

# Ring Around The Roses



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## **LEADERSHIP REMARKS**

And so it starts, the busy season. So many things to get done in the garden. Spring pruning and fertilizing. I have learned to pace myself; it does not have to all happen in one day.

And, for Fort Vancouver Rose Society members, this is also our busy season. We have Rose Care Seminars planned at area garden centers and nurseries, the annual Rose Auction on Wednesday, March 4, to organize (*contact Sally to help!*), and we are “getting our ducks in a row” for the Camas Plant & Garden Fair on Saturday, May 9.

In addition to all of the above, many of us are working toward having the 2026 Rose Show, *A Rosy Affair* on May 30, the best ever. *And, here I go again, if you can help please say so!*

Take care of yourself ... Your garden is depending on you!

**--Submitted by Kathy Fry**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, February 28, at 10:00 a.m. **Pruning and Rose Care Seminar**  
Yard 'n Garden Land, 1501 NE 102<sup>nd</sup> Street in Vancouver

Tuesday, March 3, at 2:00 p.m. **Arrangement Workshop** (see pg. 5)  
Judy Heath Residence, 5418 NW Franklin Street in Vancouver

Wednesday, March 4, at 7:00 p.m. **General Membership Meeting** (see pg.6)  
**ROSE AUCTION ... doors open at 6 p.m. with auction at 7 p.m.**  
Parish Hall at St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
426 E. Fourth Plain Blvd. in Vancouver

Saturday March 7, at 11:00 a.m. **Pruning and Rose Care Seminar**  
Dennis' Seven Dees, 10006 SE Mill Plain Blvd. in Vancouver

Wednesday, March 11, at 9:30 a.m. **Workday at Community Gardens**  
We'll start at Esther Short Park Rose Garden  
then go to the Covington House Rose Garden

Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.m. **General Membership Meeting**  
Parish Hall at St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
426 E. Fourth Plain Blvd.

Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m. to 12 noon **Rose Care Seminar**  
**CELEBRATING TSUGAWA NURSERY 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
Tsugawa Nursery, 410 E. Scott Avenue in Woodland





## **A WORD FROM PNW DISTRICT PRESIDENT**

### **MICHAEL HUMPHREY**

As many of you know, the American Rose Society has been going through some changes this past year. Ongoing costs and reduced membership dues made it necessary to reduce benefits offered to members. The American Rose magazine and Selecting Roses handbook were put on hold, and staff was cut down to one fulltime and two temporary employees.

The good news is a trust fund has offered to purchase the American Rose Center, removing substantial cash outflow for the ARS. It will allow the ARS to pay off all outstanding obligations and resume normal operations.

There are three entities involved with the sale, each one having their own lawyers working out the sale agreement. In the beginning it was supposed to be completed by the first of January. With that many people involved and the holidays in that time frame, it was an optimistic completion date. I have not heard of a new date but hopefully it will be soon.

***--Submitted by Kathy Fry, FVRS President. Michael says he will try to keep us informed as updates become available. Keep the faith.***

# FIRST PRUNING AND ROSE CARE SEMINAR OF 2026

Sunday, February 22, 2026, at Tsugawa Nursery in Woodland

Consulting Rosarians Julie Goggin and Judy Heath presented the first pruning and rose care seminar of 2026 to an audience that was modest-in-number but huge in enthusiasm about all things rose. It was apparent that Julie's and Judy's audience was fully engaged by how many questions were asked!



It's necessary to prune your roses to control their shape. Pruning "renews" your roses, helping them to produce beautiful blooms on larger, healthier canes. Judy advised that anvil pruners damage prune canes; use only bypass pruners and loppers when pruning roses.

Explaining where to prune on a stem, Judy said to look for the "smile" on the cane with the "dot"; i.e., the bud eye (a small bump found where a leaf would meet the stem), and cut about 1/4 to 1/2 inch above the bud eye. Prune above the bud eyes that are on the outside of the stem as new stems grow in the direction of the bud the goal is to encourage the plant toward outward growth.

