

# Ring Around The Roses



**FORT VANCOUVER ROSE SOCIETY  
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*Affiliated Member of the American Rose Society*

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## **LEADERSHIP REMARKS**

Here we are at the end of another year. I trust everyone has put their roses to bed for the winter. And, if you have not, there is always next year.

Fort Vancouver Rose Society has had a busy and successful year, starting with our pruning/outreach activities at area nurseries. Then, another booming rose auction in March and a special fire sale courtesy of Edmunds' Roses. The proceeds of both events went a good way toward making our 2025 Rose Show a huge success.



Carol Adams and Carl Finch look over the roses to be auctioned at the Annual Rose Auction on March 6.

Furthering our outreach efforts, we participated in the Camas Plant & Garden Fair, the Historic Covington House Summer Bazaar and Craft



Sale and the Fort Vancouver Garden Party. Our efforts added more than fourteen new members! We are hoping to participate in these events again in 2026.

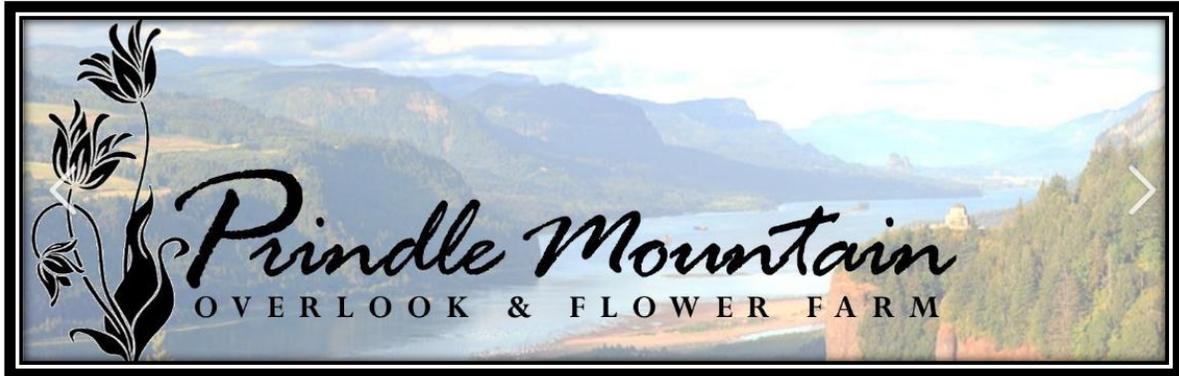
A good deal of your leadership team's energy went into producing an outstanding rose show. The new venue at the Clark County Event Center had its challenges; it was a learning curve. A special thank you goes out to everyone. We are in planning stages for our 2026 Rose Show. The date will be May 30,

and it is hoped the weather will be kinder to our roses than in past years. We will be looking for your help!



Award-winning roses on the trophy table at the 2025 Rose show.

FVRS members and guests enjoyed a beautiful day on Prindle Mountain with Jim and Kim Erion, hosts of our 2026 Annual Rose Tour. We have been invited back next summer with a date mid-July. Can't wait!



This year we had two of our Board members step down. After nine years as secretary, Jan DeWeese will now be “just” our publicity chair and webmaster. Jan has and will continue to get the word out about FVRS and all its activities, including the rose show. Maggie Mikalatos has served as our treasurer for the past two years and was instrumental in getting FVRS into online banking and making it easier to get all things financial done efficiently. And, by careful investing, Maggie makes our money work for us.

Stepping into these two vacated positions, beginning in January 2026, are Leslie Mowers as secretary and Brittani Masterman as treasurer. Volunteers are hard to find, and I am sure they will be a good fit. I am excited to work with them in 2026.

At the end of my first year as president, I am hopeful. We are financially stable and, in a time when groups like ours are falling by the wayside, we also have a strong membership base. Continuing to add new members and getting members to participate are keys in keeping our society both relevant and vibrant. Bring a friend to a meeting ... put your hand up if you think you can help. I am a FVRS member because a friend took me to a meeting, and I put my hand up. I won't deny it takes some work at times, but the rewards are always worth it

***Happy Holidays to All and Best Wishes for the New Year!***

***Katherine Fry, President/Editor***



# MARK YOUR CALENDER

## There is no General Membership Meeting in January

Thursday, February 5, 2026, 7 p.m. **General Membership Meeting**  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 426 E. Fourth Plain Blvd.  
PROGRAM: To be Announced

