

Ring Around The Roses



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Leadership Remarks

We take August off, but it has hardly been a vacation. This heat lately has probably had us watering a little more often. And, your FVRS Board has been busy preparing for the rest of the year and looking into 2024.

On July 10, Margaret Snitzler, Julie Goggin and I, met with representatives of the Tacoma Rose Society to discuss 2024 Rose Show dates. It was agreed that for the next three years we will schedule our show for the last weekend of June. Hopefully, this will eliminate the shortage of judges, and we will be able to attend each other's shows.

Also, having a date this early will make it possible to get our show into the hard copy May/June edition of the **American Rose**, the magazine of the American Rose Society. The Board will be asking members to vote on a theme at our November meeting. If you have an idea for next year's theme, email me back or give it to one of the Board members at our next meeting.

The 2024 Rose Show Committee will be meeting very soon. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please email me. Our first meeting will be in October.

--Submitted by Kathy Fry

NOW ON TO MORE GOOD STUFF...

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday September 7, 2023 7:00 p.m.
Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for those exhibiting.
Parish Hall at St Luke's Episcopal Church
426 E. Fourth Plain Blvd in Vancouver

Annual In-House Rose Show
FVRS 70th Anniversary Celebration
Taco Bar
Home-made Salsa Contest
A Special Dessert and Toast

The September meeting will feature our annual In-House Rose Show for beginner/novice and advanced/experienced exhibitors. It is an excellent opportunity for the beginners/novices to enjoy our late summer blooms, while learning more about the art of displaying roses. This would be the perfect time for those who have never exhibited their roses to try it. We have a division for beginner/novice exhibitors as well as a separate division for exhibitors who show roses regularly.

This is a great chance for our new members and guests to enter a rose and get feedback on exhibiting.

Please bring your best rose blooms (in vases) -- you may go home with a winning ribbon or prize!

RULES

- ◇ One entry per person in each class of your appropriate section.
- ◇ Entry tags will be available at the meeting.
- ◇ On each entry tag, indicate either Section I (Novice) or Section II (Advanced), as well as the Class.
- ◇ Cut stems long enough to balance the size of the blooms and foliage. Remember, you can always cut a stem shorter, but you have only one opportunity to cut it longer.
- ◇ Do not Forget: Bring your own vase(s)! Although the vases are not judged, they should be appropriate to the size of the rose--do not put 'Minnie Pearl' in a quart milk jar and don't put 'Elina' in a 4-inch vase. A plain vase is best as any decoration is a distraction.

SECTION I: Beginner/Novice Exhibitor
SECTION II: Advanced/Experienced Exhibitor

Note: The classes are the same in the two sections.

CLASS A: One hybrid tea or grandiflora, disbudded. This means no side-buds or small leaflets where a bud might normally be but do not remove the regular large leaflets.

CLASS B: One floribunda spray – a cluster of blooms with at least 3 blooms in the cluster, all coming from one main stem.

CLASS C: One miniature bloom, disbudded.

CLASS D: One stem David Austin rose, or another shrub, Old Garden Rose, or climber.

CLASS E: “Other” rose exhibit. (Class E is for any entry that would be allowed at a rose show that is NOT included in Classes A-D described above.) Examples are open bloom, miniature spray, singly grown floribunda, bloom cycle, hybrid tea or grandiflora spray, vase of three, vase of twelve, floating rose, etc.

ARRANGEMENTS

GENERAL INFORMATION- You may use large or small roses or a combination in your design. You may enter once in each Class (Traditional Class, Modern-Creative Class or East Asian Class). No size limits placed on any design.

Tags will be available at the show. Please register your intent to exhibit with Julie so we are sure we are set up for you. Julie Goggin 360 609 1749 or 360 695 0778.

SECTIONS

SECTION I- NOVICE EXHIBITORS

Includes Traditional, Modern- Creative and East Asian Design Classes

SECTION II- ADVANCED EXHIBITORS

Includes Traditional, Modern-Creative and East Asian Design Classes

CLASSES

Class T- Traditional Design

Theme “Parade Salute”

Choose your design from these traditional design types: Traditional Line, Traditional Line Mass or Mass. You may use large or small roses or a combination. No size limits. State your design type on the entry tag.

Class M- Modern-Creative

Theme “Make a Big Noise”

Create a Modern-Creative design of your choice using large or small roses or a combination. No size limits.

