are so appreciated.

Submitted by 2025 FVRS President Elect Kathy Fry, Editor

MARK YOUR CALENDER

Wednesday, December 4 at 2:00 p.m. **Arrangement Workshop** (see Page 3)

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

We'll be creating the holiday centerpieces for the FVRS annual meeting

Thursday, December 5, 6:30 p.m. **Annual Dinner Meeting** (see Page 4)

The Old Spaghetti Factory, 730 SE 160th Avenue, Vancouver 98684

Wednesday, February 5, 2:00 p.m. **Arrangement Workshop**

Vancouver Elks Lodge, 11605 SE McGillivray Blvd., Vancouver 98683

Thursday, February 6, 7:00 p.m. **General Membership Meeting**

PARISH HALL, St. Luke's Episcopal Church 426 E. Fourth Plain Blvd. 98663



A good time was had by everyone at the 2024 May 1 Silent Auction and Ice Cream Social, just one of many enjoyable 2024 social events.

Reminder: Renew Your FVRS Membership for 2025!

Just a quick reminder that you can pay your yearly membership dues at the December 5 annual meeting dinner. The yearly membership dues are **\$25 per household**.

Dues can be paid by either check (made out to Fort Vancouver Rose Society) or cash.

Thank you for supporting the Fort Vancouver Rose Society!

Submitted by Carol Adams, Membership Chair

ARRANGEMENT WORKSHOP NEWS



These busy arrangers in 2023 stayed toasty warm in Kathy's heated garage!

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 4, at 2 p.m., for the annual FVRS holiday dinner meeting centerpiece event!



This is an informal Arrangement Workshop where everyone gets together to create table centerpieces for the annual holiday dinner meeting to be held on December 5 at The Old Spaghetti Factory.

At the workshop, we'll be designing with red roses and greenery in a bowl container. And, not to worry! ...there will be help if you need it. This will be an enjoyable opportunity to work with our favorite flower, the rose, and to be with our rose friends.



Join us on December 4!

What- Holiday Centerpiece Making Event

When- December 4, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

Where- Kathy Fry's Heated Garage

13108 NE 22nd Street, Vancouver



Beautiful centerpieces decorated the tables at the 2023 annual holiday dinner meeting!

Just bring yourself, all materials will be provided!

*Submitted by Julie Goggin, Arrangement Chair
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DECEMBER ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

There's still time if you wish to attend the December annual dinner meeting! Your check and entrée request must reach Margaret Snitzler by Monday, December 2. The cost is \$27 per person, and the entrée selections are:

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

Each entrée comes with salad, bread, coffee, hot tea, iced tea or milk and Spumoni ice cream for dessert. You can substitute the pasta for broccoli.

Mail your check, payable to Fort Vancouver Rose Society, and include your choice of entrée to:

Margaret Snitzler, 4302 NE 49th Street, Vancouver, WA 98661

Remember that it takes at least two days for the mail to get to Margaret. You could also call her (360-695-0456) to make arrangements to drop off your check.

Submitted by Margaret Snitzler

Margaret Snitzler checks
reservations at the 2023
annual dinner meeting



FVRS 2025 ROSE SHOW UPDATE



Planning for the 2025 Fort Vancouver Rose Show is underway! Preparations have begun for the 2025 Rose Show at the Clark County Events Center on Saturday, June 28, 2025.

The Clark County Events Center will provide us with a larger space from previous venues in addition to other positive amenities. For one, they will provide the tables **and** set them up to our specifications and plan. Other welcomed

benefits to this new venue include a covered grooming area just steps away from the exhibit area and adjacent to the parking area.

Speaking of parking, it is FREE for the grooming area and for show visitors. Additionally, the exhibit area is air conditioned; and the restrooms are conveniently located within the exhibit hall. To top it all off, we will be able to publicize our show on their roadside electronic reader board for all to see.

The staff at the CC Event Center have been welcoming and, overall, we are being provided with a wonderful space and amenities for our 2025 Rose Show.

So start preparing for fabulous rose blooms, photos and arrangements to show in 2025 because it is **just 7 months away!** Stay tuned, too, for monthly rose show updates.

