

Ring Around The Roses



**FORT VANCOUVER ROSE SOCIETY
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON**

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Affiliated Member of the American Rose Society

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LEADERSHIP REMARKS

Several months ago, I announced that we were looking for someone to fill the vacant Board position of Co-Second Vice President (formerly held by Mary Benson). I am happy to say that position has been filled. Kelli Roesch, a fairly new member, said yes! Upon her election in November and installation in December, Kelli will serve solo as Second Vice President in 2027 due to current Co-Second Vice President Michael Giddings stepping down at the end of the year. Michael has been a marvelous member of the FVRS Board, and his insights and leadership will be very much missed.

It was heartening news to have that position filled for 2027 ... but now here's the rest of the story: Our 2026 Rose Show Co-Chairpersons, Julie Goggin and Sally Rossetto, will not be chairing the show next year. Thus, the question: Is there anyone who will serve as Rose Show Chair? It is a BIG job, but if you are even remotely interested, please call me.

Not everything is rosy all the time but we carry on!

--Respectfully submitted by Kathy Fry, President

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 30, 2026, 2 p.m. **Arrangement Workshop**

Judy Heath's residence, 5418 NW Franklin Street in Vancouver (see pages 5-6)

Thursday, October 1, 2026, 7 p.m.

General Membership Meeting

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

426 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Vancouver

*Guest Speaker - **Rachel Burlington**, Curator at the International Rose Test Garden in Washington Park, Portland. Presentation about the test garden history, mission, operations, etc.*



Friday, October 9, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

Community Gardens Workday

(see pages 3-4)

Thursday, November 5, 2026, 7 p.m. **General Membership Meeting**

St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 426 E. Fourth Plain Blvd. in Vancouver

Election of 2027 Officers and Members at Large

Wednesday, November 11, 2026, 9 a.m.

Community Gardens Workday

(see pages 5-6)

Thursday, December 3, 2026, Time TBA **Arrangement Workshop**

Workshop participants will make arrangements for annual General Membership Meeting

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, December 5, 2026, 2:00 p.m.

The Old Spaghetti Factory. 730 SE 160th Avenue in Vancouver

Installation of 2027 Board and Program by Detra Swenson (see page 7)

SNACK/REFRESHMENTS SCHEDULE

A - F February and June

G - J March and September

K - R April and October

S - Z May and November



ESTHER SHORT PARK ROSE GARDEN

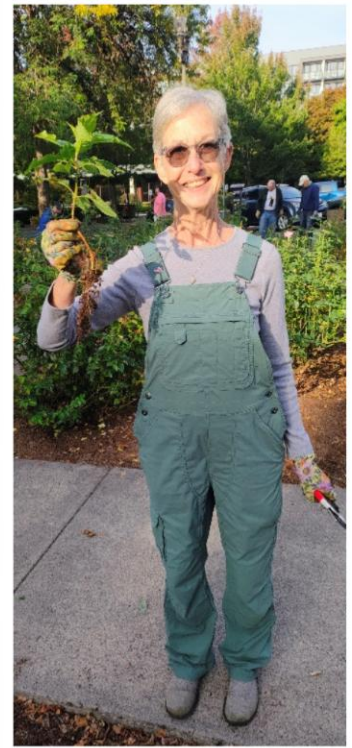


On Friday, September 9, a group of dedicated workday pruners, plus a couple of new members, showed up to work in the community gardens at Esther Short Park and Covington House. Left to right: Jim and Detra Swenson, Jan DeWeese, Louis Rossetto, Carol Adams, Byron Aarstad and John Fields. Also there were Frank Cardinaux, Sally Rossetto, and Kathy Fry.



Big catch of the day ...
Kathy Fry with a
five-foot oak tree root.

Carol Adams with
her big catch, too!



WORKDAYS REMAINING: OCTOBER 9 and NOVEMBER 11

On Friday, October 9, beginning at 8:30 a.m., the roses in the community gardens will need to be deadheaded, the dead wood on the rose crowns removed, and the gardens weeded.

On Wednesday, November 11, beginning at 9 a.m., the roses will need to be cut back about waist high, the garden weeded and compost put over the rose crowns. Once the crowns are covered with compost, the garden will be ready for its winter “nap” until we “wake” it again next March. Wednesday, November 11, is Veterans Day which means free parking!

Your participation helping the community rose gardens look and grow well this past year is most appreciated. Many hands make light work -- we need everyone to participate!

