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APRIL MEETING

Our next meeting will be April 14 at 7:00 pm in Room 128, the Community Room in the Mesa Community College Library. For the present, we will continue to meet on Zoom simultaneously.

As the temperature rises and our roses start blooming, we also notice an increase in pests and diseases affecting our plants. These pests pose a challenge to both new and seasoned rose growers. To help us manage these pests and diseases, two of our master rosarians, Leroy Brady and Helen Baird will present an outstanding program at our next meeting on April 14th on the control of pests and diseases in your rose garden. Learn how to control common pests like aphids, spider mites, and the emerging chilli thrips. You may ask what is the recommended control for these pests and when is it necessary to use pesticides? Bring your questions and concerns and have them addressed by our consulting rosarians. If you choose to bring any samples, keep them in a zipped plastic bag so they cannot escape!

Remember this will be our first meeting inside MCC since the Covid pandemic. If you are unable to make it to MCC, the presentation will also be available by Zoom.

The link to join the Zoom Meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4770043990>

The Meeting ID: 477 004 3990

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

BY HELEN BAIRD



Letter from the desk of Mia Baird (the Chihuahua)

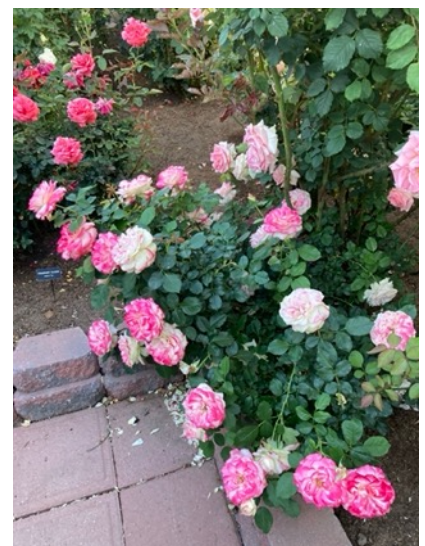
It was great to see all the lovers of roses visiting our garden on the tour. I especially want to thank everyone who stopped by my chair and gave my belly a rub. I appreciate all the love. Now that the tour is over and the weather is warming, my human mom has told me that we will soon be dead heading the spent blooms. I wish that they would just stay on the bush all summer because they make the back yard smell so nice for me, but mom says that there will be more blooms, so I guess it is okay to deadhead.

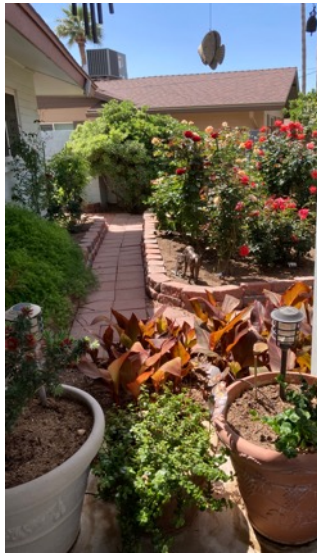
I have been told that there is a rose show at the Valley Garden Center on Saturday, April 16. I wanted to go but was told dogs are not allowed. I wonder why? We can smell the roses better than any human! I will just have to continue to smell the roses in my own garden, but I wish I could see you all at the show.

2022 SPRING GARDEN TOUR

Our Spring Garden Tour on April 3 was a great success. A total of 61 visitors toured the four gardens which were arrayed in their spring finery of roses. With sales of gloves, name tags, and such, this fundraiser brought in \$688 for MEVRS projects and the Mesa Garden. Lots of questions were answered, gardeners praised for their wonderful work, and rose varieties chosen for future planting all over our city! We are grateful to our members who were willing to prepare and open up their gardens for this event. Thanks to Bud Morrison for chairing the tour. Thanks to Maggie Holloway for sharing photos of all the gardens and to Yvonne Morrison for sharing photos of her garden (as if she didn't have enough to do).

Garden of Yvonne and Bud Morrison





More of Bud and Yvonne's garden



Carla Roberts' Garden



Garden of Dr. Larry Kahn





More of Dr. Kahn's garden



Helen Baird's Garden



Dear Steve,

Thank you for inviting the Tempe Garden Club to the MEVRS LIVE ROSE TOURS. I had a wonderful time walking among the beautiful rose gardens. The gardens were so peaceful. It was most enjoyable.

Please extend my appreciation to those who opened their backyards and their extensive talent.

Have a great evening.