Class EA- East Asian

Theme “Firecrackers”

Create an East Asian design in a low container showing water. Your design should have “Heaven” (tall height), “Man” (medium height) and “Earth” (short height) represented with your roses. Again, you may use large or small roses or a combination with no size limits.

Judy Heath, Mary Hoover, and Deborah Erickson will judge the horticulture exhibits. And, there's a spin on judging of arrangements. Since there is a learning opportunity here, participants will do the judging. We will use the same scoring that arrangements judges would use. Instructions will be provided at the show.

AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY SCORECARD FOR ALL ARRANGEMENTS

Conformance (5 points per category)	15 points
Rose correctly named	
Conformance to type of design	
Other specific requirements of schedule	
Design (5 points per category)	30 points
Balance, Dominance, Contrast	
Rhythm, Proportion, Scale	
Perfection of the Rose (s)	30 points
Including condition of other plant material	
Creativity and Expressiveness	15 points
Distinction	<u>10 points</u>
Total	<u>100 points</u>

In addition to the In-House Rose Show, there will be a Taco Bar for members to enjoy. Condiments will be provided by your Board.

A Homemade Salsa contest will provide a little spice. So warm up the food processor and have a chance to win a special prize. Volunteer judges will be appreciated.

Topping the evening off will be a special dessert and toast to the 70th Anniversary of the Fort Vancouver Rose Society.

--Submitted by Kathy Fry





2023 Garden Tour

The tour was well attended by about 40 members and guests. We started out at the garden of Samson and Taylor Ramirez in Battle Ground. Besides roses, his yard is graced by beautiful gladiolas and dahlias. We also had opportunity to see his greenhouse, sporting lots of roses he has started from seeds.

Then on to Bob and Roberta Britts' garden...always a pleasure! Bob has moved most of his roses to the front yard to take advantage of the full sun. Their back yard is a cool, shady place. I was most impressed by his hydrangeas.

Bob has also designed the garden at his son's house, which is just a short walk from Bob and Roberta. Burnt Bridge Creek runs down one side of the yard, and Royal Oaks Golf course borders the back.



The final stop was the garden of Pete and Maggie Mikalatos. Lots of roses, seating, and food. Jim Swensen provided pulled pork sandwiches and slaw.

--Submitted by Kathy Fry



Mary Benson and Norma Schell





(left) Kathy deadheads the Pat Austin rose bush at Esther Short Park Rose Garden.

(below) Jim Swenson, Gene Fults, Michael and Cheryl Giddings hard at work in the garden.



(left) Peter and Lynda Hirst decide just where to prune the Glad Tidings rose.

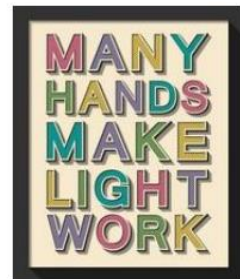
(below) Ever busy Bob Britt



(above) Cheryl Giddings works on the Guy de Maupassant rose bush

Productive Day at Esther Short Park

On Tuesday, August 15, eleven hardy FVRS volunteers arrived at 8 a.m. to tend the rose garden at Esther Short Park. In 90 minutes, we were done with deadheading and weeding the garden.



Thanks go to these “many hands”: Bob Britt, Jan DeWeese, Katherine Fry, Gene Fults, Michael and Cheryl Giddings, Peter and Lynda Hirst, David Pfaff, and Jim and Detra Swenson.

Special thanks to Bob for the use of his truck to dump our cuttings and for hauling all of it away.

And, extra special thanks to the Swensons who brought doughnuts and cold water. A perfect ending to our morning’s work!



FVRS RECORDS ARCHIVE PROJECT

Earlier this year, it was clear that the FVRS storage unit on NE 117th, where the society stores its rose show equipment and old paper records (minutes, newsletters, rose show books, etc.), was getting so full and disorganized that it was hard to find anything.

On March 28, I joined other members of the Board and the Rose Show Committee, to pull out boxes and shuffle stuff toward getting items found and readied for the then upcoming June rose show. During that

shuffling, those previously mentioned old paper records were also pulled out. I took everything home to start a review. Since storage space in the unit is at a premium, it made sense to get all that paperwork reviewed to especially see if any of it could be disposed of.

