

Ring Around The Roses



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LEADERSHIP REMARKS



Jim Swenson conducted the installation of Kathy Fry as our FVRS President at the 2024 FVRS Annual Meeting on December 5, 2024.

Happy New Year everyone! I am happy to be writing these Leadership Remarks as your new FVRS president. It is a journey started a year ago when I talked with Sally about my thoughts for the Society. I have spent the last year learning as much as I could about the responsibilities and duties, and I'm still learning.

In 2025, I am hoping for an increase in our membership, including more of our members in activities to promote the Society; and, of course, an incredible Rose Show!



Last year, Kathy Fry successfully spearheaded the first-ever FVRS Rose Show juried photography competition. In this photo, Kathy organizes entries for the competition.

Our first Board meeting of this year was energy-charged with lots of ideas and goals. Pruning workshops at all three of the area nurseries and our first Esther Short Park Rose Garden maintenance work day have all been scheduled (see pages 3 and 7).

For the second year, FVRS will again be participating in the Camas Plant & Garden Fair. It will be on May 10, 2025 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Booth activities are being prepared and, of course, we will be looking for volunteers.



I would like to welcome Michael Giddings to the FVRS Board. He is replacing Samson Ramirez as co-second vice president with Mary Benson. Michael was instrumental in getting us into the Camas event last year, and Samson provided the organizational leadership. We're most grateful for Samson's leadership and will miss him on the Board.

The 2025 Rose Show Committee has had their first meeting. Each member is excited about the new venue--Clark County Event Center at The Fairgrounds--and the opportunities that come with it, one of which is that our event will be shown on the big display sign seen by I-5 traffic. Our show theme **"200 Years of Roses at The Fort"** celebrates the 200th Anniversary (1825-2025) of the Fort Vancouver National Historical Site, part of the National Park Service. Look for volunteer opportunities to help at this year's show!

We'll start the year with timely pruning instruction at the General Membership meeting on February 6 and our always popular annual Rose Auction at the March 6 General Membership meeting. It will be a great opportunity for everyone who has committed to not adding any roses to your garden to **EAT YOUR WORDS!**

--Submitted by Kathy Fry

MARK YOUR CALENDER

Wednesday, February 5, 2:00 pm. Arrangement Workshop

Elks Lodge, 11605 SE McGillivray Blvd.. Vancouver *Page 6*

Thursday, February 6, 7:00 pm. General Membership Meeting

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 426 E Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver *Page 4*

*PROGRAM: Pruning demonstrations and Gene Fults presentation
on re-homing roses at the Jane Weber Evergreen Arboretum*

Saturday February 22 Rose Care Seminars *Page 7*

Yard 'n Garden Land, 10 a.m., 1501 NE 102nd St., Vancouver

Tsugawa Nursery, 1 p.m., 410 E Scott Avenue, Woodland

Saturday March 1 Rose Care Seminar *Page 7*

Dennis' 7 Dees Garden Ctr, 1 p.m., 10006 SE Mill Plain Blvd, Vancouver

Wednesday, March 5, 2:00 pm. Arrangement Workshop

(locale to be confirmed)

Thursday, March 6, 7:00 pm. General Membership Meeting *Page 11*

PROGRAM: Annual Rose Auction

Saturday, March 8, 9:00 a.m. First 2025 Work Day

Esther Short Park Rose Garden, Vancouver

Announcing ARS Webinars:

- February 15, 2025 · 1:00 - 3:00 pm:
Consulting Rosarian School Part 1: CR Mission & Ethics, Soil & Water, Insects & Diseases
Speakers: Craig Dorschel, Diane Wilkerson, Bill Kozemchak, Dr. Baldo Villegas
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1221854729406187102>
- February 22, 2025 · 1:00 - 3:00 pm:
Consulting Rosarian School Part 2: Fertilizers, Chemical Safety
Speakers: Brenna Bosch and Jim Beardsley
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8977110462342866784>

PRUNING DEMONSTRATIONS

at February 6 General Membership Meeting

By the time the FVRS membership meets on February 6, we'll be 7 weeks into winter with just a 6-week countdown to spring. Are you itching to get out there and prune? Are you **READY** to prune? ...pruners all cleaned, sharpened and lubed up? Are you new to pruning or do you need a tune-up on pruning?