Sue Mogan

MEVRS ELECTION OF 2022 – 2023 OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

During our April meeting we will vote on the slate of officers and board members for the coming year and in May they will be installed. The slate of officers and board members is as follows:

President	Helen Baird
V.P. Programs	Maggie Holloway
Treasurer	Bud Morrison
Membership	Carole Holkenbrink
Recording Sec.	Yvonne Morrison
Corresponding Sec.	Linda Ahlborn
Members at Large	Sherman Weekes
	LeRoy Brady
	Pat Thiel
	Jessica Garcia

If anyone wishes to nominate additional candidates, they will be permitted to do so from the floor before the vote is taken Thursday evening.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE ROSE WORLD

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR IN-PERSON MEETINGS

We need some volunteers to help with our in-person meetings. We all welcome the great refreshments – and the opportunity to socialize over the goodies, so we need a crew to manage the drinks and the rotating list of providers. You know what I mean! And we all love the raffle, so we need someone to wrangle the raffle items, someone to sell tickets, and folks to donate things to be raffled. If you can do any of these things, contact Cathy Thiel at cat.thiel222@gmail.com or at the April meeting.

MAY MEETING FOR MEVRS

Our May 12th meeting will be held outdoors (weather permitting) and will showcase our installation of officers followed by a Party in the Rose Garden at MCC.

HONORING OUR GARDEN VOLUNTEERS

Save the date April 30th 8:30 - 10:30 am. When we will be honoring the Deadheaders and other volunteers who work so hard keeping our public rose garden beautiful. We will be giving special recognition for our 25 year volunteers ((original volunteers who are still working): Mary Lou Coffman, LeRoy Brady, Helen Baird, Mike Jepsen and Carole Holkenbrink. Five, ten, fifteen and twenty year pins will be awarded as well. A buffet breakfast will be served, so please RSVP.

ONE MORE LOCAL SPRING ROSE SHOW

On the third weekend of April, it will be the Phoenix Rose Society's turn. Their show will be held at the Valley Garden Center, 1809 N 15th Ave, south of Encanto Park, on April 15. Participants and volunteer helpers are most welcome. Contact Gerry Mahoney for information and the show schedule [at](#)

Rosediva1971@gmail.com. Mary Van Vlack can also forward the schedule to you at <mailto:marywv@gmail.com>. See you there!

PSWD ANNUAL CONVENTION AND ROSE SHOW

The 66th Annual Pacific Southwest District Convention & Rose Show will be hosted by Pacific Rose Society on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 22, 23 & 24, 2022 Arcadia, CA at the Los Angeles County Arboretum.

Pacific Rose Society will be hosting, and all rose enthusiasts across the district are invited to attend this premier rose event. Headquartered at the newly remodeled Courtyard by Marriott in Monrovia, convention goers will have the opportunity to wine and dine along restaurant row on Huntington Drive, shop at Armstrong Garden Centers (across the street), 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, an Awards Banquet on Saturday evening, and a district meeting/breakfast on Sunday morning.

CONTACT Chris Greenwood at: Crisgreen1@aol.com or check the [Pacific Rose Society website](#) for registration and details.

FALL MEVRS ROSE SHOW

No need to be jealous of the folks holding these spring events. We'll have our own rose show on November 19. Now you know, so you'll have plenty of time to prepare!

MEVRS BOARD MEETINGS

While our general meetings will be both in person and via Zoom, for the present we will continue to hold board meetings on Zoom. These meetings are open and if you wish to attend, the link is below:

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO MEVRS

Vicky and Lon Eder



CONSULTING ROSARIAN PROBLEM

BY STEVE SHEARD

How well do you know your garden? And can you diagnose a problem? A short quiz below.

A house in Ahwatukee has among its roses 4 tree roses, Sweet Sunblaze, growing in pots. The roses are about 4 years old. In the pictures below you will see one of them does not look as healthy as the rest. What is wrong with rose #4?



Rose #1



Rose #2



Rose #3



Rose #4

Problem and Solution

The problem with Rose #4 was water. The pots have a watering line coming up the center of the pot, Pot #4 had been moved by the lawn service and the pipe had been pinched, cutting off the water. These roses are watered every two days at present, moving to every day when temperatures hit 100F regularly.

When diagnosing a problem, first look for the obvious do not start by thinking chemical deficiencies.