The paperwork included several large totes of documents regarding past rose shows, a small amount of old financial records, three photo albums, binders of past newsletters and lots of loose paper. There were also several small pendaflex file boxes. Please know I've been in no rush to get through all this paper to quickly put everything back into storage for archival purposes. I can take my time (hey, I'm retired!) so know that the project is at the point it no longer takes up my dining room table and is now in clean, organized binders and totes. **But, also, it is an incomplete record of our history.**

After reviewing what was stored in the storage unit (we're talking decades, here), it is apparent that a goodly amount of Board and General Membership meeting minutes, as well as newsletters and rose show books, are missing. Now there were, no doubt, times in our earlier years when the society didn't meet monthly or when a newsletter wasn't published, but entire years' worth of minutes and newsletters are missing. And, we've no rose show book for many of the 68 years we've held a show!

So, in an effort to make our historical records as complete as possible for archiving purposes, **here are the larger time spans where I am hopeful some of you can provide these missing document(s), presuming they exist at all:**

Board Meeting Minutes: 1953 to 1990, 1994 to 1995, 1998, 2004 to 2014

General Membership Meeting Minutes: 1953 to 1985, 1988, 1995, 1997 to 2002, 2004 to 2014

Newsletters: 1953 to 1979, 2009 to 2011

Rose Show Books: 1953 to 1982, 1984 to 1993, 1995 to 2008, 2015 to 2017

Please know I'm assuming if you have any of these missing documents, that you no longer want to hold onto them as they are taking up space in your homes. To that end, please consider giving them to me to archive. And, in addition to old meeting minutes, newsletters and rose show books, you may also have other FVRS historical documents that would be better stored in our storage unit rather than in your home.

Any questions? Please email (jpd24948@gmail.com), text or call me (440-476-5024) or catch up with me at a society meeting this fall to chat and/or bring me what you might possibly have toward getting this project completed as best (and sooner than later) as possible. Thank you!

--Submitted by Jan DeWeese, Board Recording Secretary

A History of Anniversary Celebrations of the Fort Vancouver Rose Society

The Fort Vancouver Rose Society has celebrated anniversary milestones in a variety of ways.

In July 1953, the Fort Vancouver Rose Society was started by Helene Schoen, who was then the Pacific Northwest District Director, and by the inspirational efforts of Judge Eugene Cushing, Florence Talbot, and Bob Broeren. In 1963, the membership celebrated their 10th anniversary with a dinner at their meeting place, the Assembly Room in the Court House.

I was not a member in 1973 and do not know how they celebrated their 20th anniversary.

By 1983, my husband Vic and I had been members for seven years and were very active in the society. Vic was president, and Fort Vancouver celebrated its 30th anniversary by hosting the Pacific Northwest District Convention and Rose Show in combination with our own rose show in June of 1983, at the Quay (*a building that is no longer in existence*).

Friday, June 17, 1983 was the rose show which was followed that evening with a “Come As a Rose” dinner. Guest speakers were featured at the convention meals and tours were given of a number of area rose gardens. Saturday evening was the awards banquet at which the district awards were given and our Rose Court winner’s trophies were awarded.



It was the fashion in the 70’s for rose societies to purchase blazers in the color of the society’s choice to wear to rose shows and at district and society special meetings. Our society chose navy blue. We also purchased four-inch embroidered badges to wear on our blazers. It was really something to see a colorful room full of blazers at the Fall Consulting Rosarian Meeting.

A group of Fort Vancouver Rose Society women got together at Elaine Sutter's home to make crepe paper roses for decoration at the convention. Our secretary at the time was Claire Shearer who worked for the Vancouver Sign Company. They made--free of charge--our large FVRS banner that we displayed at the 30th Anniversary Rose Show and PNW District convention in 1983. It has been used at many rose shows since.

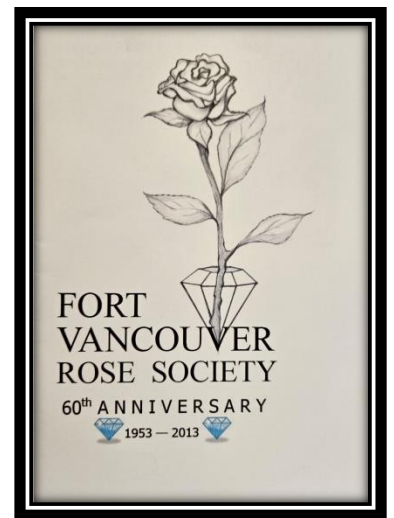
In 1993, I could not find mention of celebrating our 40th Anniversary. We could not host the district convention that year but did host it the next year in 1994.

