

Ring Around The Roses



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Leadership Remarks

We continue to add new members. At the last Board meeting Margaret reported we have 57 paid members representing 40 households. And since the last general meeting, I have received notice of 2 more new members.

We are moving into modern technology with the addition of Square, a mobile payment company. We will now be able to accept credit card payments for membership dues, rose auctions, etc.



Sale of FVRS Apparel. In celebration of our 70th Anniversary Year, David Goggin is coordinating the sale of FVRS polo shirts. They will be gray with red lettering. Orders can be made at the May 4 General Membership meeting. Delivery is anticipated by the June 1 General Membership meeting.

--Reported by Kathy Fry

All Dressed Up-Grandiflora

May 4 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP Meeting
ANOTHER REMINDER ABOUT THE SILENT
AUCTION AT THE MAY 4 MEETING



We have some great items to auction off, perfect for yourself or to give as gifts. Payments can be made with Cash, Check, and **now we will be accepting Credit Cards!!**



Please contact Carol Adams at 805-404-2011 with any questions. All proceeds support the FVRS 2023 Rose Show!

Bring your friends and family--it is going to be a fun night! And bring your sweet tooth for the ice cream social...Yum!

Soil testing by Judy Heath, Carl Finch will be there to sharpen tools, and sign out a rose show road sign to display and advertise the
June 24 FVRS 2023 Rose Show!

--Reported by Carol Adams

Spring in the rose garden

Spring has sprung slowly this year in my yard. It appears that growth is about 2 weeks slower than most years. I still have the mulch around the crown of my roses. I will begin removing it soon. My rose beds look ready for a new year as weeds and old leaves have been picked. I did find a few suckers (growing from the root under the crown) and pulled them off. I have found that pulling them off is better than cutting them off. They seem to grow back quickly if I cut them off. I did have some gall on a few roses which I cut out and put in the trash.

If you did not add mulch to your rose garden in the late fall now is a good time to consider adding some. Or maybe add some to dress up your beds to help keep weeds down. Check your pH again. I shot for 6.5. When I checked my soil temperature it was 53 degrees, so fertilizing is good as far as soil temperature goes. However, I will wait for a little more growth. I normally fertilize the middle of April but again things have slowed this spring. So maybe at the end of April.

It is important to get your programs for watering and spraying thought through.

Remember, roses need at least 5 gallons of water per week. And sometimes twice a week. Water deep so the roots get a good drink. I consider rain a bonus after mid-June and water regardless of rain unless we get an inch or more per rain event.

Pests and disease begin to show up in May; therefore, spray control is important. I try to alternate between a systemic and contact spray. The fungicides I use are Banner Max – Propiconazole, Eagle 20 EW – Myclobutanil, Immunox – Myclobutanil and Daconil – Chlorothalonil. Read label before use.

I wash aphids off with water. If needed, I spray with Monterey Insect Control – Spinosad. For spider mites I spray with Avid – Abamectin. I do not spray that often. I think if I get an early couple sprays in the spring, diseases are pretty much controlled. I do not do it perfectly; I can live with a little of what mother nature leaves behind.

I do not expect to see many blooms until mid to late June this year. The first bloom is always a joy to see. And with that there will be more joyful moments in the rose garden.

--Submitted by Jim Swenson

SOIL SAMPLE TESTING

You may choose one or two separate samples to be tested. If you feel that your soil seems pretty much the same throughout your yard, you should collect just one sample. If you have a garden where there are 2 areas with significantly different growing conditions, you may bring in 2 different samples. **Please do not bring in more than 2 soil samples for testing so that everyone who brings in a sample will have an opportunity to have it tested.**

Collecting Each Soil Sample

- You will need a plastic bag big enough to contain about 2 cups of soil.
- Label your bag with your name, the date and where in your garden the sample was taken.
- Dig down 4-6 inches to take your soil sample as you want to test the soil down at root depth.
- Clean your spade before taking your sample so as not to contaminate your soil with fertilizer or chemicals that may skew the results.