On February 6, be sure to bring your favorite pruners and raise your hand to get the answers to all your pruning questions!

Our consulting rosarians will offer their expertise by guiding volunteers from the audience through the pruning process on donated rose plants. The CRs will demonstrate pruning variation possibilities: high, medium, low, landscape, exhibition, bud union (crown) cleanup...etc.!

Also on February 6, we'll enjoy a bonus a presentation from Gene Fults on his very special project: Re-homing roses at the Jane Weber Evergreen Arboretum.

--Submitted by Mike Giddings

SNACK/REFRESHMENTS SCHEDULE

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

Renew Your FVRS Membership for 2025

If you have not yet paid your dues for 2025, please mail a check (made out to FVRS) to:

FVRS
6400 NE Highway 99, Suite G, #457
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Or pay by check or cash at the next general meeting on February 6.

The yearly membership dues are **\$25 per household**.

All members in good standing, including those who pay at the February General Membership meeting will be included in a special prize drawing.



Due to the American Rose Society insurance requirements, the FVRS must provide a roster of members in good standing to ARS by mid-February of each year. A table will be set up at the February 6 General Membership meeting, so please stop by, say “Hi” and pay your 2025 dues. The \$25 dues can be paid by either cash or check (made out to FVRS). If you know anyone interested in joining, please bring them to the February meeting. We’ll have new membership forms available.

Thank you for supporting the Fort Vancouver Rose Society!

--Submitted by Carol Adams, Membership Chair

ARRANGEMENTS

Happy New Year Arrangers!

Our next Arrangement Workshop will be Wednesday, February 5, 2 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 11605 SE McGillivray Blvd., in Vancouver. The photos below are examples of Reflective floral design to inspire your arranging talents. Review the definition (below) and bring a Reflective arrangement (or a design of your choice) to the workshop.

Reflective Floral Design: A creative design containing material(s) that reflect, give back images of light or other components to the viewer. Reflective components must be essential to the design and must appear throughout the design. Typically, the designer must rely on non-plant materials to produce the necessary reflective impact. Appropriate materials might be shiny metal objects, opaque and translucent Plexiglas, metallic paper, aluminum foil, broken pieces of mirror, CDs, etc.

Have fun with this one! Call with any questions or if you need some help. See you on the 5th!

--Submitted by Julie Goggin, Arrangements Chair



ROSE CARE SEMINARS

Our Rose Care Seminars are schedule to begin February 22. We need YOUR help to show people how we care for our roses. True, there are consulting rosarians who have official credentials about rose care. But...YOU, TOO, have hands-on experience in caring for your roses. Therefore, YOU ARE A ROSARIAN!

We need all our FVRS rosarians to tell their rose care stories. When scheduling the seminar, I mentioned to the nursery representative at Tsugawa Nursery that we like our seminars to be conversational in style. Topics are covered with audience participation and questions are answered as they pop up. Rosarians (that means YOU!) can answer questions by sharing personal experiences with each topic.

Bottom line, Rose Care Seminars are presented by the Fort Vancouver Rose Society. That means, they are presented not just by consulting rosarians, but by all the members (rosarians) of the Society...all of us...YOU and ME. So all you rosarians come to these seminars and share your rose care experiences!

ROSE CARE SEMINAR SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	PLACE
Saturday, February 22	10 a.m. to 12 noon	Yard 'n Garden Land 1501 NE 102nd Street Vancouver
Saturday, February 22	2 p.m. to 4 p.m.	Tsugawa Nursery 410 E Scott Avenue Woodland
Saturday, March 1	1 p.m. to 3 p.m.	Dennis' 7 Dees Garden Ctr 10006 SE Mill Plain Blvd. Vancouver

Please invite your friends and come help deliver the rose care information we value and should share with all the community. Your contribution is important!

Here are some of the topics covered in the seminars:

- Removal of winter protection
- Removal of weeds and unwanted growth
- Tools – sharpened and cleaned
- Types of roses (hybrid teas, floribundas, climbers and more)
- Planting roses, pruning roses, and watering roses
- Rose diseases (blackspot, rust, mildew, etc.)
- Rose insects (aphids, thrips, spider mites, etc.)
- Spraying roses (fungicides, insecticides, and miticides)
- Deadheading and disbudding roses
- Other – moving old roses, crown gall, pH, mulch, blind shoots, etc.
- Topics that pop up

Thank you! See you at the seminars!

