

The Rosy Outlook

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Message From Our PSW District Director

By Ruth Tiffany, ruthsgarden@msn.com

Hello Rose Lovers of the Pacific Southwest District!

For many of us mid-July marks the end of a peak rose blooming season and a time of watching and waiting in the garden. Watching all the things that can happen to our roses in the hottest season of our growing year and waiting for the next bloom cycle to bring beauty back into our lives and gardens. It is also a time where we look back on what our roses have done this year and also forward to what can occur as we plan for the rest of the year.

I too am making these evaluations but about my actions as your PSWD Director. I am pleased that I have been able to visit, connect and speak at some of your society meetings but also frustrated that I have not visited all the societies in the district.

Connecting with every society within our district is one of my primary goals. I would specifically like to meet with the board of every society in our district to discuss the issues that you deal with in each society.

I would love to receive invitations to do this. I am genuinely thrilled at the prospect of meeting with all of you. Additionally, I am eager to address your societies during any of your meetings. Whether it's discussing specific topics that matter to your group or sharing insights that can inspire and motivate, I am ready to contribute in any way possible. If you are interested in having me speak, we could arrange a special board meeting before your regular society gathering to make the most of our time together. I have several topics I can present to your group. If you want to have me speak and attend a board meeting, perhaps you might schedule a special board meeting before a regular society meeting.

Our District Convention in May this year saw fewer attendees from outside the San Diego area than anticipated, which was quite disheartening. We had the privilege of hosting our ARS Vice President Carrie Bergs and her plea to all members of the PSWD was to call, text or email her with thoughts, concerns or problems anyone has with the ARS. She wants to be a hands-on executive so let's give her a chance to do that by connecting with her.

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Pacific Southwest District members—the same goes for me, contact me directly with any questions and concerns or joys and successes of your society. Please make me a contact and here is an invitation to you.....Anytime you are coming to San Diego set your GPS to find me and consider coming by my house, I would love to share my garden and learn more from you.

The San Diego Rose Society has really focused on what we call Learning Gardens, and all rose growers are encouraged to open their gardens to members and friends. We put a big emphasis on not having garden perfection but on sharing the experience or rose gardening. We are all learning so much about how other gardeners do things, about how roses grow in different microclimates and under different care situations. It is a huge learning experience for all of us, and we also get to know each other in the society. We encourage our CRs to go to as many as possible for their own learning and sharing. We find that even if only a few people come to each garden, it is still rewarding for both the gardeners and participants. I would encourage other societies to try it. I think you will like it.

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PLEASE READ ALL ABOUT IT HERE>>>>>Great information for everyone here about the upcoming PSWD FALL MEETING. Join us in making a difference in our district, your participation is invaluable.

With roses,
Ruth Tiffany

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Note to Local Society Officers

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Please, please! When your local society changes officers you need to notify the ARS, your District Director and the District Webmaster. There is no way your district, the ARS, or anyone else can make contact with your group unless you send the information in. I am your current Awards Committee Chairman and I still do not have all the presidents' names and contact information.

Different societies elect officers at different times of the year and the administration does not know when you do that. Make sure you report those changes otherwise you will not have any idea what the district and other societies are doing.

Not having the correct information makes a job like mine much more difficult and the same is true for anyone wanting to make contact with your local society. This is not a new situation it has been that way for years despite our efforts to try to keep accurate records. When you do not report as required you make everyone's job much more difficult. So dear officers.....please keep your information up to date. Check your listings on the District website (<https://www.pswdroses.org/>) for accuracy and notify our webmaster of any changes needed.



Hal Reynolds
Awards Committee Chairman
Pacific Southwest District ARS

Notes from the PSWD Arrangement Judge Chair

By Gerry Mahoney, rosediva1971@gmail.com



First I want to thank Ruth and Elaine for working on the District Newsletter. I think this will be a great communication tool for the people in the District to hear from our District Director and her board.

