

# Kitsap County Rose Society

## A Word from Our President ~ Elena Williams

The May meeting will feature "How to Fix Common Rose Photography Mistakes," by Cliff Carpenter. You may remember Cliff being one of our speakers last year. Cliff is a retired Systems Engineer who lives in Bellevue with his wife and two children. In addition to photography, Cliff enjoys fishing and watching cricket.

Regional Rose shows: the Seattle Rose Show will be Saturday, June 9 and the Tacoma Rose Show will be Saturday, June 16, 2018. You should soon receive an email containing the *Northwest Rosarian*. It will be a 20+ page PDF document that you should save. It will have all of the information you need to know about rose shows and the fall conference, as well as other events.

American Rose Society members: as explained in our March/April American Rose magazine, voting for the 2018-2021 ARS officers will be done electronically. Ballots will be dispensed electronically. Voting begins June 1 and ends July 27, 2018. Please give serious consideration for my friend Diane Sommers as ARS Vice President.

By the time you read this, you will have your Puyallup granular fertilizer and alfalfa meal delivery. I would like to remind you to get out your garden fork and make some holes around the drip line of each rose so that the fertilizer will penetrate to the roots, where it will be most useful. If you don't have a garden fork, scratching it in the soil will also expedite delivery of nutrients. Water well after the application and you will see new growth soon.

It feels like we have waited a long time since our last rose blooms. Remember to get your camera out and photograph those beauties all summer long. We need your photos for this newsletter! You may be asked to share your favorites like Andy Bergsagel did in this edition. I don't think my garden will give me a "Best Rose of the Day" entry for the May meeting, but maybe you will be luckier! See you on May 7th.



## Upcoming Events

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

June 4<sup>th</sup>  
Meeting

June 17<sup>th</sup>  
Heritage Roses NW  
OGR Display

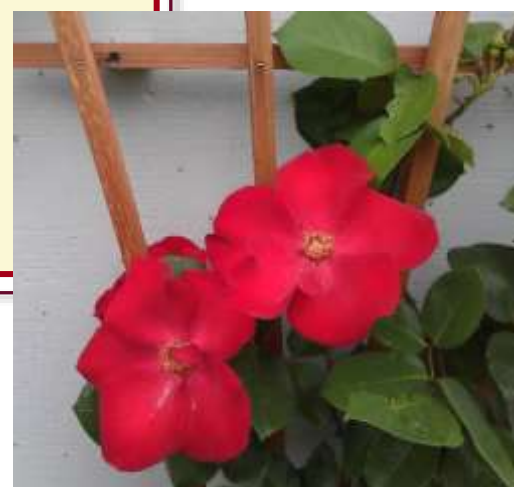
July 15<sup>th</sup>  
Picnic

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

## MY FAVORITE ROSE TODAY - ALTISSIMO

From Sally Eastman

Altissimo is a climbing rose. It's the center of three climbers on the boat shed. Its bloom is flat and open. It is true red with about 7-8 petals. Its shape reminds me of clematis. ARS rates the rose an 8.4. An excellent rose and certainly one that I would never hesitate to recommend.



*Altissimo*



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## **Seasonal Rose Garden Review – The Basics**

*By Elena Williams*

Spring is a great time to grow roses. The cooler weather gives their stems a chance to grow before forcing blooms. This should make our yards the envy of all our neighbors – providing we follow through on a few chores.

### **Pruning**

Your major pruning chores were completed in March but, as the roses experience the enormous spring growth period, some stems and leaves will be just too weak to keep up. It is natural to have some yellowing leaves and dying stems. Just prune them out before disease sets in. Pruning is more of an art than a formula for my garden. Experience is the best teacher if you are observant in your garden. Pruning in late April just means your blooms will begin later. Not pruning a bush means the blooms will be smaller. I tend not to prune hard during a plant's first two years in the ground.

### **Diseases**

You need to keep your eyes open for powdery mildew, black spot, and possibly Botrytis. Remove all infected leaves. I use a fungicide when weather conditions are favorable for spore germination or if I see signs and symptoms of these diseases. Always read the label and apply only as recommended on any product you use in your garden.

If you want to keep black spot at bay, this is the time of year to make the effort to stop it. Black spot overwinters in the garden in several ways. One is by spores that are hidden inside the scales on the bud eyes. As the new foliage grows and rain occurs, they are splashed from their overwintering places to the leaves. If the leaves are not protected, the spores germinate and grow into the leaves, producing the blackspot in the leaves. If, however, a protective spray has been applied to the leaves on which the spores are splashed and the spores germinate, the fungicide that is on the surface of the leaves will kill the germinating spore before it enters the leaf and thus prevent the disease.

