

Ring Around The Roses



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LEADERSHIP REMARKS

In a time when most club and organization memberships are shrinking, we are holding our own. With two new members joining and another renewing at our February General Membership meeting, we are at 52 households. Several years ago, the Board decided that we would count households rather than actual persons since our dues cover all household members. We also had two persons attending the pruning seminars last weekend who stated they would be joining our happy group.

We are confident that future opportunities (*another Rose Care Seminar on March 1 and the Camas Plant & Garden Fair on May 10*) to share our love of the ROSE will



bring in more members. If you have neighbors who grow roses, invite them to a meeting. That is how I came to the Society...so, *thank you, Mary Benson!*

As already noted, we will again be participating in the Camas Plant & Garden Fair. Mike Giddings and David Goggin will be spearheading our efforts. They'll be looking for assistance so look for ways you can volunteer (*details to come in future newsletters and on the website*).

The 2025 Rose Show Committee continues to work hard. You will find a letter from the Donation Committee on **Page 7** that details ways to support the show. **Please take the time to read it.** With our new venue at the Clark County Event Center at the Fairgrounds, we are trying a different fundraising approach, spearheaded by Maggie Mikalatos.

More rose show activities include the replacement of all rose portrait frames with updated, easy-to-use frames; and Julie Goggin has enlisted members of the Arrangement Workshop group to assist with the Arrangement section of the show. Stay tuned for further updates as they become available.

And last, but hardly least, our show is listed in the latest American Rose Society **American Rose** magazine and is also on the ARS online calendar of events.

--Submitted by Kathy Fry, President



MARK YOUR CALENDER



Saturday, March 1 at 1:00 p.m. Rose Care Seminar
Dennis' 7 Dees at 10006 SE Mill Plain Blvd.

Wednesday, March 5 at 2:00 p.m. Arrangement Workshop
Elks Lodge, 11605 SE McGillivray Blvd. *(see Page 6)*

Thursday, March 6 at 7:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting
Parish Hall, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 426 E. Fourth Plain Blvd.
PROGRAM: Annual Rose Auction *(see Page 4)*

Friday, March 7 at 9:00 a.m. First 2025 Work Day at the Parks
Esther Short Park Rose Garden *(see Page 8)*

Wednesday, April 2 at 2:00 p.m. Arrangement Workshop
Elks Lodge, 11605 SE McGillivray Blvd.

Thursday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. General Membership Meeting
Parish Hall, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 426 E. Fourth Plain Blvd.
PROGRAM: Presentation by Kim Erion: "Moving Margaret's Roses"

Saturday, May 10 at the Camas Plant & Garden Fair
Downtown Camas, Washington



SNACK/REFRESHMENTS SCHEDULE

A - F February and June

G - J March and September

K - R April and October

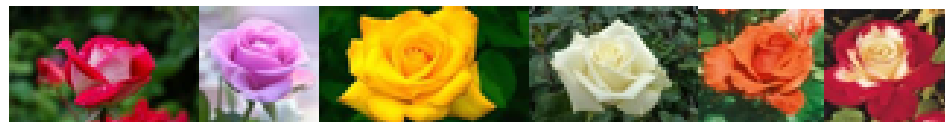
S - Z May and November





***IF IT'S
MARCH,
IT'S THE
ROSE
AUCTION!***

It surely tis almost March ... so plans for our annual rose auction are well underway!



This year, we are pleased to have (*thus far!*) over forty roses (see next page), including Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras, Floribundas, a Climber, a Tree Rose, Shrubs, Miniatures and Minifloras.

The auction will take place on March 6, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall at St. Luke's-San Lucas Episcopal Church 426 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver.

The Parish Hall doors will open a half hour early for bidders to check out the roses and view the slide show of roses being auctioned.

The evening will also feature a **50-50 Pot o' Gold Drawing** with the winning ticket and FVRS splitting the pot.



To all you FVRS members, this is an excellent opportunity to support our fundraising efforts for the 2025 Rose Show, "**200 Years of Roses at the Fort,**" and find just the rose you want (need!) for your garden. Also, consider inviting a friend or two to come and bid on roses for their gardens!