Submitted by Julie Goggin, Co-Chair 2025 Rose Show

***p.s. The Rose Show Theme will be announced
at the December 5 annual dinner meeting.
See you there!***

MULCHING

IN THE RAIN ...

We were done in 90 minutes!



First, we pruned the nearly 100 roses at Esther Short Park to about waist high ... some shorter ... then shoveled mulch until every rose crown was deeply “buried” for the coming winter months.

With the roses tucked snugly in the 8 yards of donated mulch from Rob Zimmerman of South Ridge Farms, the Esther Short Park Rose Garden is ready for winter.



Jim Swenson, supervising the mulch pour.



Rob Zimmerman

Twelve FVRS volunteers and one community volunteer, WSU Master Gardener Teresa Skaggs, worked through the early morning rain to prepare the garden for cold weather to come. Early birds Louis Rossetto and Jim Swenson, our Consulting Rosarian Co-Members at Large were first to arrive at the garden and had nearly half of it pruned before the rest of us arrived! Afterwards, Gene Fults, winter pruned the rose garden at Covington House. Special thanks to Gene!



Teresa Skaggs



Gene Fults, Kim Erion and Jim Swenson

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Pete and Maggie Mikalatos



Carol Adams and Cheryl Giddings



Kim Erion with CHINOOK



Mike Giddings

Submitted by Jan DeWeese

Weather Word

by Ryan Tilley, Meteorologist Supreme



With global warming, there have been precious few times that I can say this.... November was a totally normal month. Rainfall has been over 7 inches in most areas with the temperatures very slowly cooling from the 50's and 60's to the

30's and 40's with only freezing temperatures coming at the very end of November into early December. In the 7 years I have lived here, every year has seen a hard freeze either in the middle of October or the first half of November. My persimmon trees have been saved and over a hundred Fuyu and Hachiya persimmons are still on the trees. Thank you very much.

So, what's next? History has shown that December is our coldest month, but not by much. And with La Nina getting started, this could mean that most of December will see below normal temperatures and rainfall/snowfall. And so, my winter outlook will reflect this with a colder than normal winter, plentiful rainfall, and at least 2 snow events, one possibly being a heavy snow event.

I sometimes give you a peak and some of the tools (no pun intended) that get used to create long range weather forecasts in addition to the data one 'and La Nina. So here goes...

December 2024 shows The North American Multi-Model Ensemble (NMME), and International Multi-Model Ensemble (IMME), the consolidation (combination of statistical and dynamical tools), consideration of potential Madden Julian Oscillation (MJO) influences, and decadal trends.

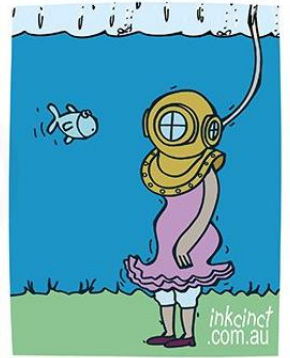
Editor's Note: Regarding photo above, Jim Cantore is a meteorologist for The Weather Channel. He is famous, or infamous, for his on-location appearances before and especially during major weather events.

Although El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO)-neutral conditions continue, below-average sea surface temperature anomalies are observed across the east-central Pacific. La Niña is favored to develop by the end of December and La Niña composites were a factor, especially in the precipitation outlook. **Happy Holidays!**

