

RAMBLING ROSES

THE TRI-VALLEY ROSE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER FALL 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

SURPRISE!! We now have a real newsletter! Remember last year the membership voted to have a newsletter and even selected a name, but a newsletter was not published at that time. Well, now Jolyn has volunteered to be the editor of "Rambling Roses". We all thank you Jolyn for taking on this important position.

Our society has two important events scheduled before our next meeting in September. The "First Annual Open Rose Garden" at Leonard and Marilyn Heller's will be held on Saturday, August 21, 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The Vancouver BC, Fraser Pacific BC, Seattle, Tacoma, Payallup, Rainy and the Olympia Rose societies, as well as the Heritage Roses NW have all been invited. You should be receiving a flyer about this event, so plan to attend - - or better yet - - volunteer to help. A set-up crew is needed at 8:30 a.m. and a clean-up crew at 3:30 p.m. On Tuesday August 10 at 6:00 p.m., an informal meeting and "get-acquainted" tour of Leonard's garden is scheduled for those interested in helping out. Members who assist will have the opportunity to take potted cuttings from Leonard's garden.

Also on August 21, after the Open Rose Garden, a BBQ for Tri-Valley members will be held at either Lorraine's or Robyn's. More information will follow.

Tri-Valley R.S. has always taken part in the Evergreen Fair in Monroe. The rose show is on August 29. Bring roses to the show or volunteer to assist in some way. Contact Cathy for more information (roses23409@comcast.net or call her at 360-345-4104).

Now would be a good time to send your rose photos to our webmaster, Lowell, to start or update the "Members" part of Tri-Valley's website (tri-valleyrosesociety.org). Or, you could bring your photos to him at our next meeting.

At the September meeting, Sue Hopkins, from Heritage Roses NW, will be the speaker. Her topic will be OGR's. During the meeting, "Roses in Review" will be on the agenda - see article in newsletter. Also, please bring a few of your roses to share with the group. See you at the meeting!

OPEN ROSE GARDEN AT HELLER'S ROSE HAVEN



Come join us on August 21, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a fun day as we explore the incredible rose gardens at Heller's Rose Haven in Stanwood, Washington. This garden features over 1000 rose bushes, with 750+ varieties of both modern and historical roses including a large collection of Pimpinellifoliae roses with an emphasis on the Canadian spinosissimas. There will be light refreshments, information booths as well as a complimentary rose to anyone who joins the Tri-Valley Rose Society at the event. Heller's Rose Haven is located at 2909 280th St N.W., Stanwood, WA 98292. For more information call Leonard Heller at 360-629-4692. We look forward to seeing you there!

AUGUST CHECKLIST

- ❖ Water, water, water. Best time to water is in the early morning.
- ❖ Be diligent about dead-heading.
- ❖ If needed, spray fungicide on a weekly basis to avoid air-borne diseases.
- ❖ Stop fertilizer by August 15 to allow the roses to become dormant

UPCOMING CALENDAR EVENTS

Christianson's Nursery

Designer Stepping Stones

Saturday, August 14 1:00 – 4:00
pm \$35

Mosaic artist **Constance Funk** will instruct you in this fun-filled make-and-take-class where you will design your own stepping stone. The "frosting" technique employed allows you to create your own design utilizing tiles and beads. Each student will complete one stepping stone that incorporates all the principles needed to venture out on your own.

**Molbak's hosts the
Seattle Rose Society's Public Rose Show
August 14 9:30 – Noon Free**

*Featuring show organizer & Molbak's
rosarian, John Harmeling*

Calling all rose enthusiasts! This show is open to the public and is a great opportunity for gardeners of all skill levels to display their blooms in a judged competition. They will provide the vase and name tag for each rose to be displayed, you provide the bloom. The [Seattle Rose Society](#) will also be showing their roses. Learn from the experts and enjoy a breathtaking display of roses. Look for guidelines and prize information at the Information Booth in the Garden Store starting August 1.

Located at 13625 NE 175th St. in Woodinville, WA 98072

email: contact_us@molbaks.com

phone: (425) 483-5000

**First Annual Open Rose Garden
Heller's Rose Haven
August 21 10:00 – 3:00**

Located at 2909 280th St N.W., Stanwood, WA 98292. For more information call Leonard Heller at 360-629-4692 or visit our website at www.tri-valleyrosesociety.org

Directions: Take I-5 to Exit #212 Stanwood-Camano

Go west to 28 Ave NW then turn right

Go north to 280 St NW then turn left

First house on the north side of the street

**Evergreen State Fair
Rose show
August 29 10:00 a.m.**

For more information or to assist, contact Cathy at 360-345-4104

Address: The Evergreen State Fairgrounds
14405 179th Ave SE
Monroe, WA 98272

NEW MEMBERS

The Tri-Valley Rose Society welcomes our newest members:

Kay Brown from Sedro Wooley, and Marvin and Joan Wilbur from Anacortes.

DUES

Reminder. Dues are due at the September meeting. The dues are \$15/year for an individual and family. The savings on buying a 50 lb bag of alfalfa meal for \$11 through the Tri-Valley Rose Society pays for your membership. It pays to belong!