Need more information? Contact Sally or Louis at 360-573-8033 and/or check out our website:

www.fortvancouverrosesociety.org

--Submitted by Sally and Louis Rossetto





List of Roses for FVRS 2025 Annual Auction

- Anna's Promise Gr, orange blend, 7.4
- Barbra Streisand HT, mauve, 7.1
- Bees Knees Min, yellow blend, 8.3
- Cajun Signature, Don Thorp HT, white, 7.6
- Coffee Bean Min, russet, 7.7
- Crimson Bouquet Gr, dark red, 7.8
- Diane Sommers Min, pink blend, single, 8.0
- (Two) Double Delight HT, red blend, 8.3
- (Two) Drop Dead Red F, dark red, 7.5
- (Two) Fame! Gr, deep pink, 8.2
- Fragrant Cloud HT, orange red, 8.1
- Fragrant Plum Gr, mauve, 7.7
- Full Sail Tree Rose, white, 7.3
- (Two) Gift of Love MinFI, medium yellow, 7.6
- Gold Medal Gr, medium yellow, 8.3
- Hot Prince HT, red blend, 8.1
- (Two) Lady Mitchell HT, red
- Lady of Shalott Eng, apricot blend, 7.9
- Lavaglut (Lava Flow) F, dark red, 8.6
- Marilyn Monroe HT, apricot blend, 8.1
- (Two) Marlon's Day HT, white, 7.9
- Megan Dawn MinFI, medium red, 7.6
- New Year Gr, orange blend, 7.3
- Peace HT, yellow blend, 8.1
- Peach Swirl HT, apricot blend, 7.7
- Perfect Moment HT, red blend, 8.0
- Peter Mayle HT, deep pink, 7.8
- Playboy F, red blend, single, 8.4
- Pop Art Gr, yellow blend, 7.8
- Priscilla Burton F, red blend, 8.2
- Randy Scott HT, white, 7.9
- Ring of Fire HT, orange blend, 8.3
- Roald Dahl Eng, apricot blend, 7.8
- Rosette Delizy, T, yellow blend, 8.4
- (Two) Signature HT, pink blend, 7.7
- Sombreuil, LCL, white, about 1880, 8.7
- South Africa, Gr, deep yellow, 8.0
- (Two) Stephanie Diane HT, medium red, 7.2
- (Two) Sunstruck HT, apricot blend, 7.9
- The Ancient Mariner S, (David Austin Rose), mauve
- The Lark Ascending S, apricot blend, 8.5
- Tournament of Roses Gr, pink blend, 8.2
- True Grace S, pink blend, Ping Lim true bloom series

ARRANGEMENT WORKSHOP UPDATE

It is March and time for the Arrangement Workshop. Bring your **Construction** design and get ready to practice judging your work with the ARS scorecard. Two additional designs will be introduced: **Illuminary** and **Angular**. Learn about incorporating light and angles into your rose designs. Come, learn, and have fun. This is a wonderful way to prepare for exhibiting at the 2025 Rose Show.

WHERE -- ELKS LODGE 823, 11605 SE Mc GILLIVRAY BLVD, VANCOUVER 98683

WHEN -- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, at 2:00 P.M.

***ALL INTERESTED
FORT VANCOUVER ROSE SOCIETY MEMBERS
ARE WELCOME!***

**JULIE GOGGIN, ARRANGEMENT CHAIR
CALL 360-609-1749 IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS**

Workshop members Kathy Fry and Jen Jacobus with arrangement created for the lobby at the Elks Lodge.



2025 Rose Show Opportunities FOR YOU to Help!



As we look forward to our rose show this year, there are many exciting things happening, including our new venue! Our show will be at the Clark County Event Center at the Fairgrounds where it is anticipated we will attract higher attendance. With that in mind, our show budget is correspondingly also higher than last year; and these are the ideas your 2025 Rose Show Committee has for raising support.