Thursday, March 5, 2026, 7 p.m. **General Membership Meeting**  
St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 426 E. Fourth Plain Blvd.  
PROGRAM: **Annual Rose Auction** (details in next newsletter)

Saturday, May 30, 2026: **2026 ROSE SHOW "A Rosy Affair"**  
Exhibition Hall at the Clark County Event Center  
(Set-up Day: Friday, May 29)



**SNACK/REFRESHMENTS SCHEDULE**

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

# American Rose Society NEWS

## Updates to ARS Portal

Greetings American Rose Society Members,

I am excited to share that our Member Portal (<https://www.member.rose.org/>) has been updated with a **new easy-to-use look and the addition of an online and downloadable membership card.**

Sign in today with your email and password, or sign up online and create or reset your password.

At your member dashboard, you can **renew your membership, make a donation, read or download American Rose magazine and other publications, watch archived webinars, and more!.**

There are more good things on the way. In the future, you will be able to sign up for ARS events such as our monthly webinars and access your Consulting Rosarian status and credits.

Please log in to your MyARS account today!

As always, thank you for being a loyal member of the American Rose Society.

**Craig Dorschel**  
*President, ARS*

**Other ARS News: The Consulting Rosarian class originally schedule for February has been canceled. They are hoping to reschedule in Feb. 2027. If you are a CR and need to re-certify, contact John Moe. 253-350-7241 or 253-815-1072. Email [mjmoe@seanet.com](mailto:mjmoe@seanet.com).**

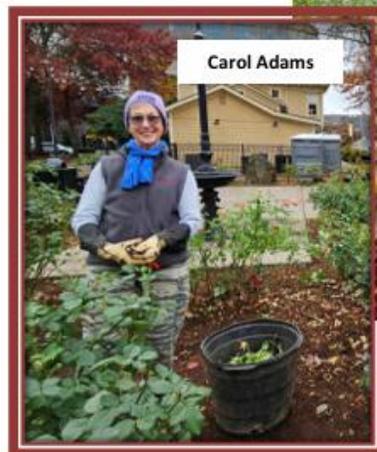
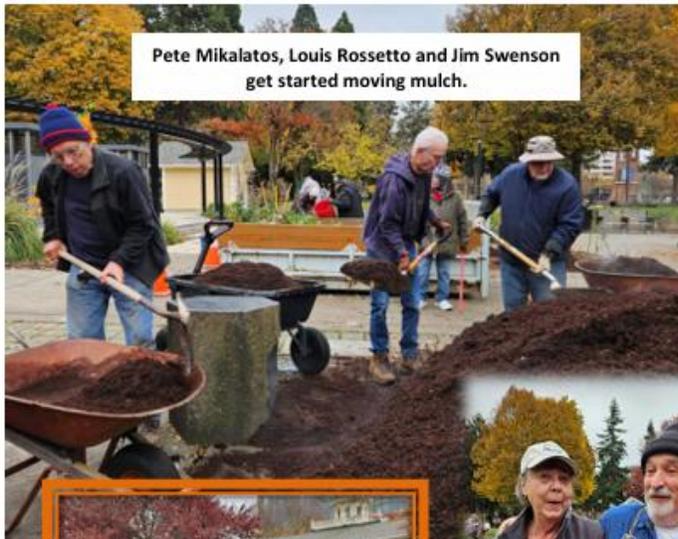
# YAY! ... WE'RE DONE AT ESTHER SHORT PARK FOR 2025!

We were sixteen strong at the November 11 (Veterans Day) workday at Esther Short Park Rose Garden. The early birds showed up around 8 a.m. to blow the bazillion leaves out of the garden. Then the rest of the hardy crew trickled in within the next hour and started winter pruning (cutting to about waist high) the nearly 100 roses in the garden. Rob Zimmerman of Soil Builders arrived around 9 a.m., delivering 8 yards of generously donated mulch. **THANK YOU ROB!**

Shovels and wheelbarrows replaced pruners and rakes in the hands of the men folks as slow but sure the pile of mulch was transferred into the garden. We were done around 11 a.m. and most grateful for the doughnut treats delivered by Sally Rossetto...the energy boost was so needed!