Powdery mildew is prevalent whenever there are warm days and cool nights, especially on new foliage, from the top down. Also, during excessively damp and cool weather, Botrytis may be a problem. I usually see this in August, but the spores are here blowing around in the wind.



*Black Spot*



*Powdery Mildew*



*Botrytis*

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**Seasonal Rose Garden Review – The Basics, Cont.**

**Insects**

Aphids are easily controlled by misting affected areas with water. Blast those green suckers off the plant! There are reports of midge, a mosquito-like insect that is rarely seen, in Washington. Their larvae attack new bud formations and can result in bushes with beautiful foliage but few or no blooms. Look for dead, dried tips on your foliage. If you see any evidence of this, take immediate action. The most effective remedy is Bayer Complete Insect Killer granules sprinkled over the entire rose bed to kill the insect as it emerges from the ground. Be aware that this product has been linked to the killing of honey bees and other beneficial insects. But if you do not do this, you will not get blooms. Accurate pest identification should be made before this treatment. Note that spraying foliage is ineffective for midge. Also look for spider mites on the undersides of leaves, at the base of the bush. These can usually be controlled by a forceful spray of water, three days in a row. The warm, dry weather of July generally provides conditions where mites multiply and suck the juices out of rose foliage.

**Fertilizers**

You applied fertilizer in April, didn't you? If not, do so now. Roses are heavy feeders and need a continuous supply of all nutrients to do well. I am a great believer in the combination of organic and synthetic fertilizers. Oly Fish Compost and Puyallup Mix, which contain micronutrients, are my favorites. Try to remember to fertilize the first week of the months of April/May (start when you see new leaf growth) through August for the best blooms.

*I wish you a pest free growing season!*

**Library Calendar Volunteers**

May 6 Annette S  
May 13 Shelley B  
May 20 Sally E  
May 27 Donnie and Mary

June 3 **Open**  
June 10 Joyia R  
June 17 **Open**  
June 24 Sally E

July 1 **Open**  
July 8 Ed E  
July 15 **Open**  
July 22 Sally E  
July 29 **Open**

Please check your calendar and volunteer for a week by signing up at the next meeting or sending an email to Sally Eastman at [Eastman.sally@yahoo.com](mailto:Eastman.sally@yahoo.com).

**Meeting Desserts**

May 7 Madeline West  
Margie Breunig

June 4 Joy Dunning  
Joyia Rubens

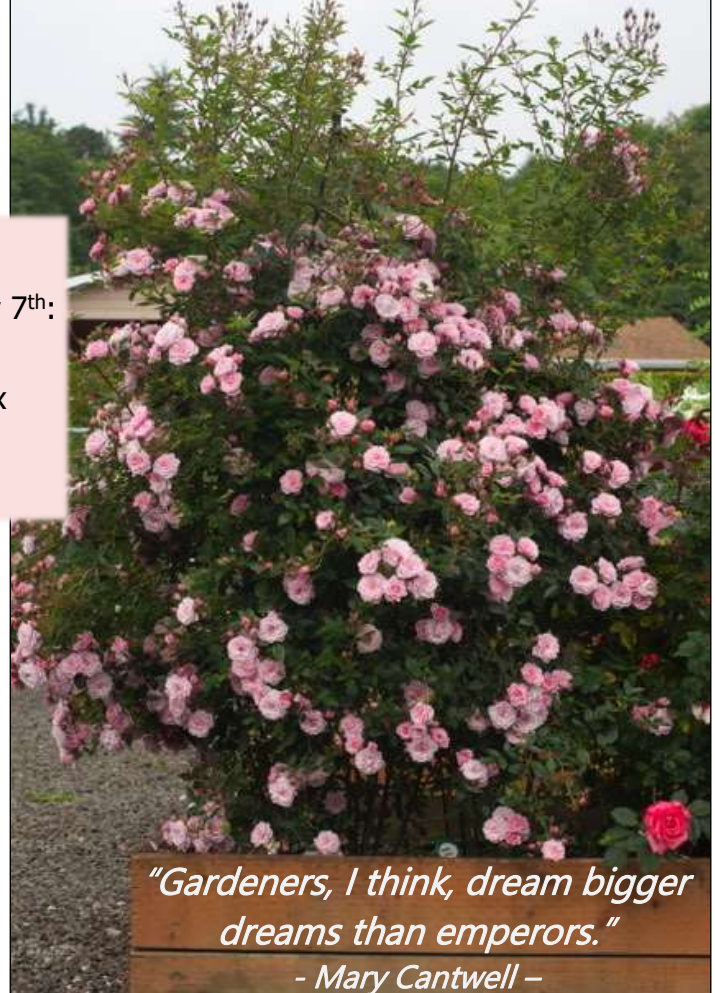
July 15<sup>th</sup> Picnic at Sally and Roger's – Meeting and rose show will be there.

