

# Ring Around The Roses



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## Leadership Remarks



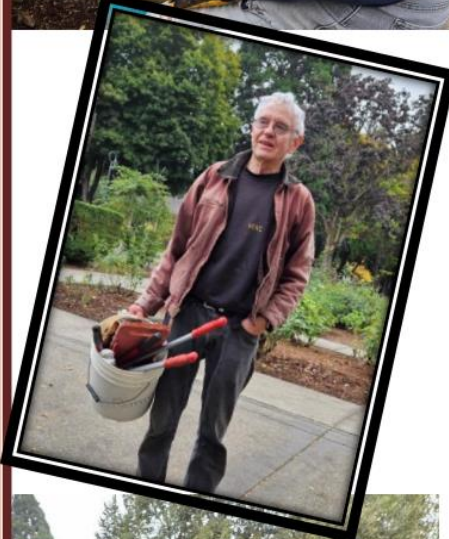
Well, October is gone but know that your FVRS Board was busy already getting things set up next year...can you believe it? We will have the election of officers and proposed themes for the 2024 Rose Show at our November 9 General Membership meeting.

There was also a clean-up at the Esther Short Park Rose Garden held October 24. We concentrated on getting the crowns ready for a fresh mulch layer on the November 10. A representative of Vancouver Parks informed us that the large

trellis on the north side of the garden will be removed for further City work there. One of the roses on that trellis is *Iceberg*. In the past it's been a difficult pruning job, requiring an 8ft. ladder to remove it from the vents of the former restroom facility.

--Submitted by Kathy Fry





*Eleven ... it must be our magic number! In August and in September and again in **October**, there were eleven FVRS volunteers each month at the workday in the Esther Short Park*

*Rose Garden.*

*THANK YOU!*

**Mary Benson  
Bob Britt  
Jered Dederer  
Dan DeWeese  
Jan DeWeese  
Kathy Fry  
Gene Fults  
Pete Mikalatos  
Phyllis Pegg  
Louis Rossetto  
Jim Swenson**

**Work day at Esther Short Park  
Rose Garden  
Tuesday, October 24, 2023**

Clockwise from the top: Mary Benson, Louis Rossetto, Gene Fults, Kathy Fry, Bob Britt, Pete Mikalatos, Louis Rossetto, Jim Swenson and Jered Dederer



## Esther Short Park: Crown Clean-up Day

We did it! The rose crowns at the Esther Short Park Rose Garden are looking much better and are ready for a layer of mulch. We finished right as Mother Nature started to sprinkle. Yeah, no one got wet.

I say a big *thank you* to those who came to help on the morning of Oct 24. We got a lot done in a short time. My pickup was loaded to the brim with rose debris.

Our next adventure will be Friday, November 10, at 9 a.m. when we'll put the rose garden to bed for the winter. This involves cutting the roses back to about waist high and covering the crowns with mulch.

Please bring your pruners and buckets for cutting the roses back. The City will have a container stationed for us to dump our debris. Also bring a shovel and wheelbarrow to load with mulch and cover the crowns. We will also need to blow the leaves off the crown and rake them up.

Sorry we did not have donuts and water on Oct 24. We would have needed to eat them in the rain. We'll get some for November 10.

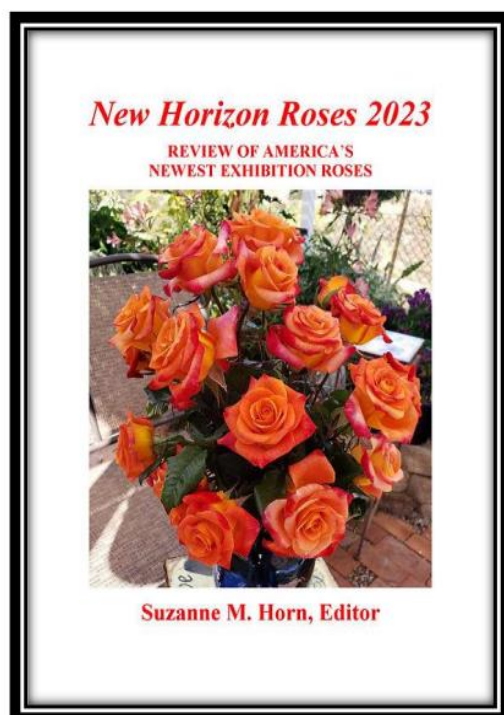
See you in the garden!

