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Meeting Notice

June 26, 2018
Eastman Garden
SE 5th and Grant St.
Hillsboro, OR

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

Agenda

Miscellaneous topics and dead heading the roses. Bags for the clippings will be provided.

President's Message

Hello Everyone.

I am happy to see the warm weather as I am sure most of you are too. Only issue is that the blooms are maturing to fast so I am experiencing many blooms that are undersized.

This month we will be meeting in the Eastman Garden (if the weather continues to stay dry) and if you can show up a bit earlier we can do some pruning before the meeting. I do have the bags we are supposed to be putting the trimmings into.

Hope to see you in the garden.

Hambie

Treat List

June	Hillary
July	Kim Morris
October	Helen

Coming Events

June 26 th	General Meeting
July 24 th	General Meeting
August 12 th	Elephant Garlic Festival
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

Need Your Help

I have a bit of a new passion. It is the Recovery Center in North Plains. I crochet blankets for little bears Arlene Strong brings me from Chinook Winds. Mom's and kids can go to recover from any addiction, from cigarettes to heavy drugs, or getting away from a really bad violent situation. All I ask is our club members to think about those little soaps and shampoos and toothpastes and toothbrushes they may get for free. It sounds odd but when Moms and kids come rolling in with nothing they can at least clean-up and get a good nights Sleep.

Thanks
Cathy

St. Vincent Rose Show

The annual hospital guild rose show and miniature rose sale was held on June 6th. It was a good show and the quality of the entries improves every year and no one person dominates the winners.

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Congratulations are in order! Kim Morris entered the wining Rose Arrangement a combination of yellow roses and hosta leaves. Well done Kim!

Eastman Pruning/Deadhead Schedule

June 3 rd – June 9 th	Hambie & Bev
June 10 th – June 16 th	
June 17 th – June 23 rd	Judy
June 24 th – June 30 th June 26 th	John & Mary Group Prune at meeting
July 1 st – July 7 th	
July 8 th – July 14 th	Judy & Hillary
July 15 th – July 21 st	Kim & Chris
July 22 nd – July 28 th ****	Group Prune at July meeting
July 29 th – Aug 4 th	Kim & Chris
Aug 5 th – Aug 11 th	Judy
Aug 12 th – Aug 18 th	Hillary & Helen
Aug 19 th – Aug 25 th	Hambie
Aug 26 th – Sept 1 st	Kim & Chris
Sept 2 nd – Sept 8 th	
Sept 9 th – Sept 15 th	Judy
Sept 16 th – Sept 22 nd	John & Mary
Sept 23 rd – Sept 29 th	
October	If needed. Will visit then

**** City of Hillsboro Parks & Rec have some volunteers that would like to help at the Eastman on Friday July 27th. If you can be there to act as a guide/helper that is all you really need to do.

THE SKEPTICAL ROSARIAN

I have two subjects this month.

The subjects of dead heading and pruning came up again, so I thought I would repeat last year’s discussion on the subject:

Can’t we consider dead heading to be “growing season pruning”? The dead heading question was how much to cut off. Of course when I looked at my garden I decided there was not one simple answer for that. First, what are we cutting off? The dried up remains of a single blossom on a long, sturdy stem on a healthy bush or a diminutive branch of spindly growth on a plant that is recovering from previous damage? Is it a large spray on a long stem or on a small short stem? What is the overall shape of the bush and what do I want it to look like? So many questions.

How about this one? Why do we prune our bushes? They will live and thrive without. Isn’t it to make them the shape and size that we want? Or, why do we dead head? Is it to encourage more blooms because most roses will stop blooming once they try to set seed? Or is it to continue shaping the bush the way we want it?

Sometimes I want to trim quite a bit to maintain a certain shape and/or size but sometimes I want to leave as much foliage as possible for the plant to be able to create more food to encourage growth and development. I think the answer to how much to remove depends on all of the questions above.

The best answer to all of this is how does it fit into your garden plan. Somebody else has different answers.

We often take cut roses with us to share on the cafeteria tables in our church on Sundays during the coffee service. We are often asked how to care for roses that people take home with them after the room clean up. Elsewhere in the news letter is a very good article on the subject. I would like to add my take on why some of the ideas are important. What I stress is recutting the stem underwater. People who have taken this advice often tell me that they were able to keep a blossom alive and healthy for anywhere from a week to 10 days. Changing the water every 2 to 3 days also helps.

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Why does this help? I tell people to visualize squeezing a sponge when they cut the stem. Out in the air the compression squeezes out water and releasing the pressure fills the sponge with air. Doesn't it make sense that cutting the stem out in the air will make it such air into the fibers and channels of the stem while cutting under water will fill it with water and eliminate the air bubble? That air bubble within the stem's circulatory channels will block the passage of water up the stem to the leaves and blossom. So, no air means good water absorption. Occasional water changes means fresh, healthier water. At least that is how my simple mind sees it. And it works, even if my explanation is wrong.

Enjoying Your Roses In The Home Or elsewhere

One of the most perplexing questions is: How do I get my roses to last when I cut them? The answer is to make sure your cut roses stay hydrated. Remember that a shrub is predominately water and when part is cut from the stem and bloom are going to try to continue growing. The key element is water and if the stem seals water can not be taken up, the first symptom will be wilting of the bloom.

So here are some basics to having your roses (and even other flowers) last as long as possible. First of all you need a clean container. Wash your vase and then use some chlorine bleach to kill any bacteria in the vase. Bacteria will interfere with the absorption of water by the rose. Next when you cut your roses, cut them directly into water and remove the leaves that would be under water in the vase. The leaves will disintegrate in water and shorten the life of the rose.

Next thing is to prep the rose(s) to improve their appearance. This is an area that will require some practice and/or some artistic talent and experience, but don't let a lack of experience deter you. How else will you gain experience?

Next recut the stems and place the rose immediately into water in the vase you are going to display your rose or roses in. The water in your vase should be near room temperature. The water can have a citric acid based additive. The most common of these additives is "Floralife," but many substitute some flat 7-up or Sprite. Remember that the rose is still trying to grow so every action you take is to foster growth. After the rose(s) have been in a vase for a day or more re-cutting the stem will ensure that a new callus on the end of the stem will be avoided.

Once you have arranged your rose(s) in vase(s) sit back and enjoy nature's beauty and your handy work.

Will Rogers Quote (Elections)

History has proven that there is really nothing in the world as alike as two candidates. They look different till they get in, but then they all act the same.