Now, on to business. Last year we had a couple of great arrangement workshops, and I would like to encourage arrangers to think about having another event. There are a great many styles of arrangements that we do not see exhibited due to lack of knowledge, or just hesitation to create them. Part of that is getting those arrangement styles listed in the different rose show schedules across the District. Arrangements can add a real "WOW" factor to your rose show, and practicing arrangements can bring you joy – as well as beautiful decorations for your home. With that in mind, I encourage those who write show schedules to send them to me for a quick review and maybe some suggestions on "punching up" the choices for the arrangers. Arrangers often like a challenge – their creative juices flow better when they have a great theme to work with.

Back to the workshops....I am happy to help you set up a workshop, and we can always request that there be credits for arrangement judges who attend so they can update their credentials. Workshops not only let us experiment with styles of arrangements, but they also refresh some of the basic ARS arrangement guidelines.

You can reach out to me at my email address rosediva1971@gmail.com or call/text me at 602-616-3137 with requests or questions. Looking forward to hearing from you, and to reviewing those show schedules.

Gerry Mahoney
PSWD Arrangement Judge Chair

Consulting Rosarian Information

By Tom Cooney, pswdcr@att.net Consulting Rosarians Chair

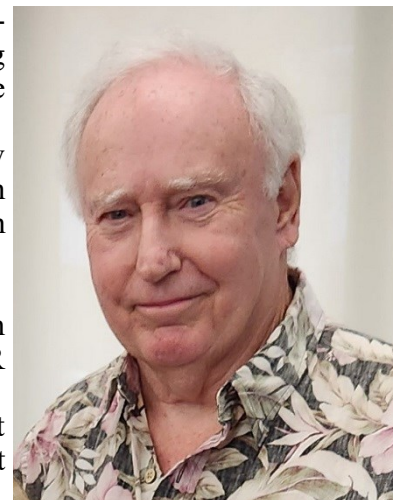
The ARS has been putting on several webinars with a lot of useful information. Keep an eye out for those that allow for credit toward your Consulting Rosarian Update credits. If you attend one of these, please let me know.

The recent Consulting Rosarian School in February resulted in nine new consulting rosarians in our district and helped to update forty-one who were in danger of dropping due to being out of date. Remember that CR's can also earn 1-hour credit for programs given at their local society.

Programs must be approved by the District CR Chair prior to the presentation.

There are 51 CR's who are due in 2025 and 18 Due in 2026. You can satisfy your required Continuing Education units by attending the Tucson CR seminar in July or via the online school in February 2026.

If you are not sure of your due date, check the CR list on the district website at <https://www.pswdroses.org> or contact me, Tom Cooney, at pswdcr@att.net



PSWD Rose Care for Summer

By Elaine Ornelas, Consulting Rosarian cornelas1949@att.net

The Pacific Southwest District of the ARS embraces rose societies in parts of Texas, New Mexico, Nevada, Arizona and California. So within our district, there are wide variations in the climatic conditions from cooler coastal areas to hot, dry deserts. So writing an comprehensive article on the summer rose care for our district proves to be nearly impossible. But there are some common threads that can be discussed.

One of the primary goals for every rose gardener in our district during the summer is the intense monitoring of the **water** supplied to each rose. The heat of summer increases the natural evaporation rate of water from the leaves and soil around our plants. It is especially important to check automatic irrigation systems to ensure that sufficient water is being supplied to the rose bush and that there are no plugs in the irrigation lines or sprinkler heads. Potted roses are especially sensitive to loss of water, showing signs of distress like wilting and burnt leaves. In hot areas they will likely need to be water at least once daily and more as needed during hotter days.

Keep an eye out for **insect invasions**! Spider mites, chilli thrips really like warm temperatures. We blast off spider mites with a strong spray of water from a water wand. Significant outbreaks may require miticide treatment. Chilli thrips cause significant leave and bloom distortion. Believe it or not, we have not seen ANY chilli thrips in our rose garden here in coastal San Diego. But our friends in other parts of the city have had significant outbreaks. Pruning and disposing of affected foliage and using insecticides that contain Spinosad have had some success.