--Submitted by Jim Swenson and Louis Rossetto

REMEMBERING 2024

IN **2024**, FORT VANCOUVER ROSE SOCIETY CELEBRATED 71 YEARS OF ALL THINGS ROSES!

Our first meeting of 2024 on February 1, featured guest speaker and FVRS member Samson Ramirez shared his knowledge and experience with growing roses via aeroponics, a no-soil gardening system.



In March, the Society held its annual Rose Auction on March 7. What a fabulously fun event AND so successful! The event is one of several major fundraisers held annually to benefit the FVRS Rose Show, this year (2025) scheduled for June 28. The 2024 auction raised just over \$2,200 from the auction proceeds and the Pot 'o Gold 50/50 drawing.



On Thursday, April 4, 2024, FVRS members heard a four-member panel of experienced Consulting Rosarians who answered questions about rose care and why applying to be an American Rose Society-certified Consulting Rosarian is beneficial not only to the community but also to the individual CR applicant. As a Consulting Rosarian you can achieve a broader understanding of the rose, provide confident rose care education to others, and help the community grow roses successfully.

Our May 2, 2024, meeting was a lively time of browsing at the Silent Auction (a fundraiser for the 2024 FVRS Rose Show) tables and enjoying ice cream sundaes. It was also a social night to catch up with each other and opportunity to have pruners sharpened and soil pH tested by our expert Consulting Rosarians. Special thanks to FVRS First Vice President and Membership Chair Carol Adams for organizing and conducting the auction, which raised \$826 towards the rose show. A great time had by all!



Cheryl Giddings at the Silent Auction in May



The last meeting in the first "half" of the FVRS 2024 calendar was Thursday, June 6. Members, guests and visitors heard a 5-part panel that demonstrated "all things Rose Show!"

Kathy Fry explains the photo display racks in preparation of the Photography competition at the 2024 Rose Show.



The Society held its 69th Annual Rose Show on Saturday, June 29, 2024, in the gymnasium at the First Evangelical Church on NE St. Johns Road. What a marvelous show! Thank you to all our exhibitors and, of course, all those who visited this year's show. *(A listing of all the trophy and ribbon winners, as well as highlights of the show, were published in the July 2024 FVRS newsletter).* Watch the FVRS newsletter and website (www.fortvancouverrosesociety.org) for updates on the 2025 Rose Show "200 Years of Roses at The Fort" on Saturday June 28, 2025, at the Clark County Event Center at the Fairgrounds!



Alexis Ridings, Horticulture Section, Junior Division Winner with 2024 Rose Show Co-Chair Julie Goggin

In addition to all the activities of the fall and annual meeting (coming soon in this article), mention must be made about...

► the wonderful Arrangement Workshop sessions held in 2024. Under the leadership of Julie Goggin, Arrangements Chair, participants in these workshops learned floral arranging techniques and brought their creations to General Membership meetings for all to enjoy. Everyone is encouraged to attend these workshops!

► the leadership of Samson Ramirez for his and many others in organizing, setting up and participating at the first-ever booth of the Fort Vancouver Rose Society at the 2024 Camas Plant & Garden Fair. Be sure to visit our booth at the 2025 fair (May 10 in Camas)!

► the invaluable Rose Care Seminars presented by our knowledgeable Consulting Rosarians at local plant nurseries. CRs at these seminars, organized under the leadership of Jim Swenson and Louis Rossetto, provide pruning demonstrations, general rose care information, and answer bazillion questions from all the public attending. The 2025 schedule of Rose Care Seminars is published on our website: www.fortvancouverrosesociety.org.

► and last, but never least—under the leadership of our two Consulting Rosarian Co-Members-at-Large, Jim Swenson and Louis Rossetto—are our community garden workdays at Esther Short Park Rose Garden and also the rose garden at The Covington House. What fun to work side by side maintaining these beautiful gardens for the community!

FVRS held its annual In-House Rose Show on Thursday, September 5, 2024, in the Parish Hall at St. Luke's-San Lucas Episcopal Church in Vancouver. There were approximately 30 entries, judged by Gary and Cheryl McClain, both members of the Portland Rose Society and Fort Vancouver Rose Society. Congratulations to all the winners and huge thanks to all the participants. Table decorations for the "Take Me Out to the Rose Show" meal (hot dogs, chili, sauerkraut, desserts) were beautiful arrangements by FVRS members.