**May Meeting**

Upcoming Meeting Speakers for May 7<sup>th</sup>:

6:30 Elena on Insects and Disease  
7:00 Cliff Carpenter on "How to Fix common rose photography mistakes"

*Jeanne Lajoie*



## Local Nursery Crawl

*By Elena Williams*

Some of you know I have been writing a series called "Spotlight on Local Nurseries" for the WestSound Home and Garden magazine this season and, when I was out doing some research on April 18th, I noticed that Rogers Country Nursery (out by Joyias) has a nice selection of roses not seen at other local nurseries. Back in a greenhouse that also says "Blueberries," I saw Coral, Apricot, and Lemon Snow Drift roses. They also have a few Easy Elegance brands for \$34, such as "Grandma's Blessing" and "Yellow Brick Road." In stock for \$36 I saw Weeks varieties "Julia Child," "Peace," "In the Mood," "Sugar Moon," and "Neil Diamond."

Country Nursery & Gardens  
2075 Seabeck Hwy NW  
Bremerton, WA 98312

At the present. Cooleen Nursery on Sylvan Way is not carrying any roses but we look forward to seeing what they will carry in the future.

## INTERVIEW WITH MEMBER ANDY BERGSAGEL

### What is your earliest memory of a Rose?

From as early as I can remember, I would wander over to my elderly neighbor's house. She was from Britain and was like a grandmother to me. I fondly remember her "Welsh Cakes" (Americans would consider them soft cookies.) She enjoyed many types of gardening and landscaping, but to me her rose garden was the highlight. When I was about seven years old, she taught me how to take a clipping from a rose bush and dip it in root hormone powder to start a new rose. We chose a spot next to my swing-set to plant the three rose clippings. It was a spot where there was plenty of light, but not much direct sunlight (which would have probably killed the tender rose starts.) We put a wide-mouthed glass jar over each clipping and hoped they would take root. All three clippings "sparked!" As a child, it was very exciting to see a little clipping become new life as a new plant (a clone.) These roses were named "Christopher Stone" (Hybrid Tea, 1935), "Queen Elizabeth" (Grandiflora, 1954), and "Orangeade" (Floribunda, 1960.) Since these roses are on their own roots, they have survived periods of neglect and deep winter freezes. These roses hold a special place in my heart.



*"Christopher Stone"*



*"Queen Elizabeth"*



*"Orangeade"*

**INTERVIEW WITH MEMBER ANDY BERGSAGEL, CONT.**

**How long have you been growing roses?**

I have been growing roses since I was seven years old.

**When did you find Kitsap County Rose Society?**

Summer of 2012.

**What inspired you to grow roses?**

It was probably the fun memory of working with my elderly neighbor in her yard and seeing a mere cutting of plant material "come to life" as its own plant. There is no doubt in my mind that the rose is the best of all flowers since it has so much history, there is such a variety of roses (over 15,000 with so many different scents, shapes, and colors), and because once established, a rose can basically "live forever." Rose bushes on their own roots can be immortal, it seems.

**Do you have a favorite type of Rose?**

My favorite roses are climbers, I suppose. I like to build gateways and trellises that are covered with a sea of flowers, especially during the "first flush" of flowers in June. Some of the trellises are along fences, some are free-standing pergolas, and some are attached to the house.

**How many roses do you currently grow?**

I grow over 200 varieties.

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

After growing roses for many years, a large swath of timberland nearby was logged. The deer then discovered my roses. I have tried just about everything to keep the deer from eating my roses (such as blood meal, stinky egg spray, garlic, etc.), but none of these worked. Now, however, my roses are safe from deer. The only true way to keep deer from eating all the leaves and flowers off your roses is to have some sort of barrier. I fenced in the entire Main Garden (including vegetable garden) with a 7-foot-high (2.1 meter) trellis structure, with clear fencing up to four feet (1.2 meters.) The North Rose Bed is now called the "North Rosarium"— a 64-foot-long (19.5-meter) pergola. For a row of climbers along a long fence on one side of a field, I devised a simpler method of a barrier netting, about four feet out from the roses. From a distance, the netting is not visible. Even though the netting is only four feet high, a black string runs between the narrow metal supports at a height of seven feet. The deer have never "jumped" one of my barriers because they are at least seven feet high. Deer can easily jump a fence that is lower than seven feet.

**Member of Kitsap County Rose Society:  
Andy Bergsagel, Vice President for Public Relations  
April 12, 2018**



*Close up, Jeanne Lajoie*

## Five Special Roses

*As recommended by Andy Bergsagel, Kitsap County Rose Society*

For our KCRS May 2018 Newsletter, I was asked to choose five roses I would recommend and provide a picture I took. Here they are! This was a difficult task considering I have over 200 varieties of roses. Each of the following roses are growing on their own roots, with the exception of "Neil Diamond," which is grafted onto rootstock. Here are my comments and some information from the American Rose Society.