As you can see from this chart below, A rose bush needs a soil pH level of approximately 6.0-6.5 for it to be able to take up the nutrients it needs. In this area, the rain leaches out the calcium, magnesium, sodium, and potassium in the soil, turning it acidic. Based on the result of the pH test, you will probably need to add lime to your soil. The most common form of lime to add is Aglime (sometimes referred to as Calcitic Lime) which is basically calcium carbonate. You will sometimes see Dolomite Lime. Dolomite Lime has a ratio of 50% calcium carbonate to 40% magnesium carbonate. Unless you have a more thorough testing of your soil at a lab and it shows that your soil is deficient in Magnesium, you probably should not add Dolomite Lime. Clay soils which many of us have here in Clark County tends to retain magnesium and does not need more.

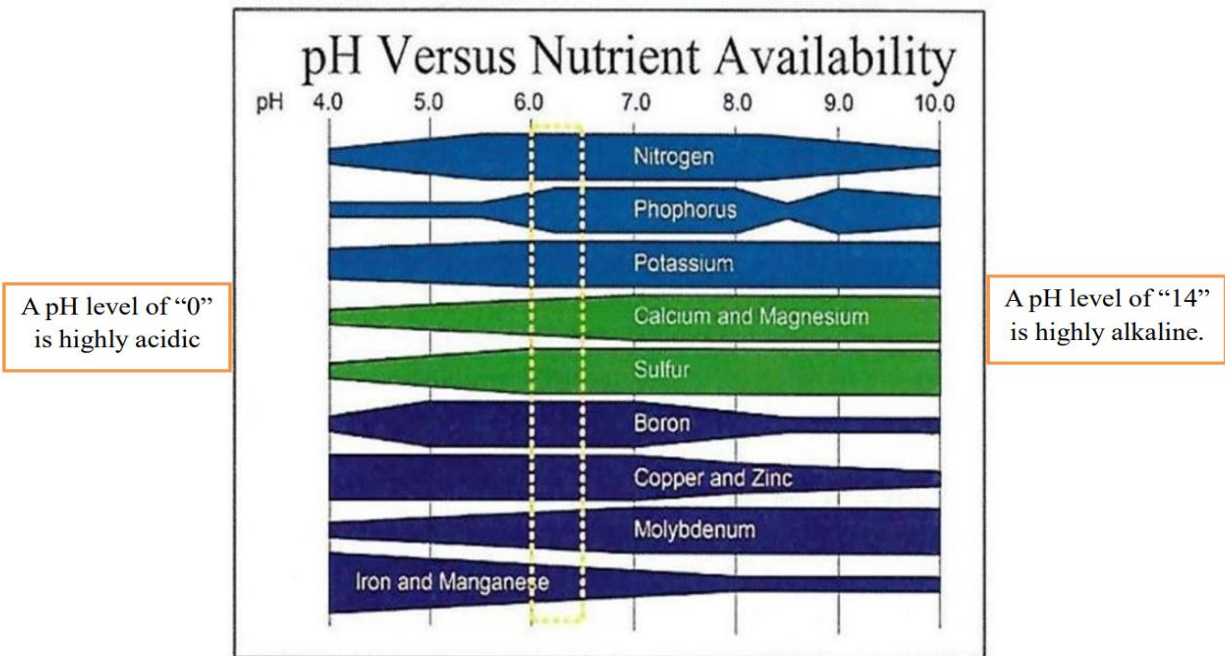
A slight change in pH has big consequences. When the pH goes from 6.0 to 5.0, the soil becomes 10 times more acidic. When the pH goes from 6.0 to 4.0, the soil becomes 100 times more acidic.

Since it takes a long time for lime to break down in the soil, it is best to add it in the fall. It will take 6-12 months before the lime is completely dissolved although you may see some results within about 4 weeks. It is good to scratch it into your soil. The Consulting Rosarian Manual recommends the amount of lime to be added per bush based on the climate and the kind of soil. For our area, if you have very sandy soil, you should add about ½ cup of lime per large rose bush. If you have mostly clay soil, you will want to add about 2 cups of lime per large rose bush. If you have been working to amend your soil, and have been adding mulch, you probably have a bit more balanced soil and should go with about 1 cup of lime per rose bush. For safety, you should always wear a breathing mask when adding lime as it is in a powdery form.