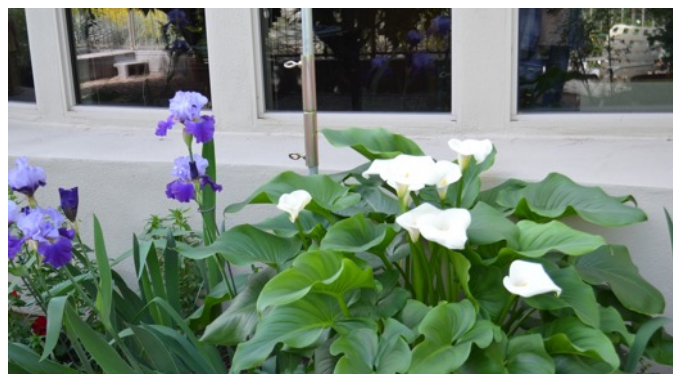
Rose #4 closeups



APRIL IN THE ROSE GARDEN

By Mary Van Vlack, CR

More than two years have passed since the COVID pandemic began and we are still dealing with it – did not expect it to go on for so long and still no end in sight. One of the best things for me and, I think, for many of you, is that we still have our gardens. In mine the roses were preceded by an array of flag iris and calla lilies announcing the arrival of spring. Now our roses are bursting into bloom, making our hearts sing. At last, we are returning to actual rose shows and garden tours where we can share the beauty. But there is work to be done, if only to keep our roses happy.



Pay attention. Walk through your garden daily, if you can. Observe all the good things that are happening – the healthy new growth, the forming buds, the first flashes of color. Notice which varieties seem to begin opening up first. Watch for problems as well – the arrival of aphids and thrips, the signs of mildew, or the wilting or stunted plant that lacks sufficient water. And

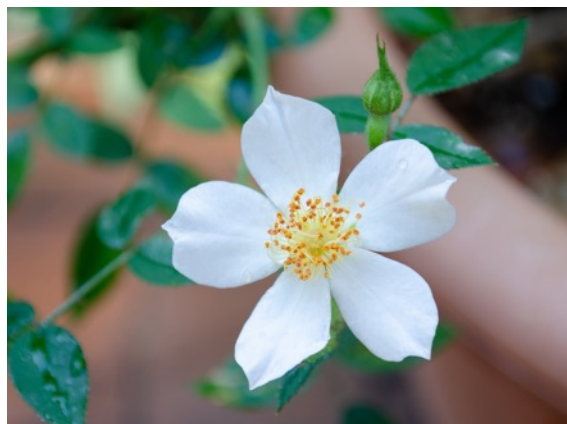
notice which plants seem to attract the most trouble. Take your camera or camera phone along to catch the special beauty as it emerges.



Disbud. This is also a good time for a bit of disbudding, selectively breaking off buds before they grow large and prepare to open. Rosarians actually perform disbudding in two situations. First, primarily with hybrid teas and grandiflora roses, along with some shrubs, we will remove one or two side buds that have formed next to a strong center bud. This will keep those side buds from drawing away nutrients and water and will allow that center bud to form the best flower possible. If we had left them, the side buds would mature and open after the center flower is spent, making a less than attractive pair of flowers with a faded thing in the middle. If we disbud early enough, all signs of those buds will disappear. In the second instance, instead of promoting a single flower, we disbud to improve the appearance of a spray of roses. Where there are several buds on a stem, the largest and usually center bud will open first and begin to fade ahead of the others, some of which will open in unison. If we remove the center bloom as it fades, it leaves a hole in the middle of the spray. But if we remove it very early in the bud formation process, the surrounding buds will grow into the hole and a much more attractive spray will result. I will admit that when I am disbudding, and I stop to look at the little broken buds in my hand, I feel just awful, a baby-killer for sure. Cruella de Ville. But there are many more flowers coming on to take their places, and I know I did the right thing. Disbudding is essential if you are going to exhibit your roses, but it is also a very helpful practice if you plan to photograph or cut and arrange your flowers for any purpose.

Cut your flowers and enjoy them. Arrange them in vases in every room of your home, including the bathrooms and especially in the rooms where you spend the most time. Give them to your neighbors and friends - a great gift they will appreciate. You can just leave flowers on someone's front porch and then call to alert them to retrieve them. And bring them to rose shows (check the calendar).

Deadhead your roses. Deadheading means removing spent flowers from the plants. The technique is to cut off the bloom just above a 5-part (or more) leaf that faces out away from the center of the plant, cutting at an angle away from the leaf axil that contains the growth bud.