It is advisable to ease up on intense **fertilizer** application during the hot months of summer. A mild application of liquid fertilizers or organics given less frequently is appropriate.

So some behaviors of the rose gardener are standard regardless of what area of the district we live in. It is best for our overall health that we are not out in the severe heat during the middle of the day trying to work in our rose garden. And just like our roses, we need to stay hydrated ourselves. Our roses will survive given enough water.

72th Annual Pacific Southwest District Convention & Rose Show Hosted by The San Diego Rose Society May 2-4, 2025

The 2025 Rose Show and District Convention was hosted by the San Diego Rose Society this year. It required many hours of planning and a team of dedicated volunteers. But our fearless leaders, PSWD Director Ruth Tiffany and rose Show Chair Linda Clark had been working on this project for quite some time. We are so grateful to them and the team of volunteers they secured to make it one of our best shows and conventions in memory.

Once all entries were placed, the judges proceeded to judge them. We are so thankful for our dedicated judges, some of whom came from Orange County or Arizona, for the volunteer SDRS clerks who assisted in the judging process, and for the volunteers who prepared the judge's and worker's breakfasts.

The Rose Show and Silent Auction of several roses opened to the public and as people arrived at the hall, they were amazed at the beauty of the flowers....taking photos and drinking in the fragrance of the roses.



In the afternoon there were Judging and Consulting Rosarian meetings. In the evening Linda Clark so graciously hosted a 'Thank You' supper at her house, expressing gratitude for all of the helpful volunteers that worked to put on such a successful show.



From left to right: King HT 'Sunstruck' by Bob and Marty Kolb; Queen HT 'Classic Touch' by Robert and Kristine Russell; Princess HT 'Neptune' by Bob and Marty Kolb

There were also many District Challenge Class winners; nearly all of the available trophies were awarded!



The Rose Show hall opened once again on Sunday, May 4 at 10:00 a.m. There was also an Arrangement Workshop and Arrangement Judges meeting. At 11:00 a.m. there was a District Meeting with lunch provided by Zella and Richard Burk. It was delicious and we were grateful for their cooking expertise. At 12:00 p.m. we were honored to have ARS Vice President Carrie Bergs (pictured at right) give a presentation on the 'The Uplifting Power of Roses'. Several of us had a chance to talk with Carrie who proved to be a very cordial person who loves roses like we all do. It was a privilege to have her with us. At 12:30 p.m. the Silent Auction closed. At 1:45 p.m. the Rose Show and District Awards began. Awards were presented by Show Chair Linda Clark. It was an exciting time to see who won the coveted show awards. At 3:00 p.m. the Live Auction started with John Bagnasco facilitating.



For those of us who participated in this event it was a fun and rewarding experience. Even though it takes some planning it is well worth the effort as we support our district and our own rose society. We hope other rose societies in our district will consider hosting future district conventions. With lots of enthusiastic volunteers it's really not as difficult as you might think!

We are grateful that the Pacific Rose Society has stepped up and will be hosting the 2026 Pacific Southwest District Convention on April 26-28, 2026 in Monrovia, CA. There is more detailed information in an article in this newsletter about that convention. We are grateful to the Pacific Rose Society for their spirit of 'giving back' by hosting this event for the seventh time! Additional updates and added events will be forthcoming as they are finalized. Ongoing updated information will be available shortly on the Pacific Rose Society website located at www.pacificrosesociety.org. We hope all of you will be able to attend!

The next 2025 PSWD Convention will be hosted by the San Diego Rose Society on October 25-26, 2025. See the registration form and timeline on the next two pages.

