

RAMBLING ROSE

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Door Prize Winners

Corinne Clifton, Connie Gorsch

50-50 Raffle

March program

The March program will focus on the various types of fertilizer which are easily accessible in the Coos Bay area.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We will be meeting at Charlie Reagan's office again this month. (Address is 1865 Thompson Road. Park in the Bay Clinic parking lot. Parking is extremely limited.)

Linda will be making lasagna and Mary Anne will bring garlic bread. Salads and dessert will be welcome. I will insurance info to present at the meeting.

I have most of the roses in the main bed pruned and will finish in a day or two. Then onto the upper bed and driveway roses. Corinne and I spent two days pruning the church roses. Pruned them down pretty low. I still need to do the fair roses.

We have been busy in the greenhouse and have broccoli, tomatoes, cucumbers and squash seedlings up. Lots of shasta daisies, strawberries, snapdragons, succulents and other assorted starts growing. We installed a diesel heater that seems to be doing the job. Keeps it in the 60-80 degree range. We will be doing the market in Coquille starting in late March. Every week on Fridays at the community building.



We have been working with the South Coast Seed Community on putting together a seed and propagation fair on March 15. There will be several raffle drawings and presentations by master gardeners, master food preservers, a mushroom gro-bag demo and several local vendors with products to sell.

Just a reminder that the NCNH Spring business meeting will be held in Orangevale, CA on March 29. On the 28th there will be a meet and greet with ARS President Craig Dorschel at Sue Bennet's home in Granite Bay and rose garden tours. Everyone is welcome to attend.

See you at the meeting
Ed

ROSE GROWING MADE EASY

The Rose Growing Made Easy class will focus on fertilizer. If all goes well in the computer world we will do a PowerPoint program.

Class instructor is Corinne Clifton.

The Rose Growing Made Easy

class covers all aspects of rose growing and tries to make rose growing truly easier. The class will now follow the program.

A short segment on what to do in your garden and answer questions will precede the

presentation.

ALTERNATE ROSE NURSERIES

There are several mail order nurseries which present an alternative to the rose grower hunting for either a specific rose or style or color of rose. Prices vary and availability is usually very limited. Shopping is probably best in winter.

One Love Roses and Gardens: this is a small Texas nursery which specializes in Brad Jalbert roses. Roses average \$42 plus shipping. Also does custom propagation.

All My Thyme is a nursery

which has been growing David Austin roses for 20 years. Have recently added some new lines from Proven Winners and Monrovia. Check site for prices and availability. Still accepting spring orders.

Ma Cherie Roses is a small nursery which grows a selection of very unique roses. Most are sold in one-gallon pots for about \$40 plus shipping. They are still taking orders for spring shipping.

Angel Gardens is in Florida and grows more than 1000 roses organically.

Most roses are around \$30 and come in quart or gallon pots. There is still quite a bit of availability. Ping Lim roses are available strictly Altman Roses, a wholesale who sells to the big box stores. Will ship. His roses are known by the True series and are extremely disease resistant.

ARS FUTURE WEBINARS

The American Rose Society is scheduling webinars for 2026. These webinars are usually presented from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturdays. You do not need to be an ARS member or Consulting Rosarian to join the webinar.

On March 14 Baldo Ville-

gas, Sierra Foothills Rose Society past president, master rosarian and retired etymologist with the California Dept. of Food and Agriculture, will discuss the various insects and diseases that impact roses, how to eliminate them and take steps to

prevent them.

Registration should open shortly on the ARS website.

SWORS BUSINESS NEWS

SWORS February board meeting was called to order at noon after lunch. The grafting party will be at 10 a.m. February 25 at the Kreutzer's. Corinne ordered the root stock (Geneva stock and it is fire blight resistant) from Copenhagen Farms and 10 dwarf root stocks as well. Suggestions for scion wood — Northern Spy, Coos River Beauty, Baldwin, old variety of Gravenstein, Hidden Rose,

Pippen, Yellow Transparent, any other suggestions? Pam has paid the ARS for insurance. Steve (rose show chair) said we would purchase a perpetual trophy for floribunda queen. We need eight or nine crystal vases yet. He said he would be bringing miniflora rooted plants to the auction every meeting so there will be more opportunity for members to grow these hard to find roses. The Humboldt

show will be the second week of June. Steve will make arrangements for a tour of Medford nurseries. The person who purchased the Menegat home will mark roses they wish to donate to SWORS. Dinner at Margarita's in March and Steve will give program. We need to be out of the firehouse by 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Kreutzer, Secretary

The Southwestern Oregon Rose Society is affiliated with the American Rose Society. It was established in 1976 to educate southern Oregon coastal residents how to grow roses in a cool, coastal climate. It meets on the first Thursday of the month, September through June, at 6 p.m. at location TBA. A Rose Growing Made Easy class follows the program. A judged rose show is held in June and a potluck and garden tour are held in July or August.