In-House Rose Show judges, Gary and Cheryl McClain, awarded first, second and third place ribbons.



October's General Membership meeting featured special speaker Jason Croutch of Fraser Valley Rose Farm in Deroche, Canada. Jason's webinar presentation was on essential fall season care practices he uses to ensure his roses are healthy, vibrant and ready to bloom next spring. He covered topics including pruning, soil conditioning, disease prevention and winter protection. Jason generously gave extra time during and after his presentation to answer many questions asked by those in attendance.



Jason
Croutch



Drs. Charold and Richard Baer

FVRS members further enhanced their rose knowledge at the November 7, 2024, meeting. Special speaker, Dr. Charold Baer, expertly reviewed "Marvelous Minis and Magnificent Minifloras" by providing the definition, history, hybridizer background and growing advantageous of miniature roses and miniflora roses. *It was a marvelous and magnificent presentation!*



Miniature
Bees Knees



Miniflora
Autumn Splendor

Members of the Fort Vancouver Rose Society held their annual dinner meeting at The Old Spaghetti Factory in Vancouver on December 5, 2024. After a delicious meal, they focused on the evening's events, which included the installation of 2025 officers and members-at-large, announcement of the 2025 FVRS Co-Volunteers of the Year, announcement of the FVRS 2025 Rose Show theme and a brief program presented by members Jim and Detra Swenson.



Jim Swenson and
Kathy Fry

FVRS Consulting Rosarian Co-Member-at-Large Jim Swenson proudly installed the 2025 FVRS officers and members-at-large, which included Kathleen Fry as President, Carol Adams as First Vice President, Mary Benson and Michael Giddings as Co-Second Vice Presidents, Maggie Mikalatos as Treasurer, Jan DeWeese as Secretary and Members-at-Large David Goggin, Wendy Tilley, Louis Rossetto and Jim Swenson. Louis and Sally Rossetto remain on the FVRS Board as Immediate Past Co-

Presidents.

FVRS members Gene Fults and Maureen McGoldrick were named 2024 FVRS Co-Volunteers of the Year.

And, everyone gave a "thumbs up" to the 2025 Rose Show theme--200 Years of Roses at The Fort--announced for the first time to the membership by FVRS Rose Show Co-Chairs Julie Goggin and Sally Rossetto.

A delightful program, "The Yellow Rose of Texas," was then presented by FVRS members Detra and Jim Swenson.

A fabulous meeting, ending a fabulous 2024 year for the Fort Vancouver Rose Society!

Submitted by Jan DeWeese



2025 Rose Show Co-Chairs Julie
Goggin and Sally Rossetto

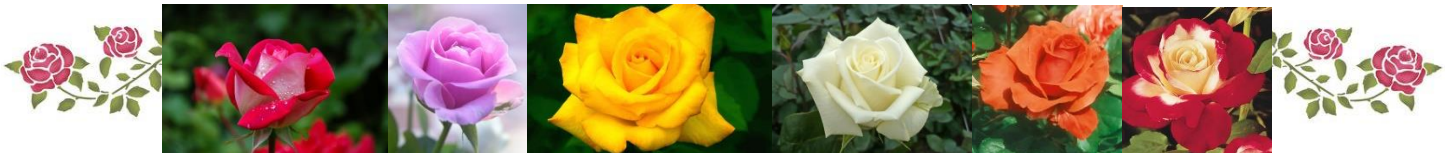


ROSES NEEDED FOR THE AUCTION!

Thursday, March 6, 2025 – 7 p.m.
Parish Hall at St. Luke's Episcopal Church

The FVRS General Membership meeting on March 6, 2025, will feature the 2025 Rose Auction! This year, we are pleased to already have some hybrid teas, floribundas, and miniature roses donated from members' gardens. It is a good start, but we need many more roses to have a successful auction toward supporting the 2025 Rose Show.

Every year we count on our members to donate a rose or two, and we are always most grateful for everyone's generosity. By donating a rose, you not only help to raise money for the annual rose show, but you also provide an opportunity for others to enjoy a new rose for their gardens. And, by submitting a winning bid, you gain a new rose for your own garden!