***ARS Pacific Southwest District Horticulture Judging School,
Fall Meeting and Rose Show
and
California Coastal Rose Society's 25th Annual Rare Rose
Auction***

***Saturday, October 25, 2025—Sunday, October 26, 2025
El Corazon Oceanside Senior Center
3302 Senior Center Drive
Oceanside, CA 92054***

Nearby Hotels:

*Courtyard by Marriott, 6138 Paseo Monona, Carlsbad, CA 92009 760-889-0431 Price: \$159
Courtyard San Diego Oceanside, 3501 Seagate Way, Oceanside, CA 92056 760-696-9704 Price: \$159*

Registration Form for PSWD Judging School, Fall Meeting and Rose Show

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

Your Local Rose Society Membership (e.g. San Diego Rose Society) _____

Registration for Judging School Candidates, General Attendees, and Exhibitors

\$68 General Registration for candidate, general attendee or exhibitor listed at the top of form

\$68 per person General Registration for spouse of candidate, general attendee or exhibitor listed here.

Spouse or Partner's First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Registration for Judges and Volunteer Workers

\$48 Registration for judge's or worker's name listed at top of this form

\$48 per person General Registration for spouse of judge or worker listed here:

Spouse or Partner's First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Payment Options: (Use only one option)

1. Send this form and a check payable to SDRS to:

**San Diego Rose Society
P.O. Box 86124
San Diego, CA 92138-6124**

or

2. Use this link to register electronically and pay online:

<https://www.sandiegorosesociety.com/events/ars-pacific-southwest-district-horticulture-judging-school-fall-meeting-and-rose-show-and-celebration-of-california-coastal-rose-societys-25th-annual-rare-rose-auction>

Registration includes Saturday light breakfast and coffee, lunch, afternoon charcuterie, appetizers, full day Judging School with professional speakers and classes, rose show

ARS Pacific Southwest District Horticulture Judging School, Fall Meeting and Rose Show and California Coastal Rose Society's 25th Annual Rare Rose Auction

Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Activity
Saturday, October 25	Before 7:00 a.m.	Supply show properties. Coffee and light breakfast
	7:00—10:00 a.m.	Entry of roses
	8:30 a.m.	Judging school welcome/logistics (Linda Clark)
	9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.	Judging school presentation: Ethics and disqualifications (Tom Cooney)
	10:15 a.m.	Judges Meeting: Introductions, instructions and updates for current horticultural judges (no exam required) (Linda Clark)
	10:30 a.m.—12:15 p.m.	Judging of rose show entries
	12:15 p.m.—1:00 p.m.	Lunch (Sandwiches, chips and fruit provided by SDRS); everyone is welcome (no public)
	1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.	Show opens
	1:00 p.m.	CCRS Silent Auction opens
	1:30 p.m.	CCRS Speakers
	1:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.	Judging School Presentation: Shrubs, Polyanthas and OGR (Suzanne Horn)
	2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.	Judging School Presentation: Challenge Classes (Ray Martin)
	3:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.	Judging School Presentation: Point Scoring (Gerry Mahoney)
	3:30 p.m.—4:15 p.m.	Judging School Presentation: Exhibition form/exhibition stage, Decorative form, Guideline updates (Linda Clark)
	4:30—6:30 p.m.	District Meeting and Awards ceremony (fruit, nuts and cheese)
Sunday, October 26	8:30—9:00 a.m.	Judging School Presentation: Photography
	9:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m.	Judging School Presentation: Review/Reflection Panel (Ruth Tiffany, Tom Cooney, Ray Martin); for school candidates only
	9:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.	Judging School Presentation: Test Preparation/Parts of a Rose (Gerry Mahoney); for school candidates only
	10:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.	Judging School Exam; for school candidates only
	12:00 p.m.	CCRS Silent Auction closes
	1:30 p.m.—3:00 p.m.	CCRS Live Auction
	4:00 p.m.	Exit venue

69th Annual Pacific Southwest District Convention & Rose Show To be hosted by the Pacific Rose Society on April 25 & 26, 2026

By Suzanne Horn, ladyredlhw@aol.com



Pacific Rose Society will once again be hosting the 2026 Pacific Southwest District Convention, and all rose enthusiasts across the District are invited to attend this premier rose event. It will be the seventh District Convention hosted by Pacific Rose Society in recent years, and we are excited to get together once again with our fellow rosarians in the Spring. Convention goers are encouraged to seek their own hotel accommodations, as we will not have an official convention hotel this time. An excellent choice is the Courtyard by Marriott located at 700 W Huntington Drive, Monrovia CA 91016 at (626) 357-5211.