Know that many people have complimented the beauty of the community gardens.

See you in the garden!

Gratefully, Jim Swenson and Louis Rossetto



ARRANGEMENT WORKSHOP UPDATE

It's a new Arrangement Year at Fort Vancouver Rose Society and here is what's new.

Changes have been made to the structure of the Arrangement Workshop to provide rose arranging information in a more flexible format. Here is the plan:

1. There will be FOUR scheduled Arrangement Workshops:

September 30, 2026; December 3, 2026; February 3, 2027; and May 5, 2027. All are welcome to attend. ***Please text, email or call Julie to confirm that you will be coming to a scheduled workshop.***

2. But, between these scheduled workshops, you are invited to contact Julie (phone, text, email) to schedule an individual session or a group session of up to three people to be held at Julie's house. Please indicate the topic you want to address, and we will go from there.

September Arrangement Workshop

Wednesday, September 30, 2 p.m. at Judy Heath's House

5418 NW Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98663.

Please call, text or email Julie to confirm your attendance:

360-609-1749 or jhgoggin@comcast.net

TOPICS:

- Mechanics--Old and New Techniques

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- Rose centerpiece plans for the annual FVRS General Membership meeting in December.
- Brainstorm your ideas for future Arrangement Workshops.
- Re-cap from the 2026 rose shows held in May and September.
- Bring an arrangement of your choice of design type: Traditional, Modern-Creative or East Asian. You may use any flowers in your arrangement.

It's great fun to design arrangements with our favorite flower, the rose!

Julie Goggin, Arrangement Chair

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Saturday, December 5
2:00 p.m.
Old Spaghetti Factory**



That's right; it's *not a typo!* Taking several factors into account, *the decision to move this meeting to a Saturday afternoon makes sense.* We are all getting older and night driving is becoming an issue for some of us, including me! And, parking has always been a problem at the OSF in the evening.

The cost this year will be \$30 per person with the same delicious menu as in past years. If you plan to bring a child, children's meals will be \$8.50. That's new for us.

The three-course meal includes a beverage (coffee, tea, milk, or soft drink), dinner salad (dressing on the side is an option), bread and butter, entrée (choice of Baked Lasagna, Italian Sausage, Mizithra Cheese and Brown Butter, or Chicken Caesar Salad) and Spumoni Ice Cream. Kid's menu includes choice of Spaghetti and Meat Sauce, Macaroni and Cheese, or Fettuccine Alfredo. A gluten-free option is available. Drinks, other the beverages listed above, are at your own expense.

You can register for the annual meeting dinner at either the October or November General Membership meetings or send a check with your entrée choice to our postal box:

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September 15, 2026



Dear Society Members,

Greetings, I hope this finds everyone well. I am writing to communicate the financial status of our Society. Our Treasurer, Brittani Masterman, reports that we are in good shape. The move to OnPoint Community Credit Union offers high interest rates on our FVRS funds. And, with interest in our MoneyMarket account, our money is working for us. In addition to that, our fundraising for the 2026 Rose Show went very well.

Looking forward to 2027, we do not see any need to increase dues. At a time when everything seems to be going up, that is good news.

Why Should You Pay Your 2027 Dues Before This End Of The Year?

Last year we stressed the importance of renewing your membership by the end of December so we could report our membership numbers to the American Rose Society for the purpose of the liability insurance. This insurance is not mandatory and as it turns out we were able to purchase liability insurance for a greatly reduced price through a difference insurer. There are still the annual ARS affiliation dues but that is not member number payment.

The plus side of getting your dues paid in a timely manner – we are able to set a budget for the year. Knowing what we have to spend takes a lot of guessing out of the equation.

For this reason, we are requesting our members pay their \$25 per household dues beginning at the October meeting or have them paid by end of the year. Dues can be paid with a check or cash at a meeting or event or send a check to our postal box.

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FORT VANCOUVER ROSE SOCIETY 2026 FVRS MEMBERSHIP FORM

\$ _____ **ANNUAL Fort Vancouver Rose Society DUES** at \$25 (per household)

PLEASE PRINT:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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.*

\$ _____ **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.

____ Yes, I would like a FVRS NAME TAG
(tag will reflect name provided above)

☐ I am a Consulting Rosarian ☐ I am a Master Rosarian

\$ _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

Return this completed form with payment made payable to Fort Vancouver Rose Society to:

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