Informative handouts with illustrations were provided on pruning and watering roses. Judy and Julie spoke also about the need to fertilize roses ...you must feed your roses to provide nutrients needed for plant health and beautiful blooms! Pest control methods were also discussed as well a brief but instructive explanation about growing roses from a cutting.



Last, both Judy and Julie advised that anyone working outside in the garden should have an up-to-date tetanus shot!

--submitted by Jan DeWeese

Hands-on learning! With Julie closely watching, Clare, a young member of the audience made quick work of pruning this rose. Good job, Clare!



## Rose pruning tips shared by Julie and Judy:

### 1 – Get tools ready

- Sharpen pruners
- Wear gloves, long sleeves



### 2 – Prune out:

- Dead, damaged and diseased canes
- Pencil-thin canes
- Crossing canes

### 3 – Continue to shape rose toward "opening" it for better air circulation

### 4 – A light prune provides plentiful but smaller blooms



### 5 – A hard prune produces fewer but larger blooms



***With respect to pruning, Julie advised that pruning your roses is much like giving a child a home haircut. You needn't beat yourself up over the results! Be brave ... your roses need that haircut!***

# ARRANGEMENT WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

**What-** Arrangement Workshop



**When-** March 3, 2026, Tuesday  
**\*\*\*\*\*alert/change of day\*\*\*\*\***

**Time-** 2:00 p.m.

**Where-** Judy Heath's Home

5418 NW Franklin Street, Vancouver

- Program:**
1. Your arrangements using non-floral foam mechanics.
  2. I-Li Hsiao- available to take your questions regarding non-floral foam mechanics.
  3. Presentation- "Floral Art Imitating Art" demonstration for creating this kind of design.



Hope to see you on March 3rd.

As always, contact me if you have any questions or if you need any help.

**Julie Goggin 360 609 1749 jhgoggin@comcast.net**





# FORT VANCOUVER ROSE SOCIETY

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## ANNUAL ROSE AUCTION

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

**Doors open 6 p.m.; Auction starts at 7 p.m.**

**Parish Hall at St. Luke's Episcopal Church  
426 E. Fourth Plain Blvd. in Vancouver**

The FVRS General Membership meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, will feature the **2026 Rose Auction!** It is a major fundraiser for the FVRS annual Rose Show. This year's rose show--themed "*A Rosy Affair*"-- will be Saturday, May 30, in the Exhibition Hall at the Clark County Event Center. See details at [www.fortvancouverrosesociety.org](http://www.fortvancouverrosesociety.org).

On March 4, the auction 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 2026 Rose Show.



Cash or check can be used in the 50/50 drawing; cash, check or credit card can be used to purchase gorgeous roses with your winning bids. Bring your friends and family to have fun at the auction in support of our annual rose show. Again, doors open at 6 p.m., and the auction will start promptly at 7 p.m.



***Let's make this the best Rose Auction EVER!***



*Hello Rosies! It's TIME*

*for the Annual Camas Plant & Garden Fair*

When? Saturday, May 9, 2026 (the day before Mother's Day)

Where? Downtown Camas, 4<sup>th</sup> and Cedar

What time? 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Parking? Yes, several lots nearby and a free shuttle  
from Camas High School

How can I help? Yay, thanks for volunteering! We'd like your help setting up the FVRS booth in the morning and also need FVRS members to staff the booth in shifts during the event. We'll have sign-up sheets at the March, April and May FVRS General Membership meetings. Or, email me at [sabre767@gmail.com](mailto:sabre767@gmail.com). This will be our third year participating in the fair!!

Wait, hold on! Where is the info at again? Maps of vendors, parking, shuttles? Easy -- check out [cwplantfair.org](http://cwplantfair.org).



*--Submitted by Michael Giddings*



If you've spent any time gardening, then you've likely heard of the term "pruning" before. [This beneficial garden maintenance task](#) is imperative for keeping your beautiful, hard-earned rose bush alive year after year. By skipping the pruning process, you run the risk of a less-than-healthy bush that can quickly become overtaken but don't let this take frighten you. [Pruning](#) is a fairly easy process that provides a major reward. You just need to set a date in your calendar to pull out your garden shears and get to work sometime in the late winter or early spring.