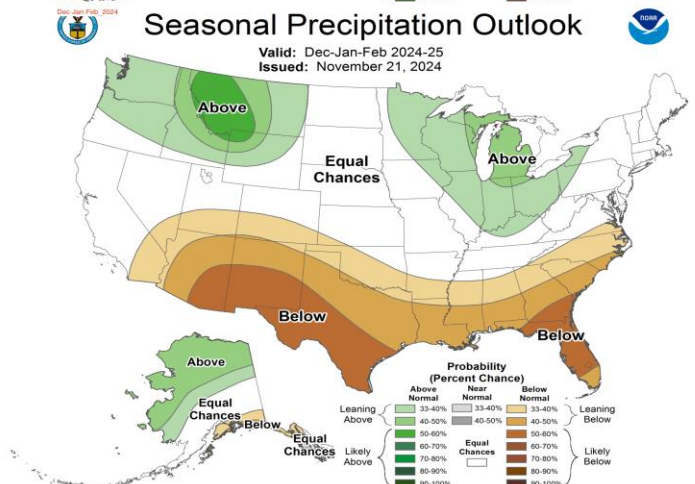
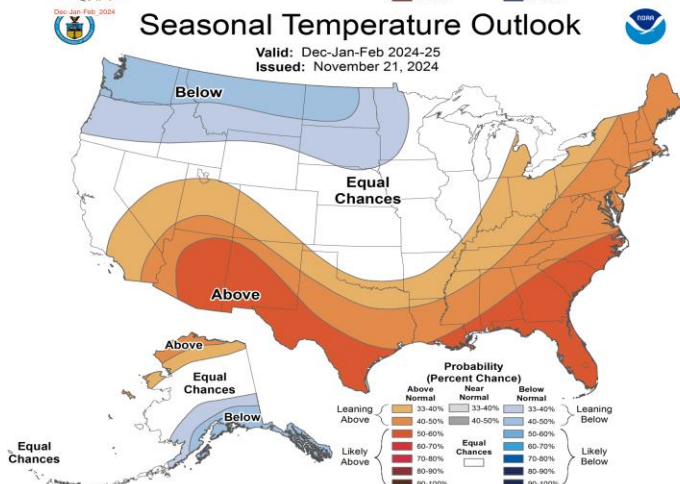
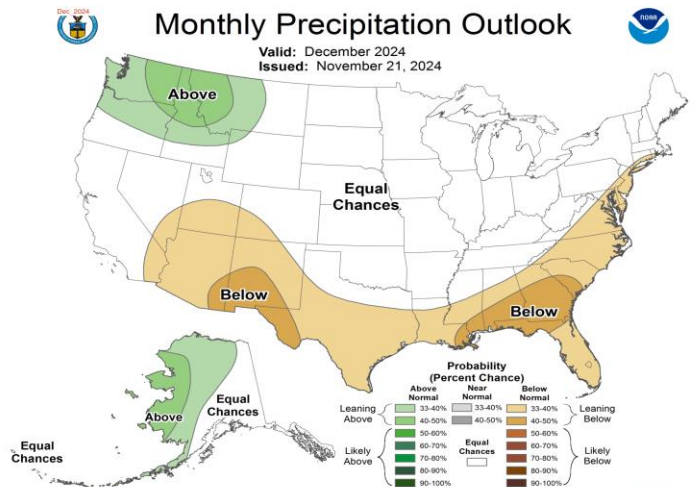
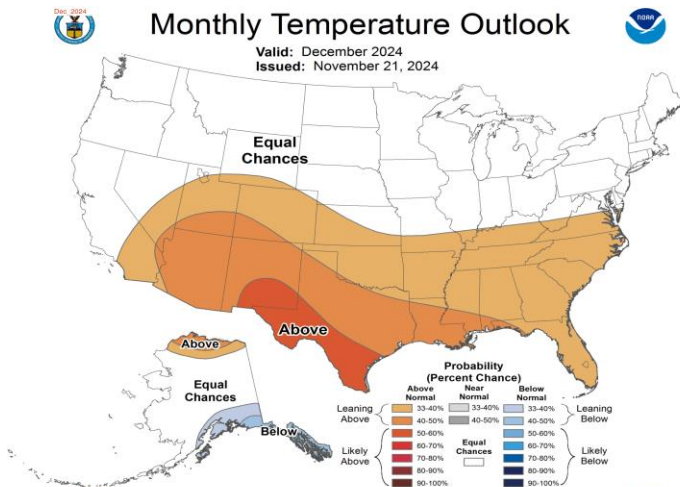
December	Avg High	Avg Low	Avg Precip
Vancouver	45	32	6.42
Portland	46	35	5.47
Seattle	44	36	5.31
Seaside, OR	49	37	10.55
Spokane	32	22	2.28
Tacoma	47	36	5.51
Salem	46	34	6.85



LA NIÑA



EXTREME LA NIÑA





Ryan's Winter Wisdom

by Ryan Tilley, Master Rosarian



Over the last 3 decades, I have given countless advice and tips designed to improve your rose-growing skills while making rose growing easier. Here I have jotted down some quick tips for the upcoming winter rose growing season. Well, maybe not so quick, but they are.

