



Rose Reflections...

Produced for members of Sacramento & Sierra Foothill Rose Societies

What does it take to restore an 80 year old 1.5 acre public rose garden? Many, many people coming together!

January 2012

Three and a half years ago I met with the Sacramento City Parks Department to propose the renovation of the rose garden at McKinley Park. What a rewarding and challenging endeavor this has been.

It started with a letter to Past President Linda Knowles, from T.J. David who urged our club to step up and help the rose garden. At that time the rose garden had roughly 1500 weed infested roses. TJ's letter only confirmed what our members already knew; the garden was in awful condition many of us had been complaining about the condition of the rose garden at our annual prune for many years.

Along with new roses the garden needed new irrigation, as well as to meet to ADA compliance standards which requires the replacement all the concrete borders plus removal and replacement of broken concrete in other areas. There were many public hearings and meetings, to get community feedback and involvement to attend. In 2009 the City earmarked \$250,000 for the irrigation and hardscape. Dennis Day, the city architect, created the design for the concrete and brick work to reflect the neighborhood, the Clunie building and library. Frank Smith of Green Valley Landscape won the bid. Frank and his workers have done a great job.



In 2009 park supervisor, Tiger Badhan, assigned three park employees to remove roses that needed to go, and in a few weeks they filled up several trailers. The Sacramento Rose Society rallied around the idea of making a major investment in new roses and Weeks & Star roses partnered in our efforts. Along the way "Friends of McKinley Park Rose Garden", a 501c-3 not for profit established thru Gifts to Share, and a face book page were created. Thank you Jason Davis for helping with the face book page!

Between The Friends of the rose garden and the Sacramento Rose Society we were able to purchase roughly 400 roses in addition to tree stakes, alfalfa, fertilizer, and pre-emergent. A very generous semi-truck load of organic compost was donated from Kelloggs, The 502 sheriff's crew spread it through out the 65 flower beds and I was amazed how that huge pile of compost just evaporated in a garden of this size. Some of the roses planted with help from Dave Coop, Kent Duncan, Jason Davis and a sweet crew of Ameri-Corps volunteers have not done as well as I had hoped. The cause is primarily due to inadequate water. I have had better luck in putting bare root roses in pots of potting soil for the first 6 months rather than directly into the soil. In spite of condi-

Construction Almost Done



tions not being perfect, the yellow "Julia Child" tree roses have just been exceptional.

A surprise. While working on the irrigation Green Valley found a concrete slab under the center flower beds. Could there have been a fountain in the center of the garden that was abandoned and covered over? Green Valley took jack hammers and cracked the big slab to improve drainage since digging out the concrete was not in the scope of their contract.

Thousands of hours from volunteers have been contributed primarily by AmeriCorps and 502 Sheriffs crew who have weeded and dead headed and weeded again and again. So far, I haven't had the feeling of getting on top of the weeds or the needs of this rose garden. But I am hopeful.

Cecily Hasting created the adorable Friends of McKinley Park Rose Garden logo and the informative "Help us restore the McKinley Park Rose Garden" mailers that have been sent and handed out to thousands of people to help with fundraising and volunteer efforts. She is also the founder of 501-c3 East Sacramento Neighborhood Association dedicated to saving not only the rose garden, the Clunie building and library and the 30 plus acre McKinley Park. We can also thank Cecily for sod that will be going down in the very near future. Yeah!

Learning from our dear friend Beverly Rose Hopper about a problem that occurred at the San Jose

rose garden, a ban on the use of round-up in the rose garden has been instituted. In addition I have established River Friendly and Environmental practices in regards to the use of fertilizers, pesticides, fungicides and other products. This was fairly easy to accomplish because the Parks Department has not had money for these products for several years. I am happy to say this rose garden is a poison free.

With the Parks Department and the City affected by the tough economy fundraising efforts will be a continuing effort.

If you're on face book please friend us at-"Friends of the McKinley Park Rose Garden" which has our great pink rose logo.

Due to construction, our January pruning event was postponed to the first Saturday in **February 4th 9am – 1pm** Rain date of-- Saturday 11. I am looking forward to Charlotte's scones in the morning and chili for our volunteers at the lunch break.

To quote TJ David

"It's a rose show every day in a public rose garden" so let's have a good show.