Ready to see your [rose bush](#) come alive this year? Follow the steps in this guide to pruning your rose bush for healthy, vibrant blossoms in the following months.

## Understanding Rose Pruning

It's true that pruning your rose is vital for plant health, but it's also important to enhance the overall aesthetics. For the benefits of health, pruning roses gets rid of any diseased plants and improves the air circulation needed for your blooms to grow abundantly and vibrant in color. Because you're doctoring up your bush by removing threatening stems, it's encouraging the plant to produce more blooms and decrease any present diseases from spreading.

But while you're at it removing the disease, you're also improving the aesthetics by shaping your plants to your desired balance. You're removing unwanted growth that could overtake your garden and keeping the visual neat, which creates a pleasing design.

Before you take shears to your rose bush and start whacking away, here are a few tips to follow based on the type of roses you have planted:

- Climbing roses: Prune in late winter or early spring. Cut mostly the lateral stems.
- Floribunda and hybrid tea roses: Prune in early spring. Cut the healthiest stems back 4-6 inches and weaker ones 2-4 inches.

## The Best Time To Prune Roses

- Generally, the [best time to prune your roses](#) is in late winter or early spring after the last frost. This is the ideal time to prune since it's right before new growth starts to happen. However, there are a few climate considerations to note so you prune at the proper time based on your region:
  - Pacific Northwest: February & March
  - Northeast: March & April
  - Midwest: March & April
  - Southeast: January
  - Southwest: January & February
  - South Central & Lower Midwest: February

## Factors That Indicate It's Time To Prune

Other than following the general guideline for your climate, there are other factors that indicate it's time to prune your roses. One of those is when you start to see the plant budding or leafing. This means active growth is starting to occur, so pruning now further encourages healthy and bountiful growth.

Another visible indicator is the last frost. Frost stunts plant growth so if you prune too early and another frost hits, your roses will not bloom properly since the extreme cold will damage them.

**--Author unknown**

**--Submitted by Kathy Fry, FVRS President**

# New Photography Class

## First Rose Photo Class Explained

Last year, while enjoying the first workday/garden maintenance session at Esther Short Park Rose Garden, I found my first rose of the year. A lovely little bud, Magic Lantern (see below). I took a photo and stored it away. It occurred to me that everyone who loves and cares for roses has a first rose. Unfortunately, I did not get back over there to get a follow-up photo. This year I will so I can enter the First Rose photo class at the 2026 Rose Show!

To enter the new First Rose photography class competition, the rose you photograph as a bud and then open bloom with stamens showing does not have to be from your own garden. **Just be sure to select a rose in a garden where you can keep track of it as it blooms.**

The following is from this year's Rose Show Photography Schedule:

**Instruction for Class 152:** This class is a **duel photo entry**. It includes a photo of a first rose as a bud, then the same rose as an open bloom with stamens showing. **The purpose of the class is to bring excitement and expectation for the coming season.** The entry should include the following, date of each photo, name of rose, and location (your garden, neighbor's or other garden; and public gardens should be named).



This is the Magic Lantern photo I took on April 25, 2025. As I said above, I didn't get back to the Esther Short Park Rose Garden to take a follow-up photo of the same rose when it would have been opened with stamens showing ... **but I will photo capture both bud and open bloom this year!**

**Magic Lantern April 25, 2025  
Esther Short Park Rose Garden**

***---Submitted by Kathy Fry, FVRS President***



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## 2026 FVRS MEMBERSHIP FORM

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**NOTE:** *The Fort Vancouver Rose Society is affiliated with the American Rose Society. The American Rose Society exists to promote the culture, preservation and appreciation of the Rose, and to improve its standard of excellence for all people, through education and research.*

*If you wish to join the American Rose Society, please go directly to the ARS website: [www.rose.org](http://www.rose.org).*

**\$ \_\_\_\_\_ FVRS MEMBERSHIP NAME TAG at \$12 each**

If you would like to order a FVRS name tag, please check below. If you are a Consulting Rosarian or Master Rosarian, check the applicable box and the designation will be included on your name tag

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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.
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