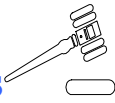


Meeting Notice

May 29, 2018

Hillsboro Senior Center
750 SE 8th Ave.
Hillsboro, OR. 97123
SE 8th Ave. and SE Maple St.

*** 7:00 p.m. Meeting***

President's  Message

Hello All,

Well the season is here. Roses are blooming for sure. We need to start thinking about deadheading the Harold Eastman Garden. This year we also need to think about weeds. If you see a weed knock it down.

If you are thinking you need help for the week you selected try and team up with another and if nothing else send me a message. I will see if we can get volunteer help from the Parks Dept.

Hope to see you all at this month's meeting.

Hambie

Agenda

- General Meeting.
- Open discussion

TVRS Plant Sale

Last Saturdays plant sale at Eastman Garden was successful, but we had a lot of plants left over so we made a executive decision to try again this Saturday (May 26th) at the Lauer's home. Address is 13670 SW 22nd St. Beaverton. Hours 12 to 4. More plants will be appreciated. This short notice and not the best weekend, but we can only hold over the plants so long.

Coming Events

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| May 29 th | General Meeting |
| June 26 th | General Meeting |
| July 24 th | General Meeting |
| August 12 th | Elephant Garlic Festival cover |
| August ??? | TVRS Annual picnic |
| September 7 th | Rose show set-up |
| September 8 th | Rose show |
| September 9 th | Rose show clean-up |
| October 23 rd | Business Meeting and new officers |
| November 27 th | General Meeting |
| November ??? | Eastman Winter Prune |
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Treat List

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| May | Ken Wilcox |
| June | Hillary |
| July | Kim Morris |
| October | Helen |
| November | |

Temporary Editor

Summertime is a very busy time for Hamby so a short time substitute. We hope that this does not Cause any problems. We are open to any comments and will print any items, including letters (if in good taste), that are sent to j-mlauer@comcast.net.

Be on the lookout!

This item is reprinted from the Spokane Rose Society news letter. It appeared in the April issue of the "Rose Ramblings" Lynn Schaffer, editor. We have heard that the stamp is now available.

The United States Post Office will be issuing this stamp very shortly, so when you need stamps, ask for this one. Why? Because the photograph chosen was by Rich Baer, the PNW District photographer extraordinaire.

To quote Dr. Charold Baer, distinguished better half in the Baer household: Obviously the process has worked for him. His rose photographs have been enjoyed by others for more than 40 years. He has 47 American Rose magazine covers; over 3000 photos in articles, catalogues, newspapers and text books; note cards; and calendars. His photographs have assisted several local and national organizations in their fund raising endeavors, including the Davis Center at Fellows Riverside Garden in Youngstown, Ohio. Another highlight of his was being part of a major fund raiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. A four old boy with the disease had difficulty pronouncing it and asked his mother why he had 65 roses. Thus, the name of the fund raising enterprise became 65 roses. Many photographs were published annually in a journal as a fundraiser and he was fortunate enough to have contributed many images to be used for this great cause. But still the question remained, is it good enough?

About a year and a half ago, Tom Carruth, previously a very successful hybridizer for Weeks Roses and currently the Curator of the Huntington Garden, received a call from the United States Post Office. They wanted to produce a commemorative stamp of the Peace rose. They asked Tom if he had any good photographs of the Peace rose. He responded that he did not, but that he knew of someone who had many of them. The Post Office official called Rich and asked for several images from which to choose. The photograph of the Peace rose that appears on one of the Portland Rose Society's note cards has always been a favorite of ours. Thus, that photo plus several others were sent to the individual. Months later, the individual contacted Rich to let him know that they had made their selection and it would become the commemorative Peace rose stamp. The photo that they selected was our favorite, but they chose to only use the inner part of the rose. Even with the diminished image, the commemorative stamp is quite striking. The major problem was that they did not know when it would be issued and everything had to be kept confidential until that was determined.

A few weeks ago, Rich heard from the American Rose Society that they were going to have a ceremony announcing the issuing of the commemorative Peace rose stamp on April 29th. Rich immediately checked on the Post Office web site and found that indeed, the Peace rose commemorative stamp was there and would be issued in 2018. It is, of course, a forever stamp so you can buy a ton of them, which we will definitely do when they are available.

So, even though the artist in Rich continues to ask the questions regarding the quality of his work, it seems that they have been answered one more time and this time with an official "stamp" of approval! many questions and opinions.

THE SKEPTICAL ROSARIAN

The subject is when to start fertilizing. The questions I've received lately and the advice I've seen from many sources all sound reasonable even though some at first appear contradictory. My suspicion is that perhaps some of them are just too technical and/or have concentrated on only one aspect addressing the issue. Some sources depend on the calendar. Some on apparent growth changes. Others talk about soil temperature or chemistry. Occasionally it is simply a matter of personal convenience. This leads many to confusion. So, all the exhibits.

Well, I'm pretty simple minded and often note that advice from the "experts" on rose growing doesn't always fit my experience growing up on a farm and observing other crops. So, not believing that roses are something exotic and completely different from other flora, I in my simple mind, approach things from a different angle. I observe what I see happening naturally and try to remember our old farming schedules. Then I combine that and try to not waste too much effort in my garden. So, When do I start fertilizing?

Well now, Winter fertilizer is a waste because the frozen ground and semi-dormant plants make for a big waste of chemicals. Ditto with the rainy season when it gets washed away before the plants are ready to use it. So when are the plants ready to absorb and use the fertilizer? Some say when we reach a certain date. Pretty good rule of thumb if the weather is the same each year. Some say when the soil temperature is right. OK, that must be part of it. After all, what stimulates growth? Others say when leaves appear and growth is evident. Makes sense to me. My simple mind says that the plants need "feeding" when they are growing and that their internal systems must be working when the first signs of active life are present.

Now, you don't see my roses on the trophy table but that is mostly because I don't take that

aspect quite as seriously as some. Perhaps I know what to look for in the displays but not

how to properly prepare mine for exhibit or just don't want to spend the time. But, mostly my plants are healthy and I have flowers to display at home and to share and my simple approach appears to work for me. Sometime after leaves and new growth appears and before flower buds develop is when I first apply fertilizer and start spraying for fungus. I should probably start spraying right after pruning but that is another subject. Don't let that grain of salt that you take this with contaminate your garden soil.

Just For Fun

Since I was a boy I have always enjoyed the wit of Will Rogers, the cowboy Philosopher.

Photography

December 24, 1924

We are getting to be a nation that can't read any more. If the thing hasn't got a picture of it, why, we are sunk. Instead of reporters nowadays we use photographers. Newspapers are advertising themselves ad having "20 pages of advertising and 278 cameramen."

What would Rogers have said about cell phones?