Ellie Longanecker

UC Master Gardener

SRS Prunathon at McKinley Park February 4, 2012

Met at 9 AM at the McKinley Park Rose Garden corner of H and 35th Street. Coffee and some breakfast snacks provided by the Sacramento Rose Society. Plus, there will Chili for our lunch break.

Hopefully we will have AmeriCorps Volunteers, 502 workers, and the public.

Light rain or a drizzle will not stop us, but heavy rain will prompt a reschedule for Saturday February 11th. This event is Sacramento Rose Societies Service to our community.

Taking the Mystery out of Rose Pruning

~Charlotte Owendyk

Take a deep breath—pruning isn't rocket science. Your roses will survive and grow regardless of how you prune. Attending a pruning demonstration is a great way to see how roses are pruned and to get answers to your questions.

Why prune at all? The main reasons are to eliminating older canes that have lost their vigor and small canes that will produce few small blooms as well as getting rid of diseased and dead canes. Lastly, our pruning keeps the size and shape of the bush size within reason.

Now, there is a pruning tradeoff: The harder (leaving less of the bush) you prune generates fewer but larger blooms. A light hand in pruning leads to more blooms—since you have more canes but the blooms are smaller. If you prefer lots of color in your garden, consider planting floribundas and shrub roses instead of hybrid teas and Grandifloras which are grown for just their large blooms which many of us cut for bouquets.

This article covers basic guidelines for pruning Hybrid Teas and Grandifloras. These guidelines can also be applied floribundas and miniatures. Floribundas are

pruned more lightly and smaller stems are left on the bush. Miniatures are on their own roots; reduce the number of canes to reduce the overall size of the bush and open up the center. Climbers, Shrubs, and Old Garden Roses are another story altogether and are not covered in this article.

Start From the Ground not the Top. Trimming the rose a little here and there from the top down wastes time and is not very effective. The purpose of pruning is to select strong, healthy canes that will support the new growth. The stuff at the top is last year's history. (I personally whack the top 1/3 of my rose bushes off in November and December to prevent wind damage and to fill up my trash containers.) Get down on your knees (sit down if it's more comfortable) and look at the bud union (the rounded bump at the base of the plant) and the canes that come from it. Focusing on new growth with the vigor it brings is the key.

Get rid of Old, Dead & Diseased Canes. New canes are the greenest. The old canes are gray. (If your bush is young—say two to three years old—you may not have much in the way of older canes.) The old gray ones usually have weak spindly growth on them and are in the way of brand

Muriel Humineck's approach to pruning is simple: Cut out the old, protect the new.

"Pruning is key to healthy roses," she said recently. "You want to cut out the old, dead wood so the new canes have room to grow."

That's the No. 1 mistake people make when pruning roses – other than never pruning, Muriel noted. Gardeners tend to cut bushes back to just the old wood, year after year.

"The old wood will still produce flowers, but it's a matter of diminishing returns," she explained. "Old wood throws sickly canes. What kind of flowers are you going to get on spindly stuff? The flowers will be smaller and fewer every spring.

"But the new canes are full of life," she added. "You need big, strong canes for big flowers. They'll make robust roses – and lots of them."



It's Easy....

new canes that are now only a gleam in the bud union's dormant eyes. Use your loppers or handy pruning saw and cut the old canes off as flush with the bud union as you can. That should help open up the plant.

Suckers Are BAD. Most HTs and Grandifloras are grafted; in other words the root of your rose is different than what you purchased. If your roses are grafted look for any unwanted suckers (the growth that emanates from the rootstock below the bud union). These suckers come from the roots rather than the bud union. Get rid of this new growth, not by cutting but by tearing away from the point of origin at the base of the root below the ground. If you don't, it will come back with more canes and you will eventually lose the rose you bought.

Get Rid of Crisscrossing Canes. New growth needs room. Identify any canes that cross directly over the center and cut them off with your loppers or pruning. Some of these canes come from the bud union but most came from another cane and grow through the center. Also, identify any canes that are seriously crowding each other. If they are not too close you can wedge them apart with a piece of stem from a cane you have already cut. If not, cut them out with your loppers or pruning saw, again flush with the bud union or the cane from which they are growing.

Stems smaller than a pencil, snip them off. Why not leave stems smaller than a pencil? A stem growing from another cane will never be larger than its source. Pencil-thick stems produce matchstick-thick stems that produce pin-thick stems that may or may not produce a small bloom. Many of these spindly stems are low down or in the center of the plant.