- Don't be in a hurry to put down the winter mulch because you want the ground to be cold when you apply the mulch. If you put it down too early, the warm ground can delay the process of going into dormancy. Then if a severe freeze hit before the roses have winterized themselves, severe damage will be the result.
- Any good wood mulch can be used to pile up around the lower 8-10 inches of the canes and on top of the bud union. I like mini nuggets on my roses.
- Before a severe cold snap, spray an anti-transpirant like Wilt-Pruf or Vapor Guard (my favorite) so canes don't dry out if the soil is going to be frozen for many days or weeks in a row.
- Cut roses back in late fall after they stop growing. I like to cut mine back to around 4 feet and clean out all twiggy junk as well as crossing or dead canes. This will save time in the late winter/early spring when the final cuts can quickly be made.
- Tall roses may need to be staked so the winter winds don't cause thorns to blow into other canes causing wounds that can invite canker and other nasty fungi to infect the canes.
- From the desk of **Sad But True**: Big, plump, beautiful, bright green canes growing from the bud union and low down on the canes will not survive the winter in cold winter areas. They simply do not have time to harden off before temperatures get down in the teens and twenties. From the low valleys of California across to south Texas and the Gulf coast states to Florida are blessed with mild winters and little cold damage. And rose growers there don't have to

spend much time and money on winter protection mulch. But then again, you have no time off to relax and reflect on the upcoming rose season while the vacationing thrips, aphids, and mites move in for a non-stop 3 month party courtesy of your beautiful rose beds.

- Once you have cut back your roses for winter, give them a clean-up spray to get rid of any lingering disease. I use **Stature** for **downy mildew**, **Daconil Ultrex** for leaf spots, and **Avid** plus **Hexygon** or **Floramite** for mites.

- Old advice for a winter dormant spray was to use dormant oil and lime sulfur. In all my experience I believe this is a worthless endeavor and a real pump-killer. But to each his/her own.

- Late autumn and winter are good times to transplant roses. I have dug up my roses that will be put into large pots so I can transport them easily to their new spring 2025 home. Don't forget to spray an anti-transpirant on the canes before you dig them up to keep moisture in the canes while new roots slowly begin to grow in the pots or the ground. Don't forget to apply the winter mulch once the transplanting is complete.

- Winter is a great time to prepare new rose beds. It gives lime, gypsum, and organics like Milorganite to break down and be ready for the new roses to get off to a good start. Boy have these products gotten expensive the past few years. But your roses are worth it, aren't they.

- If you will be using critter deterrent like electric fence, rabbit fencing, etc... there is plenty of time over the winter to get these set up. And yes, they really work if installed properly.

- If there is a long dry spell, give your roses a heaping helping of water to keep the roots and canes hydrated.

- Get your pruners sharpened and ready to go before you start pruning in 2025. I always send my Pellenc electric pruners back to their store in Santa Rosa, CA to have the blade replaced and serviced. I do the same thing with my mowers, although I do not mow my roses. Just good common sense.

- Order new roses soon. New varieties often sell out by February or March.
- If there is going to be severe snow or ice storm, cut your roses a bit lower and use a lot of stakes to keep canes from breaking off. Wet snow and ice are heavy and even a tenth of an inch of ice can do a lot of damage to your rose garden. Don't forget the climbers. They can suffer damage the same as other roses.

In areas with mild winters, fungus like downy mildew and blackspot can and will attack your roses. A spray or two over the winter can insure your roses get off to a good start.

- Did your snow have nitrogen in it? It's true. That is why when the snow melts everything seems greener, including plants in the summer (of course with rain instead of snow). Snow is also a great insulator; it acts like mulch keeping the soil temperature evenly cold and prevents the soil from warming and initiating growth premature late winter growth.



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