To donate a rose for the auction, please contact Louis and Sally Rossetto at sallywarner2002@yahoo.com or give them a call at 360-573-8033. Please email or call by February 25 so that the Rose Auction Committee will have time to create a PowerPoint photo presentation to help bidders select roses at the auction. The evening program will also include a *Pot o' Gold 50/50 Drawing* where, in short, you buy a chance to win half of the money collected and the other half benefits the 2025 Rose Show.

So, bring your cash, check, or credit card and your friends and family to have fun at the auction in support of our annual rose show. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the area to drop off roses will be at the side entrance of the Parish Hall where help will be there to accept your donated rose. Then, the auction will start promptly at 7 p.m.



SEE YOU THERE!

--Submitted by Sally Rossetto

200 Years of Roses

When Julie Goggin and Sally Rossetto announced our 2025 Rose Show theme—“**200 Years of Roses at The Fort**”—I was curious. Researching if roses have been here for 200 years, I found it to be true. Not in the sense of roses as we know them today, but roses just the same. Searching for roses native to the Pacific Northwest, I found that roses did grow here much before then.

The original Fort Vancouver garden covered five to eight acres. It included vegetables, fruit trees and flowers, including roses and dahlias.

Native American interest and use of roses has been well documented. Rose hips were eaten fresh or dried. Dried or boiled they were used for tea, jams and jelly. A concoction of rose roots was used to treat sore throat, ease labor pains and even syphilis. Before burial, rose branches were used as good luck charms to sweep out grave sites.

Wild roses, in the form of rose hips, provided food for birds and other wildlife through the winter. Blooms attracted pollinators from bees to butterflies, and thickets provided shelter for birds and wildlife. Roses played a vital role in the Pacific Northwest ecosystem 200 years ago and still do! Our stewardship of these important native plants is paramount.

Washington has three native roses: Baldhip Rose, Nootka Rose and Clustered Wild Rose. Woods' Rose can also be found in Washington but primarily east of the Cascades. Dog Rose and Sweetbriar Rose can be spotted in the Pacific Northwest but are not native. Although similar in appearance, there are marked differences.

BALDHIP Rose

Usually found in forests or shady edges. Normally under 4 feet tall but can reach 6 feet. Two inch blooms. Fine, numerous prickles. Leaflets are small and rounded.



NOOTKA Rose

Found on forest edges or part-shade. Up to 7 feet tall. Straight prickles, curved on larger branches. Largest prickle of all native roses. Hips are large and persist in winter.



CLUSTERED WILD ROSE

Habitat is usually west of the Cascades, often in wet soil. Grows up to 9 feet tall. Blooms in clusters, pink and smaller than Nootka Rose. Medium sized prickles. Pear shaped hips.



WOODS' ROSE

Found east of the Cascades, in well-drained soil. Will grow up to 10 feet tall. Single or small cluster blooms in white to deep pink. Leaflets can have fine hairs and more of a curved tip.



--Submitted by Kathy Fry

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+.