Height. Mentally divide the cane into three equal parts and remove the top one-third. If you have

topped the bush like me, the rule still applies. Many rose growers are somewhat squeamish about pruning, for fear they will harm a plant that produces such beautiful and delicate blooms. Don't let the blooms fool you—a rose bush is one tough cookie. How else could the rose have survived without the loving care of rosarians for hundreds of millions of years?

The holy grail of buds. If you are unusually lucky, exactly 2/3rds of the way up the cane (or 1/3rd down depending on whether you standing) will be an outward facing bud eye. Bud eyes are found at the intersection of the cane and a leaf. However, it is not necessary to be slave to the outside eye rule. The new cane will grow upward anyway.

White Centers are Healthy. Check the center of your fresh cut. If you have a brown or non white center in the cane, cut down a bit further until the center is white.

Leave No Leaves. Strip all the remaining leaves off the bush. They too are last year's history. Plus, they harbor fungus spores and bugs.

Clean Up After Yourself. Gather up all the canes, stems, leaves and miscellaneous stuff you've generated, and put it in the trash. While you're at it, yank the weeds from around the bush and get rid of all the dead leaves and dried up old petals lying around. All of last year's fungus and insect problems are lying around in this stuff waiting for the new blooms. And don't bother to compost it. Rose canes don't decompose well and the spores, eggs and other things in the mess seem to survive composting efforts quite well.

Shovel Prune. It should be noted that some varieties/bushes just don't grow very many new canes no matter what you do. They just don't. After a period of time all you can do is dig it out and plant a new rose—that's called shovel pruning!

Pruning Tools

Use only by-pass pruner and loppers.

The cutting blade of anvil-style pruners comes down onto the center of a soft metal or hard plastic lower surface, called the anvil or table. It crushes the cane, stopping the flow of nutrients, prolongs the healing time of the cut surface and makes it easier for bacteria and fungi to enter the cut.



Anvil Pruner



By-pass Pruner

By-pass loppers or pruners have a stainless steel curved blade that uses a scissors action to pass next to, not on top of, the lower surface, sometimes called the hook, which is designed to catch and hold the branch while the cutting blade comes down. By-pass pruners offer a cleaner cut, as the blade slices all the way through the stem.

Use sharp tools! *How many times have you attempted a pruning cut and grumbled when your loppers/pruners did not slice quickly through a branch?*

Sharp tools makes pruning easier and generates cleaner cuts. Get a file and use it! Every time you take out your pruners run the file



across the beveled edge and your pruners will be sharp every time! And don't forget to sharpen your loppers! Afterwards, spray a little vegetable oil or biodegradable coating on your tools.

Use gauntlet gloves. They extend to the elbow



to reduce nicks and scratches on your arms and hands. Safety goggles are a good idea too.

Use the right tool.

For larger canes use a lopper, Use a Hand saw for trimming close to the bud union or if you prefer a small Cordless Reciprocating Saw (see Muriel and her saw on page 3).



Use a Disinfectant. The use of Lysol spray, alcohol, or other disinfectant between roses reduces the possibility of the spread of disease.

HOW TO VIDEO on YouTube

Check out this video by Peaceful Valley Farm & Garden Supply on Sharpening Garden Tools

<http://groworganic.com/organic-gardening/videos/sharpening-tools-pruners-loppers-shovels-more>

2012 Rose Pruning & Winter Garden Care Workshop

STOP!!!

Come and join Baldo and his rag tag crew for a jolly good time Saturday January 14th at Maidu Community Center in Roseville in the Craft Room.

Watch and learn to prune roses!

Have experts coach you through pruning a rose.

Ask as many questions as you want!

Vote for you favorite chili

AND

JUST HAVE FUN WITH ROSES!



AGENDA

8:30 AM – Light Morning Munchies

9:00 AM – Tool Care & Sharpening by Ernie Magill

9:15 AM – Pruning Basics by Muriel Humenick

10:00-10:45 AM – Hands On Pruning by Type

Hybrid Teas & Floribundas..... Charlotte Owendyk

Old Garden Roses & Polyanthas.... Muriel Humenick

Shrubs & Climbing Roses.... Ernie & Sue Magill

Miniatures and Minifloras..... Linda Knowles

10:45-11:45 AM – Rose Selection and Planting Roses by Charlotte Owendyk & Linda Knowles

11:45 AM -12:30 PM – Winter Care Pest & Disease Control by Baldo Villegas

12:30 - 1:30 PM – Chili Cook-off



Mimi Sez

DO NOT prune Species, Old Garden Roses and any other once-blooming plants in your yard such as Lilacs, Forsythias or Viburnams. Do remove any dead canes - ALL of next Springs flowers will be on the growth that arrived this past season. FOR ONCE BLOOMERS, . **PRUNE AFTER THEY BLOOM!! !**

Teach someone "How to Prune"

Sharp Tools Help

Sharpening pruning tools makes yard work easier for you and keeps your trees, shrubs and plants healthy.