In 2003, the Fort Vancouver Rose Society hosted the last three-day district convention. It was our Golden Anniversary (1953-2003). We had the rose show and convention at the Red Lion at the Quay. Friday was the rose show followed by a luncheon and programs. Friday evening was the "Come As a Rose" Dinner. Saturday after the District Breakfast Meeting there were more programs and garden tours. The American Rose Society President attended and it was a delight to meet her. Saturday evening was the Awards Banquet, district awards were given out and our Rose Court Trophies were awarded. Sunday there were arrangement and judging audits with a tour of Heirloom Roses in the afternoon.

In 2013, our 60th anniversary was celebrated in January with a tea and fashion show of the FVRS tee shirts and sweatshirts we had bought over the years. Members had fun being models. Our show book that year had a special cover designed by Star Studonidic, who was one of our calligraphers. We also ordered polo shirts with her design on the upper left side. A toast was made at the show.

That brings us to our 70th anniversary of Fort Vancouver Rose Society. We started our celebration with special cupcakes at our rose show and will continue our celebration on September 7 with our in-house rose show, a taco dinner, and a special dessert with a celebratory toast.

These are some of the ways we celebrated our anniversaries. I am looking forward to many more!



--Submitted by Margaret Snitzler

Esther Short Park Rose Garden

Hello Everyone!

The heat wave in August was brutal for the roses. Hope everyone maintained good watering. Remember to water deep so the roots get a good drink.

Those of us who cleaned up our rose garden at Esther Short Park had a pleasant surprise. We met at 8 a.m. on Tuesday August 15, and Mother Nature had the temperature forecasted to be 104 degrees. When we started, the temperature was pleasant; and the rose garden was in the shade. So, the heat was not even on our minds while we all worked diligently to get the garden looking spectacular again.

Thank you to all who helped get the work done in short order. Several people were strolling about and passed along compliments on how lovely the garden looked. FVRS, we do good work!

Turning the calendar to September, our scheduled cleanup is Tuesday, September 19 beginning at 8 a.m. Your help is needed to continue the good care given to our rose garden at Esther Short Park. If you have not come before, bring your pruners, gloves and a bucket. Come see, ask questions, and learn the upkeep we give to this prized community rose garden.

See you in the garden!

--Submitted by Jim Swenson

Cherry Parfait



Weather Word

by Ryan Tilley

Meteorologist and Skywatcher Supreme

Am I good or what? In a very recent article, I was waxing poetic about the unprecedented and unexpected effects of climate change. I asked the hypothetical question “What’s next, hurricanes hitting Oregon?” Enter hurricane **Hilary**, the first hurricane/tropical storm to hit the west coast in 80 years!

Although Washington and Oregon were not directly affected when **Hilary** was a category 1 storm as it was when it hit Los Angeles and San Diego, we did get extra rain and thundershowers in eastern Oregon that made it all the way north into Washington State last night along with lots of gorgeous hurricane outflow cirrus clouds set against a deep blue-sky backdrop.

On that note, I will digress (as I always do) about looking out the window of the Emirates Plane window on our way to Africa and seeing something people rarely see or even know to



Noctilucent Clouds

look for, **Noctilucent Clouds.**” I knew our route took us over Canada and Greenland and that these very special clouds very well could be visible from the plane to the north. I took the left window seat just so I would see them if we were not flying through other types of clouds. Last year I made sure I sat in the right window seat so I could see a wonderful aurora produced from a minor magnetic storm.

Noctilucent clouds are clouds that form on the very edge of space (roughly 53-70 miles high depending on who you ask). These wisps of moisture latch onto meteorite/meteor dust and form electric blue clouds during the summer months. **Spaceweather.com** has a daily web page that deals with everything from meteors, auroras, sun dogs, etc. Check it out and then go back and check some or all of their past pages over the years. They also have galleries with pages upon pages of photos from amateur sky watchers. In no time you will be a skywatching expert.

As for this year’s hurricane season, with the exception of Hilary, it has been a quiet season so far for the mainland U.S. Of course, that could change in September, which is when a majority of hurricanes develop after they leave Africa as tropical waves.