### **Arthur Bell** (*Floribunda Rose*)

*My Comments:* I'd been searching long and hard for a fragrant, vigorous, yellow rose with exhibition form. I saw this at Manito Park Rose Garden in Spokane in 2015 and it smelled lovely.

*ARS Info:* Floribunda, medium yellow, 1965, Sam McGredy IV; flowers golden yellow fading to creamy yellow, large, 15 petals, intense, sweet fragrance; foliage heavily veined; vigorous growth, medium to tall.



### **A Shropshire Lad** (*David Austin English Rose*)

*My Comments:* This can be used as a climber. It took off quite quickly the first year. The petals do not last long in the hot sun. I think I will try growing it on a north wall. I would definitely consider this a light pink, rather than a "yellow blend." Note: The ARS designates an "English Rose" simply as "Shrub."

*ARS Info:* Shrub, yellow blend, 1997, David Austin; flowers 3 in., 100 petals, rosette, borne in small clusters, intense fragrance; foliage medium size, medium green, semi-glossy; prickles moderate; bushy, medium (5 x 4 ft.) growth.



### **Crimson Glory** (*Climbing Hybrid Tea Rose*)

*My Comments:* A favorite. I bought two of them for the purpose of symmetry. Red climbing roses with a strong fragrance are hard to find. This is the most fragrant one I have discovered. This is a sport of the 1935 Hybrid Tea rose. The first year it took off slowly, which is not unusual. This plant is a random genetic "sport" of the Hybrid Tea bush form.

*ARS Info:* Cl HT, dark red, 1942, Millar (also Richardson, 1944, J&P, 1946); flowers richer crimson than bush form, 10-12 cm., intense fragrance; recurrent.



### **Neil Diamond** (*Hybrid Tea*)

*My Comments:* Rarely am I so impressed with a rose taking off so well the first year. This rose is rather unique in that it combines striping, exhibition form, vigor, and fragrance.

*ARS Info:* HT, pink blend, 2013, Tom Carruth; flowers dark pink striped white, reverse white suffused with dark pink, 10-13 cm., very full, borne mostly solitary, intense, classic rose fragrance; foliage large, dark green, glossy; prickles slightly hooked, few, brown; growth upright, tall; garden decoration. [Della Reese x Rock & Roll]



### **Sugar Moon** (*Hybrid Tea*)

*My Comments:* A favorite. This is one of the best white roses I have found. It is wonderfully fragrant. The blooms have exhibition shape. The bush is hardy and the foliage is dark green and rather disease-resistant. The petals do not look like tissue paper when it rains (which can be a problem with some white roses.)

*ARS Info:* HT, w, 2010, Bedard, Christian; flowers pure white, 12-14 cm., full, borne mostly solitary, intense fragrance; recurrent; foliage large, dark green, glossy; prickles almost straight, moderate, brown; growth upright, tall (150-170 cm.); garden decoration, cutting. [Meredith x (Moonstone x Baby Love)].

## **Announcement about Heritage Roses NW OGR Display**

*From Margaret Nelson*

*Editor, Heritage Roses Northwest*

Heritage Roses Northwest will hold its 2018 annual Rose Display of Old Garden Roses (OGR) on Sunday, June 17, 2018 at the Antique Rose Farm, 12220 Springhetti Road, Snohomish, WA.

We welcome the public to bring their own Old Garden Roses to put into the display between 9:00 and 11:00 AM, and to view the whole display and the Antique Rose Farm's own OGR gardens between noon and 4:00 PM.

*Driving to the Antique Rose Farm, 12220 Springhetti Road, Snohomish, WA, (360) 568-1919*

**From the South:** Take Hwy 405 to Hwy 522 and exit at Hwy 9. At the light, turn north (left) and follow Hwy 9 for about 10 miles. Near where Hwy 9 drops into the Snohomish Valley, look for a stoplight at Broadway. Turn east (right) on Broadway. The next road to the left is Springhetti. Drive north on Springhetti approximately one mile, past the Christmas tree farm, to the Antique Rose Farm.

**From the North:** Take I-5 and exit at Hwy 2. Drive east to Hwy 9 and turn right onto it. Go over the Snohomish River Bridge to the next stoplight and turn left onto Marsh Road/Airport Road. Make an immediate right turn onto Springhetti Road and continue one mile further south to the Antique Rose Farm.

*Attached you will find a copy of the Heritage Roses Northwest Newsletter that announces this display.*



***Joy***

### **Hyperlinks:**

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



***Sally Holmes***

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