SHARP TOOLS HELP YOU! Do you remember when your pruners were new—they cut rose canes like cake!) With a little sharpening, your pruners/loppers will cut like new!

SHARP TOOLS also **HELP YOUR TREES & PLANTS**

The University of California, Davis sums it up well, “Keep pruning tools sharp: dull tools make rough cuts, which can promote insect damage or disease.” This expert advice is in a UC Davis article on fruit trees and applies to all kinds of trees and plants. Sharp pruning tools make clean cuts, which heal quickly, reducing the risk of plant disease or attack by insects.



Clean tools are also crucial for pruning. Take a bottle of rubbing alcohol and a rag with you, and clean the cutting surfaces of your pruning tools after you have finished with one tree or shrub. It won't take much time and it can prevent disaster in your orchard or garden.

Disaster? That's what you would call it if you pruned 10 fruit trees and they all succumbed to a disease—a disease carried in the first tree you pruned, and transported to the nine other trees when you did not clean your pruning tools.

Excerpted from Peaceful Valley Webpage

Membership Renewals

THANK YOU if you have already sent in your membership renewals. You are **AWESOME!!!**

I realize that December was busy...so if you haven't yet renewed, The membership form is on the next page. Please fill it out and sent it with a check as soon as you get this newsletter. That way it is off your to do list! Or bring your check to the January meeting.

Where else can you get such a bargain? There are some really interesting programs lined up for next year as well as the annual garden tour. Speaking as the editor of the newsletter, the hope is that you enjoy each of the ten issues of the Rose Reflections newsletter that comes your way. Each year, we have had ARS award winning articles.

Regretfully, the Sierra Foothills Rose society has had to raise its annual fee primarily due to their move to Maidu Community Center (SFRS now incurs rent). Sacramento Rose Society membership continues to be \$20 unless you need to get the newsletter delivered via snail mail and then the membership cost is \$25 to cover the printing and mailing costs.

Charlotte



Sacramento Rose Society Membership Form

Annual dues are \$20, (\$25 if by snail mail).
Please make the check payable to the Sacramento Rose Society.

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip

Email:

Phone:

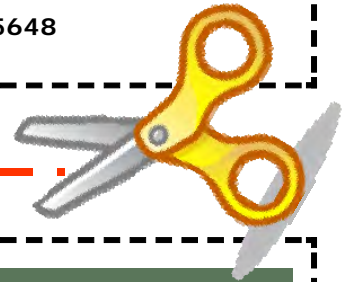
If you wish to receive your newsletter by snail mail, please check the box.

Please check box if you are a member of ARS.

Please complete this form and along with a check, either bring to the next meeting or mail to:

Cherilyn Duncan 2460 Hidden Hills Lane Lincoln Hills, CA 95648

Due January 1st!!!



Sierra Foothills Rose Society Membership

Annual dues are \$20. Please make the check payable to the Sierra Foothills Rose Society.

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip

Email:

Phone:

If you wish to receive your newsletter by snail mail, please check the box.

Please check box if you are a member of ARS.

Please complete this form and along with a check, either bring to the next meeting or mail to:

Charlotte Owendyk 204 Park Meadow Court Roseville, CA 95628



Sacramento Rose Society

Take time to smell the roses.

January 12th Program Focuses on Pruning

As predictable as the calendar, it's that time of year again -- prune season. How can you get inspired (and not overwhelmed) when facing this prickly task?

Come to the January meeting of the Sacramento Rose Society. We open 2012 with a hands-on workshop, led by veteran rose growers and consulting rosarians. Bring gloves, pruners and questions.

Have a potted rose bush in need of a makeover? Here's an opportunity to get some expert insight and opinion. Bring examples for demonstrations and learn how to make those cuts.

Start the season sharp. Get your pruners and shears sharpened for a small donation.