--Submitted by Judy Heath

A pH level of “0” is highly acidic.

A pH level of “14” is highly alkaline.



Credit: Steve Steps

MASON BEE TIME

April 9, 2023: Travis and I were out in the yard putting down some pavers. My little dog, Buddy, was there with us and he was messing with something small. I took a good look, and it is the first Mason bee of the season. It is a little early. The nights are too cool still. And unless he finds a dry spot to stay for the night, he will not make it.

I guess where this story is going is a reminder to our members who received a Mason bee house last fall that it is time to get the houses set up. No big hurry, the first week of May will be plenty early. If you have fruit trees, there are bumble bees out now and they are good little pollinators. I have bee cocoons put away for your first season, so no need to go buy them. Last year they were \$20 for 14 bees. Give me a call and I will come to help you and bring you some bees. Call Kathy Fry at 360-823-3155.

--Submitted by Kathy Fry

(below on the left) A male bee has a little white mustache, and no stinger.



(above the right) Female bees have a stinger but are very docile and will only sting if threatened.

Garage Sale

Time to clean out those closets, drawers, and the attic. The Fort Vancouver Rose Society annual garage sale has been scheduled for June 16-18. Again, we will piggyback off the Landover/Sharmel Neighborhood Garage sale weekend: June 16, 17, and 18.

This is the weekend before the rose show, so I am hoping for great participation. I can start receiving donations on Friday, June 2. Everything will be stored inside until the sale. We could also use a couple more folding tables. Volunteers to help set up and run the sale will be appreciated.

--Submitted by Kathy Fry

Kathy Fry's house
13108 NE 22nd Street
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Arrangement Workshop

The next arrangement workshop be Wednesday, May 3. We will meet at Kathy Fry's house, 13108 NE 22nd Street, Vancouver, 98684 at 2:00 p.m.

The theme for this workshop will be East Asian design. Flowers and containers will be provided, but Julie is asking everyone to provide their own 2-inch frog. You can find them at JoAnn's, Michaels, or maybe Craft Warehouse. Please give Julie a call if you plan to attend so we can set up accordingly: Julie at 360-695-0778.