--Submitted by Jim Swenson





## Horizon Roses Publication



Wendy Tilley recently shared with the FVRS Board that she has been the regional editor of the Horizon Roses publication for the last two years.

The publication, now 41 years old, is a review of America's newest roses for their exhibition potential and contains reports by exhibitors (local exhibitors to highly experienced master rosarian exhibitors) from all over the United States who provide comments on growing these new rose varieties in their state.

This year, the publication offers opinions on hardiness, winter survival, fragrance and more of over 300 varieties. It also includes color photographs of most of the varieties of roses on which reports are received. The reports are presented alphabetically and

include information on where the roses may be obtained. The comments are helpful for rosarians, hobbyists and exhibitors, to have knowledge of the newest roses.

To introduce the publication to the FVRS members and encourage them to participate as reporters in future editions, the 2021 Horizon Roses edition (pictured on the right) will be displayed at the next General Membership meeting. The current 2023 edition is available on Amazon in the paperback format, a pdf electronic format and in Kindle format.

Evaluations of the new roses begin in June, 2024. If you are an exhibitor or have been evaluating roses for exhibition purposes, you can contribute to this publication by contacting Wendy at [wendytilley56@gmail.com](mailto:wendytilley56@gmail.com).



--Submitted by Jan DeWeese on behalf of Wendy Tilley

# **ATTENTION ARRANGERS AND ALL THOSE INTERESTED IN ARRANGING ROSES**

## **IT'S TIME FOR THE NOVEMBER ARRANGEMENT WORKSHOP**

**WHAT: CREATING SELF-MADE CONTAINERS AND STRUCTURES FOR ROSE DESIGNS**

**WHEN: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, AT 2:00 p.m.**

**WHERE: THE HOME OF KATHY FRY, 13108 NE 22<sup>ND</sup> STREET, VANCOUVER 98684  
360-823-3155 (cell)**

**Come and explore how to create your own containers and structures for rose designs. We will be adapting information from Debbie Spiller's presentation, held October 30 in Portland on "Creative Designs Using Self-Made Sculptures and Forms."**

**Bring your pruners or snips because we will be putting together a quick rose design, too. As usual, roses and foliage and basics will be provided; but if you have any roses bring them too.**

**See you at Kathy's at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8. Call me with questions and to let us know that you are coming.**

***--Submitted by Julie Goggin, Arrangement Chair at 360-609-1749 (cell)***



**Debbie Spiller**

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## DECEMBER ANNUAL DINNER

Our December meeting, which includes a dinner and installation of the 2024 Board, will be held at the Old Spaghetti Factory located at 730 SE 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue on Thursday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m.

### Menu Choices

- Spaghetti with Italian Sausage and Meat Sauce
- Baked Lasagna
- Fettuccine Alfredo
- Mizithra Cheese with Brown Butter over Pasta

All dinner entrees include salad, bread, and spumoni ice cream for dessert. Available beverages with your meal are coffee, hot tea, iced tea, milk, and a soft drink. If you order other beverages, you must pay the waitperson.

I will be taking reservations for the dinner at the November meeting. Even though the restaurant has increased their prices again this year, the cost will be the same as last year: \$25 per person. Please be prepared to pay your \$25 per person when you sign up for your entrée. The cost of the dinner and beverages above the \$25 will be covered by the Society. If you are on a gluten-free diet, please let me know.

If you are unable to attend the November general meeting when I am taking reservations, please send your entrée choice (s) and your check for \$25 per person to the Fort Vancouver Rose Society – to Margaret Snitzler, 4302 NE 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver, WA 98661 to be received no later than Monday, December 4. Please remember that it takes at least two days for the mail to get delivered.

NOTE: Margaret deposits dinner money separately from all other money. So, at the December meeting if you are paying your FVRS membership dues at the same time, please write a separate check. The credit card Square unit will be available, and you will need to keep dinner money separate from your dues if you are paying both that night.