Our meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan.12, at Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento. Refreshments will be provided by members of the SRS board.

As always, the public is welcome. If a friend or neighbor has asked lately about how to prune a bush, suggest they come participate. For more details, call (916) 799-6199.

Refreshment Corner

Thanks to all who participated in our wonderful holiday pasta potluck meal! The food was delicious and plentiful! The table decorations furnished by our board members and by Mary Adams were so beautiful and creative and added so much to the festivities! A special thanks to Cheryl and Kent Duncan for organizing and managing the many details that went into putting on this event.

In January and February, the refreshments will be provided courtesy of our board members. We will be circulating a signup sheet for the remaining 2012 meetings, so please get your pens ready!

See you at the January meeting!

Janice

If you have any questions, Janice Lauinger can be reached at jlauinger@softcom.net or 916) 993-9221.

President's Message

Happy New Year to you all, I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season.

Our pruning date for McKinley has now been set for Saturday, February the 4th, due to the construction issues; please put the date on your calendar.

Our January meeting will be about pruning with hands on activity planned. don't forget about the Sierra Foothills activities planned for Saturday, January the 8th.

Our rose auction will be held at the February meeting featuring Star roses.

With this very dry winter so far, don't forget to give your roses some water!

See you all in January,

Kent



Sierra Foothills Rose Society

Have Fun with Roses

President's Message



~Cindy Phipps

Hope you all had a great Holiday season with family and friends and had time to "smell the roses". I looked out my window yesterday and noticed my Gemini tree rose was in full bloom. Wish it had looked that good when we had our rose show in October!

If you weren't able to attend our Holiday dinner in December at Mimi's Cafe, I hope you can attend in 2012. The venue was great as was the food and the company. Mimi's donated close to \$100 to our Society based on the collective amount our members spent on dinner. Many thanks to Charlotte Owendyk for setting that up for us. Thanks also to everyone who donated the items for our silent auction and those who bid on the items. We have a great group of caring and generous members. To wrap up a perfect evening, Baldo Villegas installed the 2012 Board in his usual charming, humorous and personable fashion. Way to go Baldo, and thanks for making it a memorable evening.

With the holidays over, it's time to look forward to 2012. I don't know about you, but I have already been looking at what roses I want to purchase this year and have visited local nurseries to see what they have in stock. It's a bit early I know, but then I am an admitted "rose-aholic" who is not interested in the 12 step program.

It's also time to send in your annual **2012 membership dues** to Charlotte Owendyk. Timely submittal will make her life much easier as she is also our Treasurer and Rose Reflections Newsletter Editor extraordinaire.

I am looking forward to an exciting 2012! Linda Knowles has many great programs lined up for our membership that you will find educational and fun and in April, SFhRS will celebrate our 50th anniversary.

January Program (this program is in lieu of our regular monthly meeting. It's also time to prune our roses so that we have beautiful blooms for our Little Rose shows and annual rose show in October. What better way to kick off this process than by attending our **Winter Rose Care Workshop on January 14th from 9:00-1:00 at the Maidu Community Center.**

I'd like to thank Baldo Villegas for spearheading this informative workshop for us once again- he does an awesome job! In addition to learning how to prune our roses (you'll have an opportunity for hands-on experience), a few of our Consulting Rosarians will be speaking on the proper tools to use and pruning techniques, rose selection, favorite roses for our area and tell us how to avoid those pesky bugs and other blights that affect our roses.

A light breakfast will be available at 8:30 and the meeting will be followed up by the famous Chili Cook-off. Bring your chili for others to sample so that the "usual suspects" don't win again! If you're not up to chili, you can bring corn bread, crackers, any side dish or soft drinks to wash down the chili.

Baldo and Charlotte will be talking about the workshop on the "Farmer Fred's Get Growing" radio program 650am Sunday, January 8th at 9am and will also be at the Cal State Home and Garden show at the Sacra-

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SFRS President's Message Continued

mento Convention Center later that day. We hope to see you on the 14th and bring your pruning tools to be sharpened too.

February Program Don't forget about our rose auction on February 2nd at 7pm at Maidu Community Center. There will be several nice varieties to choose from that are perfect for our gardens. More information to come.

Humenick Scholarship

~Annecia Silver

Candidate Chosen This year the Humenick Scholarship of \$1000 goes to Marissa Jacobi, a student of Environment Horticulture and Urban Forestry. For the last several years the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at Davis has selected our candidate. Several people in the scholarship office have let me know how much the students appreciate the financial help.