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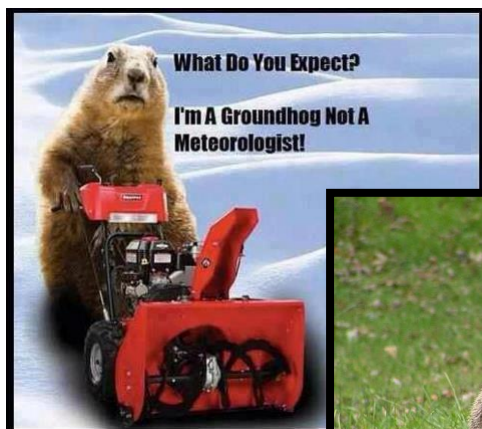
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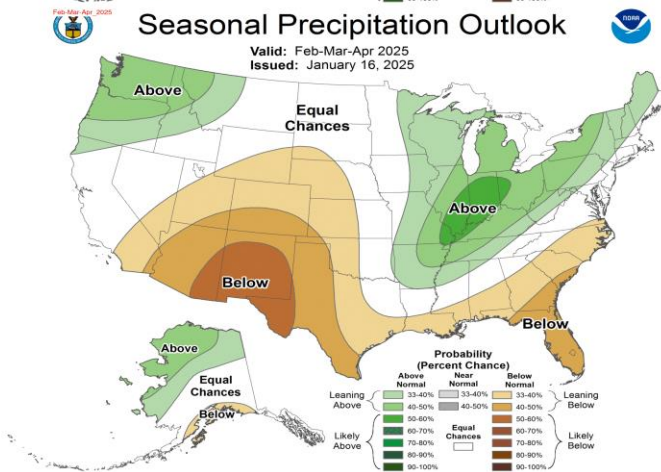
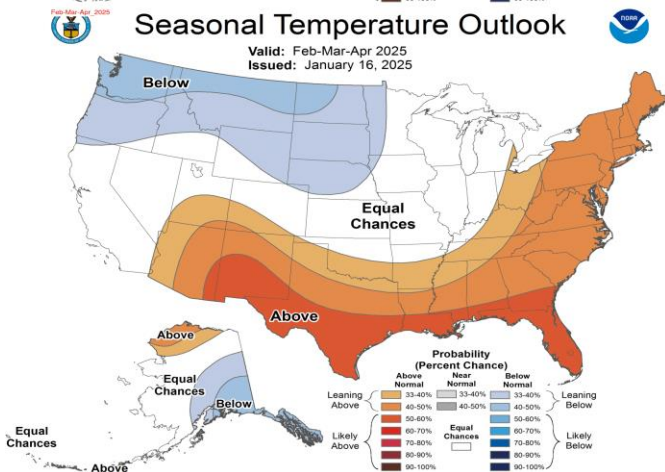
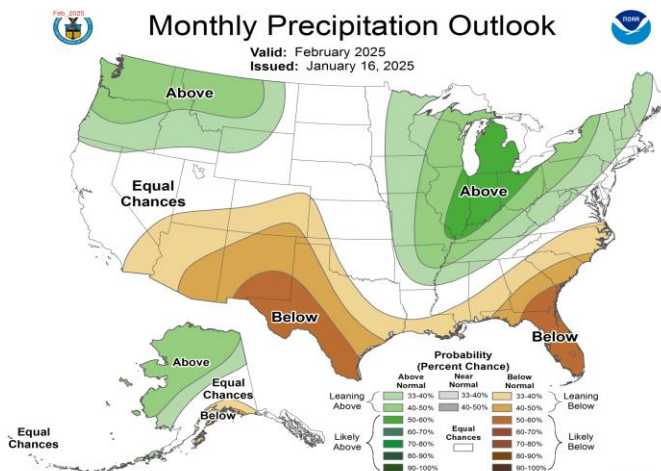
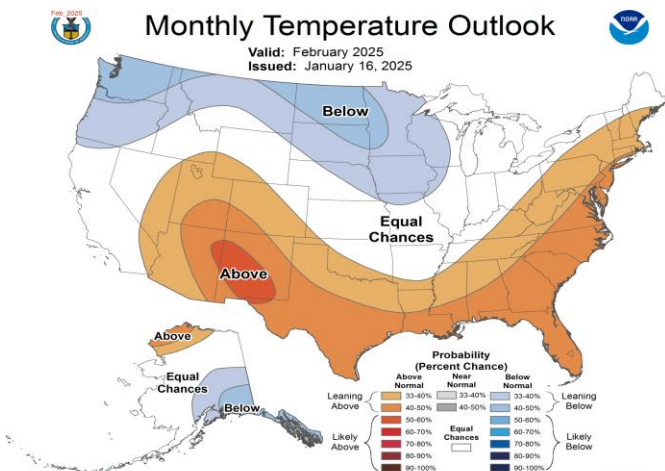
by Ryan Tilley, Meteorologist Supreme



It took a while for some of the La Nina effects to take effect, but January was indeed much colder than normal. What was not normal was the paucity of any real rain or snow unless you happen to live near the mountains. Good thing too since nobody really likes shoveling snow.

February	Avg High	Avg Low	Avg Precip
Vancouver	51	33	3.19
Portland	51	36	3.36
Seattle	50	37	3.46
Seaside, OR	52	38	8.46
Spokane	40	26	1.34
Tacoma	51	37	3.86
Salem	52	35	3.98

That is the problem with a weak La Nina as it allows other factors to influence our weather for the upcoming seasonal forecasts. So, more weight is given to the other computer models as they pertain to the forecast maps that we see. This weak La Nina is only going to stick around for a few months and then it will go away.



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