## WELL DONE FVRS VOLUNTEERS!

Carol Adams – Frank Cardinaux – Jim Erion – Kim Erion - Jan DeWeese – Kathy Fry – Cheryl Giddings  
Mike Giddings – Julie Goggin – Peter Hirst – Maggie Mikalatos – Pete Mikalatos - Louis Rossetto  
Sally Rossetto – Detra Swenson – Jim Swenson





Jim Swenson



The dumpster filled up quickly!



Louis Rossetto



GOING, GOING, GONE!



Detra Swenson admires all the hard work!

THANK YOU!

--submitted by Jan DeWeese

## 2025 FVRS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual holiday dinner meeting of the Society took place Thursday, December 4, at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Vancouver.

Members of the 2026 FVRS Board were installed, and chairs of various committees were appointed.

After a delicious meal, the Board member installation and chair appointments, the presentation of two 2025 Volunteer of the Year awards (congratulations Nathan Day and Cheryl Giddings), FVRS members and their guests enjoyed a brief program presentation by Jim and Detra Swenson on the symbolic meaning of roses. We learned a rose color can symbolize romance and passion, sympathy and compassion, cheerfulness and joy, friendship and kindness and so much more.

Thank you to Jim and Detra for their insightful presentation. Many thanks also to the wonderful FVRS members who organized and conducted the holiday dinner meeting, including the arrangers of the beautifully creative holiday centerpieces.

*How delightful to take home these cheery floral gifts!*



--Submitted by Jan DeWeese

Some of the holiday dinner FVRS members and guests



President Kathy Fry with Cheryl Giddings and Nathan Day, our 2025 Volunteers of the Year!

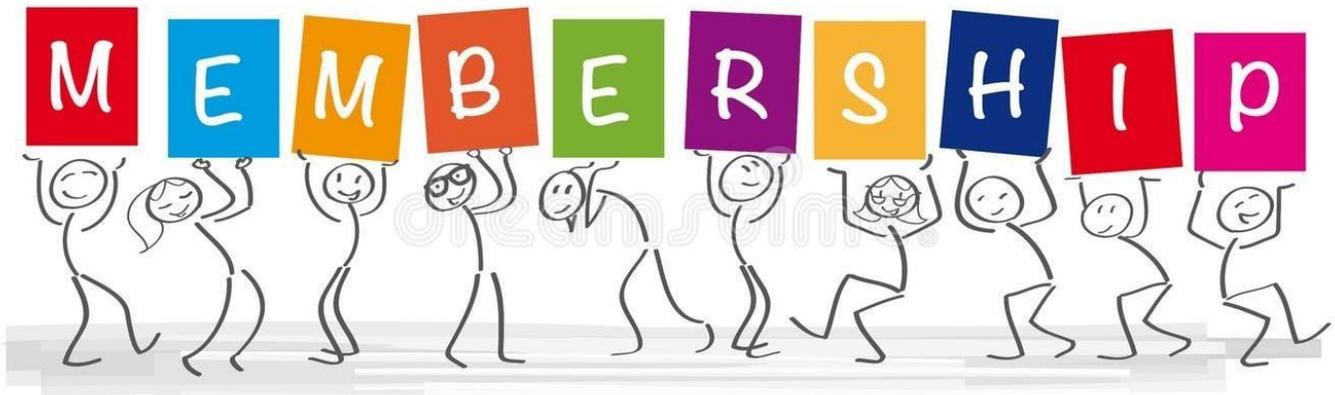


Jim Swenson conducts the installation of 2026 FVRS Board Officers and Members-at-Large



Presenters Jim and Detra Swenson





## **2026 FVRS Annual Dues Reminder**

The September 15 annual dues reminder letter mailed to each FVRS member from FVRS President Kathy Fry made a big impact. On behalf of Kathy and all the Board, I extend thanks to those of you who have since paid your \$25 membership for 2026 ... and so quickly!

Our goal is to have every member make timely payment of next year's dues, ideally before **December 31, 2025**. Paying your dues places your name on the FVRS membership roster which is required by the ARS at the time FVRS renews its liability insurance.

**The annual \$25 membership dues can be paid with a check or cash at a FVRS meeting or event, or a check can be sent to our postal box:**

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6400 NE Highway 99, Suite G, #457  
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Thank You!

Carol Adams, First Vice President & Membership Chair



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### **ANNUAL DUES**

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

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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](http://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.

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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