We can be proud that in addition to growing our own beautiful roses, we are helping young people get into the field of horticulture. We wish all the success for Marissa—who know what she will accomplish in her field.

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Officers are available to answer questions about the society. Anyone who wants to have some fun and is willing to help can be an officer. Elections are held each year. If you want to volunteer, please talk to one of the officers.

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SFRS Committee Coordinators Needed!!!

Are you looking for an opportunity to get more involved in the Sierra Foothills Rose Society?

Then we have a Committee for you!

SFhRS has many committee spots to fill, and *really* needs your help. Being a Committee Coordinator doesn't have to involve a lot of time and if you'd like, you can volunteer to do it for 3-6 months instead of the whole year.

If you are interested in any of these committees, please contact Cindy Phipps at either 916-420-0344 acura9797@yahoo.com or by the end of January, 2012.

SFhRS Committee Openings:

- Annual Rose Show (coordinates annual Rose show held at Bushnell Gardens, October 6th)
Note: this is the only committee that does require a commitment of time over a few months
- Garden Tour (coordinates the garden tour for our members, usually held in late May/early June)
- Refreshments (coordinates sign up sheet to bring refreshments to monthly meetings)
- Publicity (email announcements to local newspapers, etc. regarding upcoming programs)
- Membership badges (makes badges for new members)
- Raffle/Silent auction (monthly meeting raffle tickets, announces winners of donated items)
- Sunshine (sends our Get Well Cards, etc. to our members)
- Hospitality (coordinates folks to meet and greet at monthly meetings)
- Annual Audit (coordinates procurement of audit our books the prior year)

Great Rosarians of the World™ XII

We are delighted to announce that our speaker/honoree for GROW XII will be Alain Meilland of Meilland International, the legendary French rose company that boasts six generations of family ownership and management.

The dates for GROW XII will be January 21-22, 2012. The Saturday program will be a workshop and panel discussion on pruning and growing roses in Southern California using sustainable horticulture. This event will be held in the Garden or Teaching Greenhouse at the Huntington Botanical Gardens from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

M. Meilland's program will be on Sunday, January 22, at 2:00 pm. The program will be held in Friends' Hall, across from the main entrance at the ticket booth at the Huntington.

Tickets for both Saturday and Sunday will be \$50.00 per person and include a box lunch on Sunday and a

reception after the Sunday program. To order tickets please send a check made payable to: The Huntington Library to 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108, Attn: Great Rosarians

There will be a dinner honoring M. Meilland on Saturday evening, January 21. The site and cost will be posted shortly. Please contact Clair Martin at cmartin@huntington.org for tickets and information.

Annual CR Reports Due January 31, 2012

Its time for all CRs to submit your CR report. The Annual Report will ask for dates, titles of your talks, seminars you attended and where, participation in various CR activities. The Annual Report is now on the District web site and will be due by January 31, 2012. Plenty of time to get your notes together and list out your CR activities.

SFRS Holiday Recap

Message from your past president, a **big thank** you goes out to:

- 1) Charlotte for pulling the Christmas (Holiday) dinner at Mimi's together;
- 2) Baldo for doing the 2012 installation of new officers (I got the rose "Thanks to Sue" and can't wait to plant it – it means a lot to me);
- 3) All the members who helped make the December event; a great success.

4) Thank you so much for the lady bug bag that was made by our very own Charlotte! It's too pretty to use – it means a lot to me too.



If you didn't go you missed out on a fun time. We had yummy food, lots of laughs, a Christmas quiz, a silent raffle (that too brought in additional monies for the society), wine, lots of laughs (I know, I'm repeating myself) and great people to spend it with.

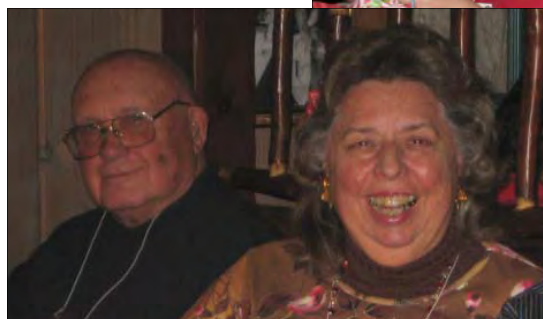
I enjoyed not having to figure out what to bring, make it, setup and cleanup. Charlotte has already booked 2012 dinner at Mimi's. Below is correspondence between Eric, Manager of Mimi's and Charlotte.