As we enter into autumn, a moderate **El Nino** is underway and is predicted to continue through the winter along with warm anomalies in the ocean temperatures off the north coast of Alaska, which could help explain why the jet stream could dip south a bit bringing a near normal temperatures and rainfall to the Pacific northwest. Above normal rainfall to the southeast which could imply a more active tropical cycle in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean islands. Then a more normal El Nino is forecasted with mild and dry conditions along the Pacific Northwest with rainy mild weather for the southeastern states.

September	Avg high	Avg low	Avg rainfall
Atlanta	82	64	3.42
Alpharetta	81	59	3.61
Athens	83	63	3.36
Cumming	81	59	4.41
Helen	80	57	5.40
Macon	86	64	2.78
Rome	82	60	3.73

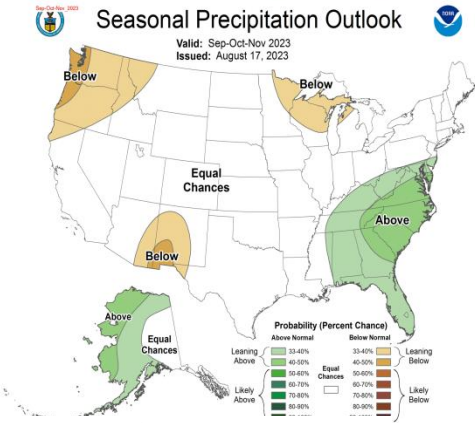
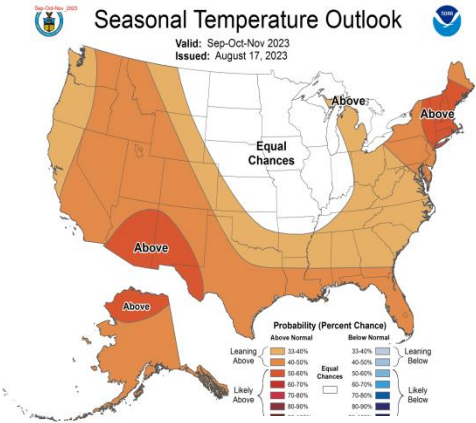
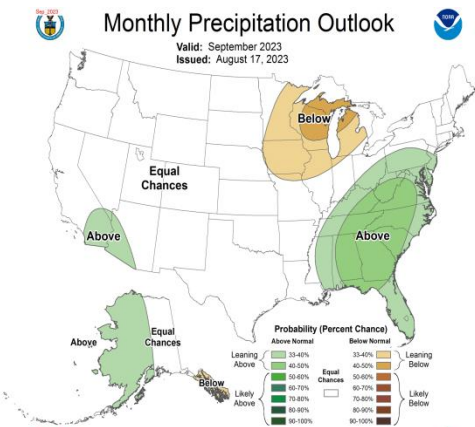
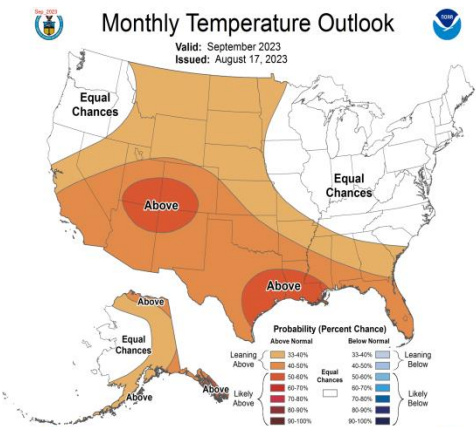
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Vancouver	74	51	1.46
Portland	76	53	1.47
Seattle	67	52	1.65
Seaside, OR	65	49	2.44
Spokane	76	47	0.67
Tacoma	71	52	1.32
Salem	77	48	1.30

October	Avg High	Avg Low	Avg
Precip			
Atlanta	74	52	3.05
Alpharetta	72	46	3.52
Athens	74	51	3.28
Cumming	72	48	3.78
Helen	72	45	4.49
Macon	78	52	2.18
Rome	73	47	3.01

Vancouver	63	41	3.39
Portland	64	46	3.00
Seattle	59	47	3.27
Seaside, OR	60	45	6.54
Spokane	60	37	0.41
Tacoma	61	46	3.70
Salem	64	42	3.03

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

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



Pat Austin

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT General Membership Meeting: Thursday September 7, 7:00 p.m.
Parash Hall at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 426 E. Fourth Plain Blvd. in Vancouver
(Please do not use the stairs, use the entrance to the right or the kitchen door.)

NEXT Esther Short Park Rose Garden Clean-Up: September 19, 8:00 a.m.

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