Use this cutting opportunity to consider the direction you want new growth to take and the desired shape for the bush. In April you will want to deadhead to promote a second bloom in May or early June before the heat begins to really stunt the flowers. Preserve foliage wherever you can; leaves help protect canes during summer heat.



Fertilize. Continue with your spring fertilization program to the middle of May. Our temperatures are rising, but there should be time for a second bloom before those 105° and 110° days arrive. At



that point we can talk about fertilizing in the summer. If you have not done so this spring, give your roses some Epsom salts, ½ cup per large bush and 2 tablespoons per miniature, sprinkled around the drip line and watered in well.

Control pests and disease. Continue with your program to control disease and pests. Keeping a clean, weed-free garden and washing down your plants with a strong spray of water several mornings a week will go a long way toward controlling mildew and aphids. Spray if you must,

especially for thrips and chilli thrips. Sadly, thrips do their worse while the buds are still tightly closed, so you really can't assess the damage until too late to do anything about it.

Water. Continue to be generous with the water. When temperatures reach the mid 90's, it will be time to increase watering to three times a week. As always, water deeply when you do water. From now until the summer monsoon, we will receive very little, if any rain, so the roses are counting on you to provide what they need.

Planting. Although you may still see a few packaged roses in the big box stores, and at great bargain prices, ignore them. It is way too late to be planting bare root roses. We are also coming to the end of the preferred time to plant potted roses into the ground. Roses need as much time as possible to establish their root system before our summer heat, so if you have any thought of planting something, do it today.

Water, Water, Water. As the weather grows warmer and as your plants grow and open more foliage, adjust your watering system accordingly. Check your soils regularly for moisture levels.

Mulch. If you have not mulched your garden this winter, do it now.

Mesa East Valley Rose Society (MEVRS) - Membership Application

Annual Family or Individual Membership is \$25.00 Yearly.

Annual Dues are due on June 1st every year. Optional - Name Badge are \$10.00 each

Payment can be made with Cash, Check or Credit Card at any meeting or by mail

Mailing Address: MEVRS/Membership, P.O. Box 40394, Mesa, AZ 85274-0394

Amount Paid: \$ _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____ Name Badge: Yes / No

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Payment Type: Cash / Check / Credit Card: Visa - Master Card - Discover

Name on Card: _____ Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: ____ / ____ Billing Zip Code: _____ CCV Code: _____

Inquire about American Rose Society (ARS) Membership

CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
April 14, 7pm	MEVRS General Meeting, Election of Officers	MCC Library Rm 128 and ZOOM
April 16	Phoenix Rose Society Rose Show	Valley Garden Center, Phoenix
April 22-24	PSWD 67 th Annual Convention and Rose Show	Courtyard by Marriott, Monrovia, CA
April 30	MEVRS Honors Garden Volunteers	MCC Rose Garden
May 5, 7pm	MEVRS Board Meeting	ZOOM
May 12, 7pm	MEVRS General Meeting, Installation of Officers, Pot Luck	MCC Rose Garden
June 2	MEVRS Board Meeting	ZOOM
June 9	MEVRS General Meeting	MCC Library and ZOOM
November 19	MEVRS Rose Show	MCC

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TRIAL MEMBERSHIP

The American Rose Society is now offering a four-month trial membership for only \$10 to anyone who is interested in becoming members of our organization. Most ARS members are home gardeners who enjoy growing roses and want to expand their knowledge of rose culture.

Four-Month Trial Members receive:

- Free advice from Consulting Rosarians. The ARS Consulting Rosarians program connects members with expert rosarians that provide free assistance with your rose questions.
- Free or reduced garden admissions, a \$25 value after just three uses. With the [ARS Reciprocal Garden Admission program](#), members enjoy free or reduced admission to and discounts at hundreds of gardens, conservatories and arboreta nationwide.
- Four issues of the online newsletter *Roses & You*, edited by Rita Perwich and full of helpful tips and tools of the rose growing trade.
- Two issues of American Rose magazine, \$20 value. The only magazine devoted exclusively to roses and rose culture, these bi-monthly, 84-page issues feature informative articles and beautiful color photography for beginners and experienced rose growers alike.
- Discounts of up to 30% at merchant partners. The [ARS Member Benefit Partner](#) program offers discounts at various merchants with new partners being added continuously.
- A four-month trial membership is valued at \$86 for only \$10!

Join Now!

You may [complete our online form](#) or call us at 1-800-637-6534.