First: Business Giving - In past years, we have asked you to approach businesses that you support (and those you anticipated would be supportive of our show) with a donation request letter. This year, with the new venue at the Fairgrounds, we want to reach out to even more businesses and offer them the opportunity to support us and advertise their businesses in the booklet we give out to visitors at the show. They will be listed as “patron donors” in the Visitor booklet and in a PowerPoint slide presentation displayed during the public show hours (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.). A business that donates \$500 and over will also be offered an advertisement for its business in the Visitor booklet. ***Your part in this donation process*** will be to provide us with the names and contacts (if you know them) of your favorite or often frequented stores and shops. Send the names and contacts (if known) of those businesses to FVRS Treasurer Maggie Mikalatos at maggie.mikalatos@gmail.com and let her know if your name can be used as a reference. One of our Donation Committee members will then reach out to your referred businesses with a friendly invitation to support our show and explain the levels of support.

Second: Individual Giving - We will also encourage FVRS members to not only volunteer time and energy at the show (opportunities will be announced soon!) but additionally participate with their personal financial support. Donation support checks can either be sent to our postal box (FVRS, 6400 NE HWY 99, Suite G, #457, Vancouver, WA 98665) or given directly to FVRS Treasurer Maggie Mikalatos. As with patron donor businesses, individual patron donors will also be acknowledged in the Visitor booklet and in the PowerPoint presentation on the day of the show. Here are the 2025 Patron Donor Levels:

2025 Patron Donor Levels

Level 1 – Hybrid Tea	\$500 and over
Level 2 – Floribunda	\$250 to \$499
Level 3 – Climber	\$100 to \$249
Level 4 – Miniature	\$50 to \$99

Third: In-Kind Giving - The third part of our fundraising effort is for those of you who like to donate actual items to be presented as awards (trophies). Should you wish to donate an item (valued at \$50), please give it to a member of the Donation Committee. Again, your donation will be acknowledged in our Visitor booklet.

We are very hopeful that our new venue and approach to donor giving for our rose show will promote new interest in roses, attract new members and give our community a better awareness of FVRS. All that you do toward making this happen is invaluable as we strive to grow our Society and produce an incredible rose show. *Thanks for all you do!*

Donation Committee: Julie Goggin, Maggie Mikalatos, Sally Rossetto, Margaret Snitzler

Esther Short Park Rose Garden Spring Pruning/Cleanup

Spring will be here before we know it. It's time to think about cleaning up the rose beds and roses at the Esther Short Park Rose Garden and Covington House Rose Garden.

Friday, March 7, will be the Spring Pruning/Cleanup session at the Esther Short Park Rose Garden. We'll begin at **9:00 a.m.**

The countless times we've working together have proven that "Many hands make light work." We'll see the rose garden looking splendid again with just a couple hours of working together.

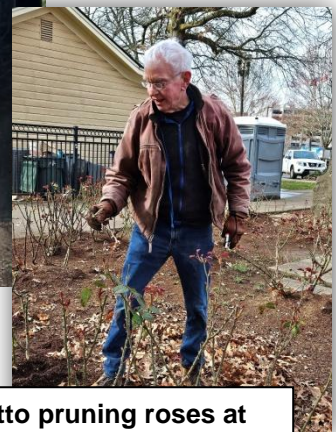
Bring your pruners and buckets to help "get 'er done." A hoe and rake are also needed to tackle the weeds that have popped up.

Thanks and see you in the garden!

--Submitted by *Louis Rossetto and Jim Swenson*



Jim Swenson (on right) instructs Marsha Louis as she prunes one of the roses at Esther Short Park in March 2024.



Louis Rossetto pruning roses at Esther Short Park in March 2024.

2025 Rose Care Seminars

On Saturday, February 22, Fort Vancouver Rose Society presented seminars at two area nurseries. The seminar at Yard 'n Garden Land in Vancouver started at 10 a.m. Louis Rossetto and Carl Finch demonstrated various pruning methods for a variety of different roses. They also answered questions from the 35 plus attendees. Questions ranged from mulching; disease control; spraying and, of course, pruning. Yard 'n Garden provided coffee, cookies and door prizes.

At 2 p.m. that same day, rose care experts Louis Rossetto and Mary Hoover presented a Rose Care Seminar at Tsugawa Nursery in Woodland. Attending the demonstration were four rose growers from several northern counties. They had lots of questions for our experts and left with the products of the demonstration; i.e., finely pruned, bare root roses.