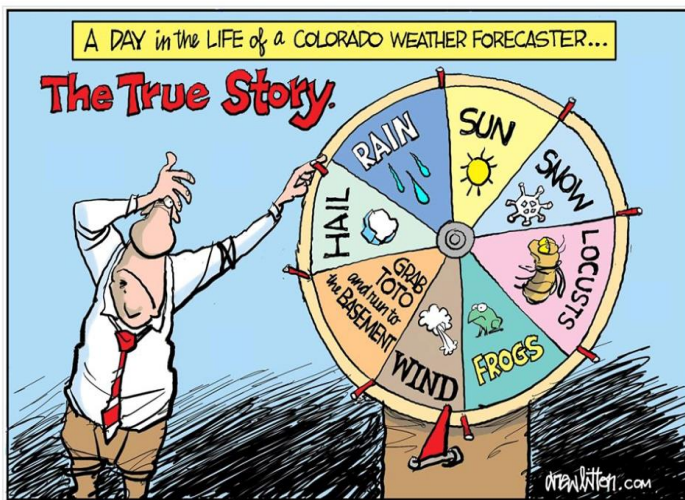
Last, if you do not drive after dark and would like to attend, transportation can be provided for you. I hope to see you at our traditional December dinner meeting.

*--Submitted by Margaret Snitzler*



# Weather Word

by Ryan Tilley, Meteorologist and Skywatcher Supreme



Drew Litton

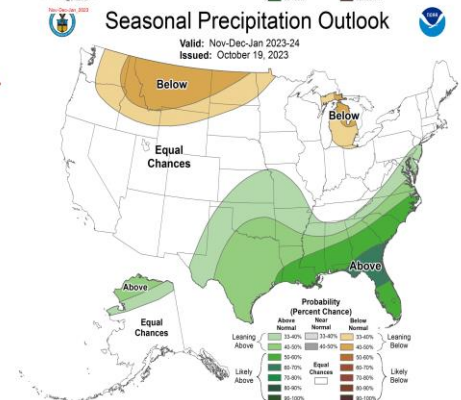
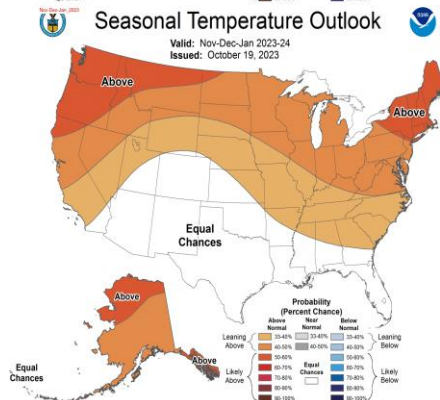
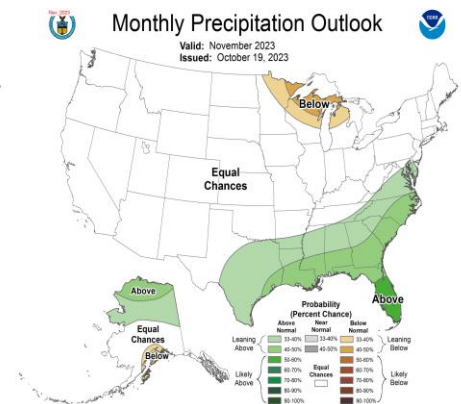
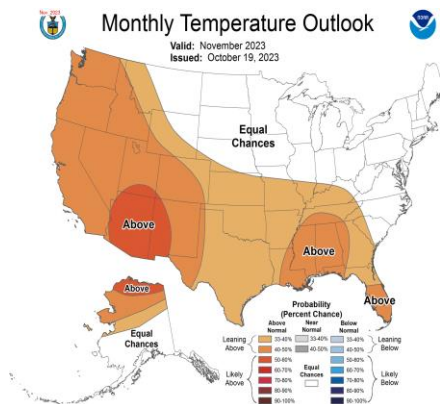
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Seems appropriate for the day...

October came and went while El Nino continues to be a strong one. And, with subsurface waters well above normal, El Nino will likely strengthen over the next month or so. Should be interesting to see how this winter unfolds.

