

# Kitsap County Rose Society

My garden really starts going in April. The daffodils are history and it is time for the main event. Even though I have not seen a rose in my garden bloom in April, I see the potential. I like to continue light pruning that I may have missed with my main spring pruning. Mid May has been the earliest rose bloom in the Old Garden Rose class and that is reason enough to have at least a plant or two in this category. I have two OGR's that actually re-bloom a little: 'Rose de Rescht' and 'Louise Odier'. The large majority of OGR's are once blooming.

April is also time to begin our fertilization program (May 1, June 1, July 1, then August 1 if you have any left). Those who ordered and paid for the Puyallup mix have pick up April 20<sup>th</sup> at Dave's. Begin using it as soon as the weather and time allows. I count this application as my May 1 application. The bag does not specify the amount to use but here is what is suggested by those experienced with the Puyallup Custom Formula Mix: always water the day before use, the next day, for large roses, sprinkle 1 cup fertilizer around the drip line of the bush. Scratch into the soil then water. Miniature and Miniflora roses get 1/2 cup each using the same watering routine. Granular fertilized must be watered in for it to benefit our plants.

The main speaker for our April meeting will feature Gracie Baker, Master Rosarian from Gig Harbor, speaking on the very timely topic of soils. Gracie is a lively speaker and always has excellent presentations.

Louise



Same Rose 2 Days Later



## Upcoming Events

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Next Meeting**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>  
Pick up Puyallup  
Mix**

**May 7<sup>th</sup>  
Meeting**

**June 4<sup>th</sup>  
Meeting**

**July 15<sup>th</sup>  
Picnic**

**October 14<sup>th</sup>  
Fall pruning at  
Silverdale Library**



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## For Your Awareness

**A Rose by Any Other Name:** Here are a few of the suggestions for the Kitsap County Rose Society Newsletter name! Voting will take place at the March meeting.

**Congratulations:** Charis Cox who helps edit the Newsletter won a Valley Nursery gift certificate for winning the Name the Newsletter.

**Newsletter Ideas:** Now accepting articles, pictures, websites or anything you would like added to the Newsletter. Send to Maggie Jones or Elena Williams.

### Library Calendar Volunteers

May 6	Annette S
May 13	Shelley B
May 20	Sally E
May 27	<b>Open</b>
June 3	<b>Open</b>
June 10	<b>Open</b>
June 17	<b>Open</b>
June 24	Sally E

### Meeting Desserts

April	Sally Eastman Mary Ledford
May	Looking for members

### Meeting Speakers

April	Gracie Baker on Soils
May	Cliff Carpenter on Photo Editing with digital imaging software



South Africa

## **Interview with Member Madeline West**

*What is your earliest memory of a Rose?*

My mother had a lovely "Cecile Brunner" growing by the garage.

*How long have you been growing roses?*

Since I was in High School. I was raised in Gilberton (next to Brownsville, WA) and moved to California after I was married, and raised roses around the pool. Then in 1972 we moved back to Vancouver, WA where I grew lots of roses, rhody's, and azaleas.

*When did you find Kitsap County Rose Society?*

In 1995 we moved up to our property in Seabeck (which we had owned for 20 years) and was a part of Larry's mother's homestead, settled in the 1800's under a land grant of 360 acres or so.

*What inspired you to grow roses?*

The beauty of the rose was most appealing.

*Do you have a favorite type of Rose?*

I love the Old Garden Rose types, mini's, and species rosa rugosa

*How many roses do you currently grow?*

I grow about 25 roses.