--Submitted by Kathy Fry





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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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Admission: HPSO Members \$25; non-members \$35. Members may buy an additional ticket at the member price for one guest. Tickets available at: <https://hpsomemberclicks.net/f-garrett>

This will be an in-person event only and not recorded.

Useful link: <https://www.greatdixter.co.uk/>

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Incentive program represent a unique opportunity extended to those non-ARS members of affiliated local rose societies to join ARS for the very first time and enjoy the rewards of full membership (domestic within the USA only). This option involves the giving of a donation of \$50.00 to the ARS. Under this campaign donors will receive -

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Throughout the USA there are several hundred affiliated local rose societies. If each society were to recognize just THREE of their deserving prominent non-ARS volunteer members with an ARS membership at \$50.00 each, our membership ranks would swell by over 600 members gaining new income source of \$30,000.00. This approach may seem ambitious but is achievable!

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Weather Word

by Ryan Tilley, Meteorologist Supreme

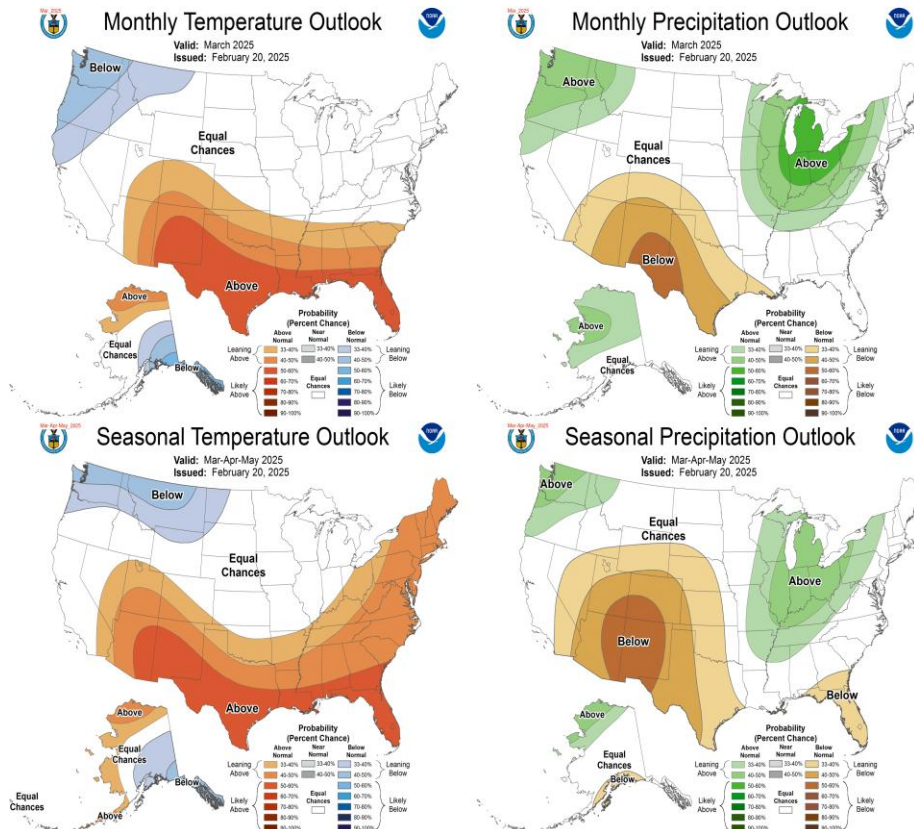
The predicted weak La Nina is in full swing and the weather in February was what you would expect. We saw below normal temperatures and near normal precipitation that featured 3-5 inches of snow in the middle of the month. March will likely continue the trend, and I would

not be surprised to see a little bit more at some point during the month.

By the time summer comes, the weak La Nina will be gone, and we will likely see another dry, sizzling summer. Good for great looking blooms, not so much for our water bills.



March	Avg High	Avg Low	Avg Precip
Vancouver	60	40	3.19
Portland	57	40	3.38
Seattle	54	39	2.68
Seaside, OR	53	39	8.74
Spokane	49	32	1.61
Tacoma	56	40	4.06
Salem	56	37	3.98



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