Preparing for Fall By Robyn Swesey

A week ago a neighbor showed up on my front porch with a plastic baggy of yellow rose leaves.

He had read in the paper about the Rose Festival at Christianson's Nursery and had seen my name. My first thought was "Wow, our Rose Society's goal of reaching out to the public to share our hobby and love of roses is working!".

My neighbor only had three roses and had burned the leaves with a chemical systemic fertilizer. I sent him home with some alfalfa meal and some other less toxic options.

Summer is the perfect time to take stock in your garden. With just a little attention your roses will respond with beautiful blooms in our typically long Northwest Fall. First, walk through your garden and observe what your plants are trying to tell you. After starting out this season strong with well cared for plants, my garden is now suffering from a bit of drought and a little neglect. Plus, I let my guard down with my deer spray and I got hit last night by a browsing deer who got a lot of my buds. *%(! So, can my garden be saved?

The roses can stage a strong comeback with lots of water, deep feeding with liquid fertilizer, pruning and mulch. By Fall the bushes can be back in good condition. Here are some things to watch out for:

- 1) Lack of adequate water can result in wilting, discoloration of leaves and leaf drop.
- 2) Over or under fertilizing may cause yellowing of leaves. Excess chemical fertilizer can cause leaf tip die back.
- 3) Herbicide damage can cause small curled leaves and even the death of the plant.
- 4) Bad summer foliage is often caused by a lack of good pruning. Hybrid Teas, Florabundes and Grandifloras should be reduced by a third.

Roses that are deadheaded by only tipping only produce elongated shoots that usually flop over and don't produce good blooms.

Here are some things to do.

- 1) Water, water, water.
- 2) Roses love seafood! University of Rhode Island researchers report that seaweed usage may result in increased plant resistance to mites, aphids, some diseases and even cold weather. Other research suggests that a Fall

nutrient boost helps the plant store up for increased Spring vigor. Liquid kelp, seaweed and fish fertilizer are miracle cures for roses.

3) Dr. Earth Rose and Flower Fertilizer contains several strains of bacteria and mycorrhizae fungi and organics that are highly beneficial and recommended for roses.

4) Mulch. Just a few inches of mulch dramatically reduces soil temperature and moisture evaporation. Mulch saves water, controls weeds and adds to the richness of soil. After fertilizing, apply a 4"-6" layer of mulch. Lorraine and Cathy can get you the scoop on the horse poop!

A couple last ideas for Summer are to save your rose petals for making rose petal beads. Simply collect your rose petals in a gallon freezer bag, kept in the freezer. One packed gallon bag of frozen rose petals will make a batch of rose bead dough. Late Summer or Fall is also a good time to take cuttings.

Step 1: Cut a 12" stem after a rose blooms. 5" for minis.

Step 2: Trim away the tip and lower side shoots. Cut just below a node.

Step 3: Dip lower 3" into rooting hormone.

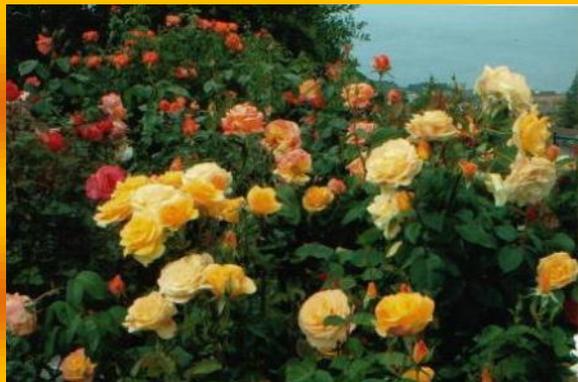
Step 4: In a small pot (or a cube of wet oasis) make a hole in the dirt with a pencil and insert cutting 4" deep. Firm soil, water, cover and keep moist.

Happy Fall gardening and see you at Leonard and Marilyn's Rose Garden Tour!!

ROSES IN REVIEW

Did you plant any roses that have been commercially released with the last 4 years? If so, please take the time to evaluate them on winter hardiness, height, disease resistance, and fragrance. At the September meeting, Lorraine will have the evaluation sheets available for those who are not ARS members so that you can participate in the RIR process. Your input will help determine the ratings of roses in the ARS "Handbook for Selecting Roses".

ROSARIAN SPOTLIGHT



Larry Sawyer certainly has a beautiful display with Gold Medal in the foreground and Love and Peace in the back.

ARE HELD AT TRI-VALLEY ROSE SOCIETY MEETING,
MARYSVILLE TOTEM MIDDLE SCHOOL
1605 7TH ST
MARYSVILLE, WA.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Tri Valley Rose Society along with our senior partner, The American Rose Society, will work together to promote the rose in our community.

We will do so by providing education, community outreach and support to fellow members of the gardening community. We will not only disburse the information we have gained but will strive to expand our own education and grow. Together this partnership will share our passion and devotion to the rose.

Come join us for our monthly meetings which our open to the community. Also join us for any of our garden tours, speakers, social events and fellowship with other rose growers.

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MEMBERSHIP TO THE TRI-VALLEY ROSE SOCIETY IS OPEN TO ANYONE. WE MEET ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, SEPTEMBER THROUGH JUNE. OUR MEETINGS