*Do you have an interesting story from your life about roses?*

My mother-in-law (Jessie) who lived on the Homestead all of her life to the age of 101 and passed in 2016 loved roses but she was a bit lazy in nature and preferred to sit and read all day, and enjoyed the Rose as her favorite flower. So, the family would always bring her Roses on special occasion. There was a special rose that her mother was given and had planted on the Homestead along with 2 apple trees, plum, cherry and an OGR rose. When Jessie had a mobile home put on the Homestead, she transplanted this old Rose up by her house. Now mind you, she didn't take care of the plants outside of the house; that was God's duty to send the rain. She did in later years though, take out the hamburger meat package and drip the blood around this special Rose. And the Rose survived and the deer would come to the house and occasionally prune the Rose. Jessie had read somewhere that Roses like blood. When Jessie got a new manufactured home in 2006, the old Rose was transplanted to Madeline's garden to ensure its survival and it remains there to this day. The Rose woke up one morning and said "Wow, I like this garden I think I will get growing and it crawled up and across along the Rose garden fence. It had never been more than 24 inches high because God didn't water in the summers and occasionally Madeline would come to visit and sneak some water on it, but it persevered and, oh the lovely fragrance and beauty of it.

## **LIBRARY GARDEN MAINTENANCE**

### **PLEASE VOLUNTEER**

**Its As Easy AS:**

**One-Two-Three**

1. Grooming As Needed (Deadheading)
2. Water
3. Weed

Plan to visit the garden twice during the week you volunteer (hot late July or August weeks when it might need water three times.) Please bring sacks to take debris with you. The library has asked that we do not fill their garbage can with it.

Questions or problems to either Sally or Elena via phone, text, or email.

There are garden tools and hoses in the garden shed. The combination lock is 9999 along with a log sheet. Please note when you were there and what you did.

If you need to cancel or reschedule contact Sally.

Elena will do any spraying and fertilizing.

If you have never done the maintenance = schedule with an experienced person on the sign-up sheet or contact Sally.



**Crescendo and Louise**

## SHOW YOUR ROSE SHOW 2018 by Sally Eastman

I remember when Elena started talking about rose shows and encouraging me to enter some of my roses and it made me really nervous. Finally I figured out why. It wasn't that I didn't have some nice roses. I certainly wasn't hesitant about cutting one, wiping the dust off the leaves and sticking it in a vase. We all can do that. Turns out it was because there was this special language among exhibitors and when I understood these terms it became evident that I knew how to exhibit a rose.... And YOU do too. We do it every meeting between May and October.

### WHAT IS A SCHEDULE:

The *Schedule* is the rose show program. It contains general information such as the time, date, location and hours. It defines the rules for entries.

Our roses at the picnic will be judged by ARS guidelines.

### WHAT ARE DIVISIONS?

*Divisions* separate the show into categories: Large shows will often have the following:

- Horticulture
- Design
- Educational Displays
- Photography

### WHAT ARE CLASSES?

*Classes* are the groupings of entries. Large rose shows will have many classes within a section.

### WHAT ARE CHALLENGE CLASSES?

*Challenges classes* are special ways to exhibit: such as floating in bowls, picture frames, or English Rose boxes



The following are examples of a *Schedule*

## **HORTICULTURE**

### **SECTION A Hybrid Tea of Grandiflora**

- Class 1** One hybrid tea or grandiflora bloom without side buds.  
**Class 2** One hybrid tea or grandiflora spray

### **SECTION B Floribundas**

- Class 3** One floribunda spray  
**Class 4** Three floribunda sprays any variety or combination

### **SECTION C Climbers, shrubs, polyanthas**

- Class 5** One bloom or spray of a climber  
**Class 6** One modern shrub bloom or spray  
**Class 7** One polyantha spray

### **SECTION D: CHALLENGE CLASSES**

(No foliage or stems)

- Class 8** Any Austin, or shrub rose floating in a bowl.  
**Class 9** One Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora floating in a bowl

**DESIGN:** Design also has classes. There is usually a theme. Props are allowed. There are also challenge classes in design

- Class 1** Traditional Line Mass arrangement  
**Class 2** Traditional Line Arrangement  
**Class 3** Modern arrangement



**Rose de Rescht**

#### **Hyperlinks:**

- Kitsap County Rose Society <http://www.kitsapcountyrosesociety.org>
- American Rose Society <http://www.rose.org>
- Pacific Northwest District <http://pnwdistrict.org/>