Armstrong Garden Centers on Huntington, tour the lovely Arboretum and Botanical Gardens in Arcadia, along with visiting with rose friends from around the district. The convention features a fabulous rose show at the Los Angeles County Arboretum on Saturday. A Consulting Rosarian Meeting

A Horticultural Judges Meeting, Consulting Rosarians Meeting and Arrangement Judges Meeting will follow. A District Meeting/Luncheon/Awards Event will occur on Sunday morning.

Registration Required – Please register for the April 25 & 26, 2026 PSWD Convention and Rose Show and help celebrate this wonderful annual event. Registration is **\$60 per person**. Basic registration covers entrance to the rose show, judging, exhibiting, CR Meeting, Judges Meeting & Arrangement Judges Meeting. There are additional costs for the Judges' Luncheon (\$25) and District Luncheon (\$25). All events will be priced separately on the registration form.

Planned events are as follows:

FRIDAY:

Show set-up by Convention Committee.

SATURDAY:

Registration Opens for Exhibitors at 6:00 a.m. at the Arboretum.

The Rose Show – Always the highlight of any PSWD convention, the Rose Show on Saturday, April 25th, will be presented at Ayres Hall at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia. The Pacific Rose Society's annual show is always a superior event with a huge show schedule and it is coupled with the numerous District Challenge Classes. Also featured at this show will be an expanded Arrangement section plus a Photography division. **All exhibitors and judges must be registered for the convention.**

6:00-10:00 Rose Show Hall open for placement. Continental breakfast for exhibitors/judges/workers

10:00 Rose Show judging

12:30 Lunch for Judges & Workers

1:00—5:00 Rose Show opens to the public

2:30—3:30 Horticultural Judges Meeting (Open to all)— Linda Clark, ARS National Chair of Judges

3:30 – 4:30 Consulting Rosarian Meeting/Updates (Open to all)—Tom Cooney, PSWD CR Chair

SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.: Rose Show opens to the public

10:00 a.m.: Presidents Council Meeting @ Arboretum

10:00– 11:00 Arrangement Workshop/Meeting (Open to all)—Gerry Mahoney, PSWD Chair of Judges and Lauren Toth, PSWD Chair of Arrangements

12:00 Noon: Annual District Meeting & Luncheon in Ayers Hall at the Arboretum.

1:30 p.m.: Rose Show Awards

3:00 p.m.: Sale of rose blooms & bouquets to the public

Breakdown of Rose Show by show committee

This is a preliminary schedule. Ongoing updated information will be available shortly on the Pacific Rose Society website located at www.pacificrosesociety.org.

What is the World Federation of Rose Societies?

By Elaine Ornelas, cornelas1949@att.net

The World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) was founded in 1968 in London, England by representatives from the rose societies of Australia, Belgium, Israel, New Zealand, Romania, South Africa, Great Britain and the United States of America. Its stated purpose was to hold international rose conferences and act as a clearing house for rose research.

At its first conference in New Zealand in 1971, Canada, India, Japan and Switzerland were also present. The objectives set out in the constitution adopted then still hold sway today.

They are:

- To encourage and facilitate the interchange of information about and knowledge of the rose between national rose societies
- To coordinate the holding of international conventions and exhibitions
- To encourage, and where appropriate, sponsor research into problems concerning the rose
- To establish common standards for judging rose seedlings
- To assist in coordinating the registration of rose names
- To establish a uniform system of rose classification
- To grant international honours and awards
- To encourage and advance international cooperation on all matters concerning the rose

Ambitious and lofty goals! Some have been met and others have been more illusive to achieve, especially when dealing with 40 very independent rose societies.