"Eric, I want to thank you and your staff. We were impressed with the service and help we received. If we needed anything your staff was there to make it happen. There were so many positive comments--many of members would love to come again next year!"

"Charlotte: Thank you and all of the Sierra Foothills Rose Society for coming in. My staff really enjoyed you too! I was told that you all were just the nicest people. The tally came to \$98.78 for your group. Our bookkeeping does not go to our corporate office until Thursday, so it will be a couple of weeks for your check. Thanks again for choosing us, we appreciate your business and enjoy your company.

Looking forward to 2012!

Sue Bennett, your past president



2012 Rose Calendar

The following calendar lists rose events for both SRS and SFRS as well as some other major rose and horticultural activities. A few special events are coming our way. Two anniversary celebrations are planned; the 50th anniversary of SFRS in April, and in October there will be a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Historic Rose Garden located in the Sacramento City Cemetery. October also has another big event. Jolene Adams a "local rosarian" will be installed as the ARS president in San Ramon. So put these important dates on your calendar—you won't want to miss any of these events!

FYI, this will be the only time the calendar for the entire year will be published. Corrections welcome.

Month	Day	Time	EVENT
January	8	9am to Noon	Farmer Fred Radio Show (1530 am & 650 am) Charlotte Owendyk & Baldo — guests.
	8	1pm	House & Garden Show at Sacramento Convention Center - Charlotte Owendyk & Baldo with Farmer Fred on rose pruning.
	8	4-6pm	SFRS Board Meeting
	12	7:30pm	SRS General Meeting - <i>Pruning Basics</i>
	14	9am to 1pm	<i>SFRS Rose Pruning & Winter Care Workshop</i>
	19	7:30pm	SRS Board/Rose Show Meeting
	21-22	see article	<i>"Great Rosarians Of the World @ Huntington Library & Botanical Garden in San Marino, CA Speaker/Honoree: Alain Meilland"</i>
February	2	7:30pm	SFRS General Meeting - <i>Rose Auction</i>
	4	see article	SRS <i>Prunathon</i> @ McKinley Rose Garden
	5	4-6pm	SFRS Board Meeting
	9	7:30pm	SRS General Meeting - <i>Rose Auction</i>
	16	7:30pm	SRS Board Meeting
March	1	7:30pm	SFRS General Meeting—tbd
	4	4-6pm	SFRS Board Meeting
	8	7:30pm	SRS General Meeting - Anita Clevenger on Cemetery Roses
	10		<i>NCNH District Business Meeting - Hosted by Mother Lode Society</i>
	15	7:30pm	SRS Board Meeting
	21-25		<i>SF Flower & Garden Show @ the San Mateo Event Center</i>
April	5	7:30pm	SFRS General Meeting - <i>SFRS 50th Anniversary Celebration!!!</i>
	12	7:30pm	SRS General Meeting - <i>Exhibiting Roses</i>
	15	4-6pm	SFRS Board Meeting
	19	7:30pm	SRS Board Meeting
	21	8am-1pm	<i>Sacramento Cemetery Historic Rose Garden's Open Garden</i>
	28-29	tbd	<i>SRS Rose Show</i>