November	Avg High	Avg Low	Avg Precip
Atlanta	74	52	3.05
Alpharetta	72	46	3.52
Athens	74	51	3.28
Cumming	64	38	4.37
Helen	72	45	4.49
Macon	78	52	2.18
Rome	73	47	3.01
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Vancouver	52	37	6.50
Portland	53	40	5.63
Seattle	51	41	6.54
Seaside, OR	53	41	11.81
Spokane	42	30	2.28
Tacoma	53	30	6.69
Salem	53	38	6.50



# Ryan's Rose Favorites

by Ryan Tilley



**St. Tropez** - This is one super-duper floribunda! My first year in Vancouver I took a tour of the local rose market stopping at **Yard 'N Garden Land, Shorty's** (now **Dennis' 7 Dees** as of last year), and **Portland Nursery**. While at Portland Nursery, I came across a floribunda rose that I was not familiar with, **St. Tropez**. The description sounded intriguing, so I purchased it in a 2-gallon pot.

I planted it in my long floribunda garden in front of a brick wall and very close to the street in the subdivision. In less than a month, I was impressed with the vigor of the bush. The first fully double blooms were a beautiful blend of golden orange and apricot that measured nearly 5 inches across with a petal count between 26-40 petals, making it perfect for my Pacific Northwest rose garden. And, there was a heady fragrance that did not disappoint my nose.

The rose started out sporting hybrid-like blooms with petals that were a bit ruffled as they opened, lasting over a week on the plant and in the vase. Stem length is a bit on the short side but that is not terrible for a floribunda that wants to be a hybrid tea. The bush has dark green glossy foliage and has been quite disease resistant for me.

I do not know if it will be available locally but check out your local nurseries first to see what they will be carrying in 2024. And, it will likely be available from some of the mail order companies as well. It has recently been sold by Regan Nursery as well as Heirloom Roses.

*Hybridizer: Pierre Orard, introduced in 2018.*





## **November General Membership Meeting**

### **Thursday, November 9, 7:00 p.m.**

The November meeting is traditionally when FVRS members vote for board officers and members-at-large for the next year. The 2024 Nominating Committee will present the election slate that evening. Also on November 9, the 2024 Rose Show Committee will ask the membership to choose a theme for our 2024 Rose Show. We would normally do this at the beginning of 2024, but Editor Kathy Fry needs our decision in order to list our show in the 2024 May/June magazine of the American Rose Society. Our decision for the 2024 theme must happen by the end of December to comply with the required ARS six-month lead time.

The program for the remainder of the November meeting will feature Master Rosarian and Master Gardener **Ryan Tilley** who will present on *Meteorology 101 for Rosarians*.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, November 8 – Arrangement Workshop at 2 p.m.**

at Kathy Fry's house at 13108 NE 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Vancouver 98684

**Thursday, November 9 -- General Membership Meeting at 7 p.m.**

at St Luke's Episcopal Church, 426 E. Fourth Plain, Vancouver 98663 (Parish Hall)

**Friday, November 10 – Work Day (Mulching) at 9 a.m.**

at Esther Short Park Rose Garden in Vancouver

**\*Wednesday, December 6 – Arrangement Workshop at 2 p.m.**

at Kathy Fry's house at 13108 NE 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Vancouver 98684

**Thursday, December 7 -- General Membership Meeting at 6:30 p.m.**

at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 730 SE 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver 98684

**\*We'll be making the holiday centerpieces for the December 7 Annual Meeting**



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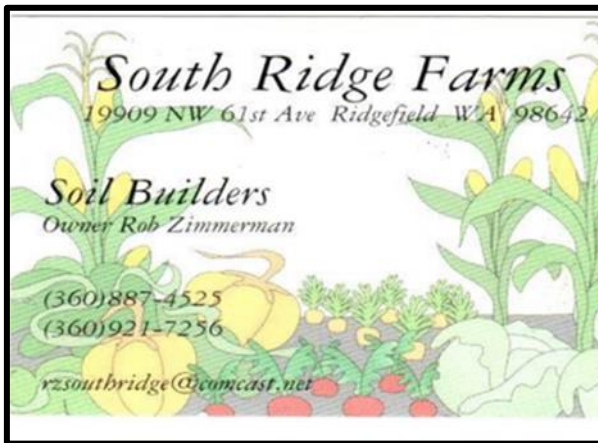
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