To date there have been 19 World Rose Conventions, usually held at three year intervals. The next Convention was held between Sunday 18th May to Saturday 24th May 2025, hosted by the Japan Rose Society. In the intervening years regional conferences are held. The WFRS gives awards to outstanding roses and to stars of the rose world. We also honour outstanding rose gardens and rose books.

We are working to encourage common standards for judging new seedling roses, and we show the current international trials winners on our website.

The WFRS facilitates the exchange of information about the rose. Every national rose society knows about roses in their own country. They know the history, where and when roses bloom, the most favoured varieties, rose shows, trials, conventions, great rose gardens, nurseries and hybridisers. To make this information more readily available around the world, the WFRS maintains contact and event information for each member national rose society on our website and publishes World Rose News several times a year.

The San Diego Rose Society will be Hosting the 2027 World Federation of Rose Societies Regional Convention, ARS Convention and SDRS 100th Annual Symposium April 30—May 3, 2027

The San Diego Rose Society is excited to announce that it has completed the preliminary steps in applying to host this WFRS convention in 2027. The convention agenda will feature expert lectures and time to spend with fellow rose experts and enthusiasts. American Rose Society Consulting Rosarian classes will be among the presentations offered, giving an opportunity to both domestic and international attendees to attain or maintain the designation. Garden visits during the convention will include the gardens of Balboa Park, in particular the Inez Grant Parker Rose Garden, a WFRS Award of Excellence winner that was also named to the Great Rosarians of the World Hall of Fame.

The beautiful Bahia Hotel in Mission Bay is the location for our convention. The [San Diego Bahia Resort](#) is located in near the beach in Mission Bay, only 7 miles from the San Diego International Airport. Choose from beachfront accommodations or garden views in one of the 313 guest rooms or suites. Bahia Resort offers many activities to enjoy the great outdoors. Relax by the sparkling pool, walk along the bayfront trails, join a yoga class, book a private beach bonfire, or simply enjoy the secluded sandy shores. The convention will feature talks from world renowned botanists, explorers, authors, and growers.

So keep an eye on this newsletter and the SDRS website for updated information on this exciting event!

DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Location	Contacts
July 26, 2025	Tucson Rose Society— Consulting Rosarian Seminar and Update. 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Coffee and treats will be available. Lunch will be provided. \$30 registration fee payable to the Rose Society of Tucson. Send check to Chris Murphy—4115 E. 6th Street, Tucson, AZ 85711	Sunrise ridge Clubhouse at 6940 E. Loma del Bribon	Contact Terry Swattz for more information.
October 25 & 26, 2025	PSWD Horticultural Judging School, Fall Meeting and Rose Show and California Coastal Rose Society's 25th Annual Rare Rose Auction	El Corazon Oceanside Senior Center, 3302 Senior Center Drive, Oceanside, CA 92054	Linda Clark lineline@cox.net
April 4, 11, 18, 2026	(Several rose shows in Arizona)	TBD	TBD
October 2-5, 2026	2026 ARS National Convention & Rose Show “Medley of Roses”	Sheraton Music City Nashville Airport Hotel, Nashville, TN	https://www.nashvillerosesociety.org/2026-ars-national-convention-and-rose-show-share-our-information/
April 30-May 3, 2027	2027 World Federation of Rose Societies & American Rose Society Convention & Rose Show presented by the San Diego Rose Society	Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 W. Mission Bay Dr., San Diego, CA 92109	Ruth Tiffany, ruthsgarden@msn.com

The Rosy Outlook

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The ***Rosy Outlook*** editor welcomes submissions for publication but reserves the right to select those articles and items of information that are appropriate. Submissions should be in the form of Word files for text and .jpg files for photographs. All photographs should be identified as to content and identify of the photographer. Photographs of roses should include the exhibition name generally accepted in the western United States. Photographs may be watermarked or can be watermarked by the PSWD. All articles should be original to the submitting author. If previously published elsewhere, information on that previous publication along with editorial consent should be provided. We wish to set an example of respect for intellectual property at all times.

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