--Submitted by Kathy Fry



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Where: Judy Heath's house

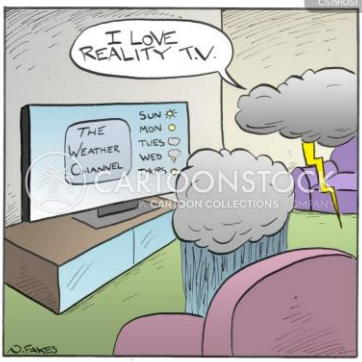
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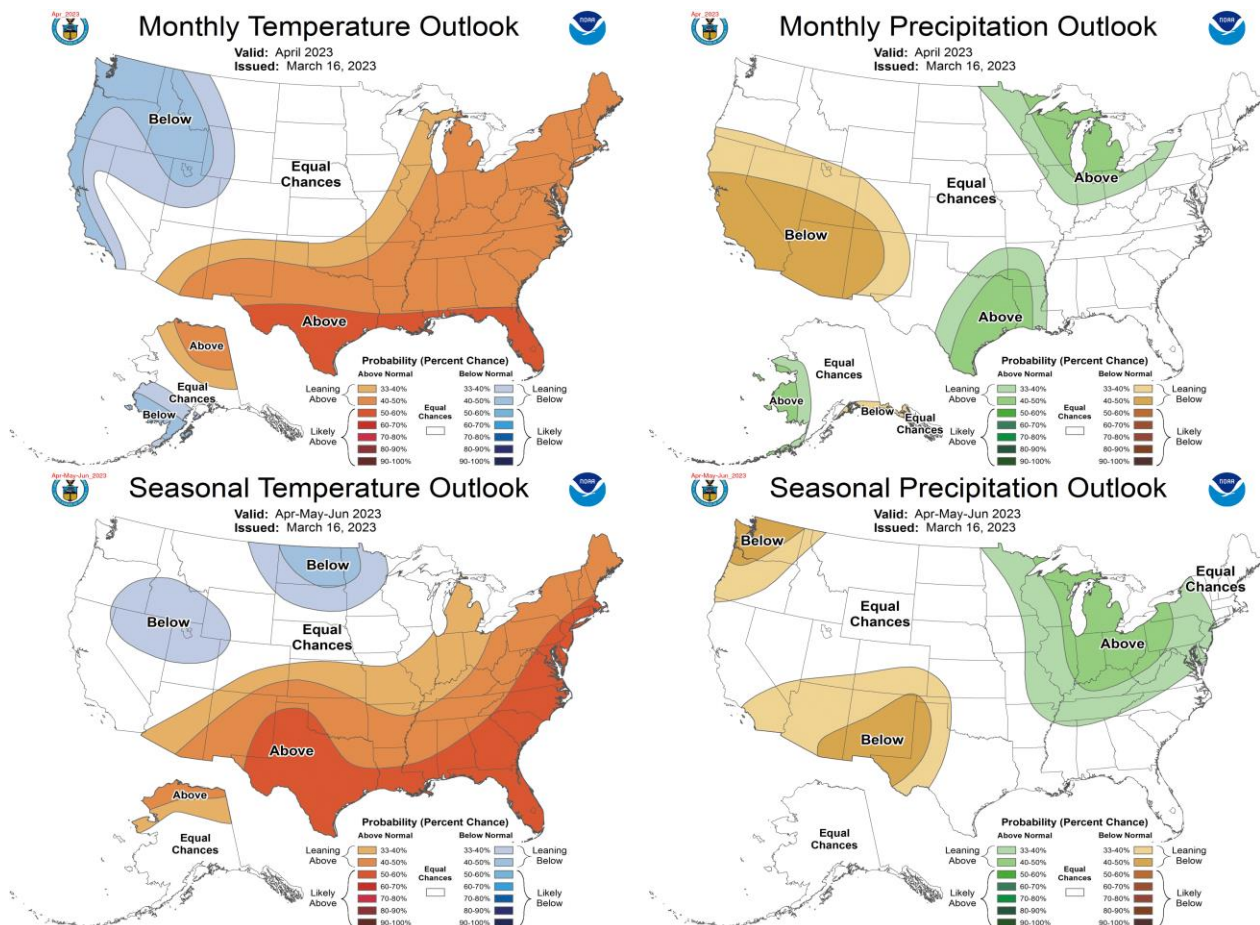


Weather Word

by Ryan Tilley, Meteorologist Supreme

Looks like La Nina is finally dissipating just in time for summer. In its wake a weak El Nino is forecasted to start later this summer into the fall and winter. What will that mean for our weather? Well, in the short term it will take a while for the atmosphere to “catch up.” We will continue to see a cool and damp month of April in Vancouver/Portland and near normal temperatures (whatever that means nowadays) in the southeastern U.S.

But starting in June, we should start to see a more normal summer with the dry season starting up with warming temperatures, unlike last year when cool, rainy weather conditions continued into the middle of June. And then, of course, the really hot conditions we have come to know (and love) will return in September. Seems it does not matter anymore whether it is La Nina, El Nino, or something else for our summers as they all end up hotter than normal. But the hurricane season may be a bit less severe than normal depending on how fast El Nino gets going with a lower number of hurricanes than normal. But the official forecast will not be issued until late in May.



Mark Your Calendar

Arrangements Workshop	Wednesday, May 3, 2:00 p.m. 13108 NE 22 nd Street
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General Membership	Thursday, May 4, 7:00 p.m. Silent Auction and Ice Cream Social
Esther Short Park Rose Garden	Friday, June 30, 9:00 a.m. Weeding and deadhead roses; bring your clippers, weeders, gloves, etc.

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