2012 Rose Event Calendar

Month	Day	Time	EVENT
May	3	7:30pm	SFRS General Meeting - <i>Charlotte Owendyk on Companion Planting</i>
	6	5-7pm	SFRS Board Meeting
	10	7:30pm	SRS General Meeting - <i>Fred Hoffman aka Farmer Fred</i>
	17	7:30pm	SRS Board Meeting
June	7	7:30pm	SFRS General Meeting - <i>Beverly Hopper - topic tbd</i>
	10	5-7pm	SFRS Board Meeting
	14	7:30pm	SRS General Meeting - <i>Rebirth of McKinley Rose Garden & Ice Cream Social</i>
	21	7:30pm	SRS Board Meeting
July	10	10am-2pm	<i>SFRS Ice Cream Social</i>
August	4	8am-2pm	<i>Harvest Day @ Fair Oaks Horticultural Center</i>
	11	10am-2pm	<i>Getting Ready for the SFRS Rose Show</i>
September	6	7:30pm	SFRS General Meeting—tbd
	9	5-7pm	SFRS Board Meeting
	13	7:30pm	SRS General Meeting - <i>Ellen Zagori & UCD Arboretum All Stars</i>
	20	7:30pm	SRS Board Meeting
October	4	7:30pm	SFRS General Meeting—tbd
	6		<i>SFRS Rose Show @ Bushnell Garden Nursery</i>
	7	5-7pm	SFRS Board Meeting
	11	7:30pm	SRS General Meeting - <i>Kids, Roses & Gardening</i>
	12-14	tbd	<i>Historic Rose Garden 20th Year Anniversary</i>
	18	7:30pm	SRS Board Meeting
	26-30	tbd	<i>ARS Fall National Rose Show in San Ramon</i>
November	1	7:30pm	SFRS General Meeting - <i>Rose Show Party & Trophy Awards</i>
	4	4-6pm	SFRS Board Meeting
	8	7:30pm	SRS General Meeting—tbd
	15	7:30pm	SRS Board Meeting
December	6	7:30pm	SFRS General Meeting - <i>Holiday Party & Officer Installation</i>
	9	4-6pm	SFRS Board Meeting
	13	7:30pm	SRS General Meeting - <i>Holiday Party & Officer Installation</i>
	20	7:30pm	SRS Board Meeting

GARDEN TIP ON WINTER WEEDS Cool season annual weeds germinate in the fall, grow slowly through the winter and set seed in early spring. In midwinter, these weeds are generally small and shallow rooted. Indeed, some are hardly noticeable. Look for them while pruning your roses, pull them now (roots and all) and you'll have fewer problems when things warm up next spring. Pulling tiny weeds on a mild winter day is much more pleasant than battling a bed full of weeds next spring.

Consulting Rosarians

If you have some problems or questions and would like some personal assistance the following individuals are Consulting Rosarians (CRs) for our area. These individuals have committed to help others with rose related questions. Many CRs will visit your garden on request.

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Rose Society Membership

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP, CONTACT ANY ROSE SOCIETY OFFICIER. (SEE NEXT PAGE)

SACRAMENTO ROSE SOCIETY (SRS): Dues are \$25 for paper newsletter or \$20 for email recipients of the newsletter. Make the check payable to the Sacramento Rose Society and send to Cherilyn Duncan Lincoln Hills, CA 95648.

SIERRA FOOTHILLS ROSE SOCIETY (SFRS): Annual dues are \$20 per household. Members will receive issues of this newsletter by email or snail mail. For more information please contact Charlotte Owendyk 204 Park Meadow Ct Roseville, CA 95661 .

AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY (ARS): membership entitles you to five issues of their bi-monthly magazine The American Rose plus Handbook for Selecting Roses, and the American Rose Annual. All this for \$49 and \$46 for seniors. Trial Membership Available!!! Contact the ARS at (800) 637-6534 or www.ars.org.

Respective Meeting Locations are Listed on the Last Page

January Cultural Tips

- PRUNE!!! Try to finish all your rose bushes by Valentines Day. Those roses that only bloom once a year should be pruned after they bloom. However they can be pruned lightly ONLY to remove dead, injured, diseased, unproductive growth, and crossing canes.
- Remove all rose foliage from pruned roses and clean up the rose beds of all debris specially rose leaves and prunings to reduce fungal diseases like blackspot and rust.
- We haven't had any rain to speak of, so water your containers and your garden especially any new plants that you added this fall.
- Consider spraying with a rose fungicide/dormant oil to help control fungal diseases such as blackspot, rust, powdery mildew and overwintering insects such as aphids and scales.
- Shovel prune non performers.
- Plant bare-root roses through February. Bareroot roses can also be planted in pots for later planting in the ground.



Sacramento Rose Society

Meetings are at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of each month except July and August in the Shepard Garden & Arts Center at McKinley Park located at 3330 McKinley Blvd. Sacramento. Room opens at 6:45 pm.

Take E Street (southbound) or H Street (northbound) exit off business I-80; go east past the park. (E Street turns into McKinley Boulevard.) Enter parking lot off 34th Street and Parkway.



We are on the web

Sactorose.org



Sierra Foothills Rose Society

Meeting are at 7:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month except for January, July and August. Room opens at 6:30 p.m.

NEW Meeting location is in the **Crafts Room at the Maidu Community Center in Roseville.** The address is:

1550 Maidu Drive Roseville

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