The mission of the American Rose Society is to increase the general interest in the cultivation of the rose for all people and to improve its standard of excellence. The objectives of the American Rose Society are to encourage amateur and professional rose culture; to increase the general understanding of and interest in all aspects of roses, including but not limited to the history of roses, hybridization, growing, exhibiting, artistic designing and judging, research and thereby to improve the standard of excellence of the rose for all people; to record, publish and establish priority on rose cultivar names and rose cultivar ratings. Annual dues are \$49 (\$46 if 65+)

American Rose Society

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KNOW A ROSE

'Capitvation' is little known orange miniature. Hybridized by Gene King and introduced in 1991, its bushy growth is highlighted by clusters of orange blooms with a slight fragrance. Its parents are ((Arthur Bell x Little Jackie) x Little Jackie.).



In March, we will be meeting at Charles Reagan's former medical office, 1865 Thompson Road, Coos Bay. Lasagna, salad, garlic bread and dessert will be served at 5 p.m. So be sure to start spring by joining us at 5 p.m. for good food and a good time.

TREASURER'S REPORT MARCH 2026

Beginning balance	\$2364.71
Bills	
Income	
Silent auction (Linda bought Mikado rose)	\$10.00
Ending checking balance	\$2374.71
Purchased items at meeting	
Connie plant	\$5.00
Cindy thornless blackberry	\$10.00
Cash on hand	\$70.00
Total checking and cash	\$2459.71

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- March 5. — SWORS meets at 6 p.m. at 1865 Thompson Road, Coos Bay.
- May 9 — Rose and plant sale, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Farr's, Coos Bay.
- June 19-20 — Rose show set up and show at the Coos County Fairgrounds.
- July — Coos County Fair at the Coos County Fairgrounds.
- TBA — Humboldt Rose Society tour.

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 _{SWORS}	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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The American Rose Society has completely redesigned its website. Check it out and look at the links to publications, webinars and other valuable information for growing roses.

SWORS BUSINESS NEWS

The meeting was held at 1865 Thompson Road thanks to Linda. Attended by Ed and Mary Anne, Lou Kolkhorst, Cindy Lusby, Corinne Clifton, Connie Gorsch, Martha Blochlinger, Marie Erm, Linda Gilliland and Lorna Schilling.

Meeting opened at 6 p.m. by President Ed Kreutzer. Motion to approve January minutes and treasurer's report: motion by Lou, second by Marie Erm to accept. Passed.

Ed won't have to worry about going to jail this year for tax evasion. Lou filed the 990N on 2-2-2026.

Ed has contacted Juul Insurance about coverage for upcoming events:

- Plant sale at Farr's on

May 9.

- Rose show at the fairgrounds on June 19 and 20.
- Plant sale, possibly at Farr's on either Sept. 12 or 19.

Linda Gilliland will put videos on website and would like members to watch them and have members to make comments relative to our area.

Linda hopes to set up a computer to show videos at our meetings.

Some discussion as to having an online meeting. Comments?

We had a very delicious meal at our meeting. Linda prepared a fabulous soup, sandwiches, Mary Anne baked bread, Cindy brought cookies,

Marie brought cupcakes, Lorna brought jello salad, Lou brought deviled eggs and am not sure what else was there. Anyway if you weren't there you missed a great meal. I think Linda is making lasagna and garlic bread for the March 5 meeting which is also at 1865 Thompson Road. Cindy is making apple cake, Lou will probably bring potato salad. Hope you will join us for a great meal and good friends and lots of info. Also bring questions you might have about roses or anything else.

Check out our new website done by Linda Gilliland. Any suggestions contact her at llgcp@yahoo.com. SWORS website is southwestoregonrosesociety.org.

ROSE CARE CALENDAR

March is upon us and it is time to turn our thoughts to our rose gardens. While it appears to be nonstop, it won't be raining forever. Try to take advantage of whatever dry weather we get and get outside. It shouldn't be long now that roses will be budding and leafing out. There is still time to put out some soil amendments as Azomite, chicken manure and worm castings. Wait to apply fertilizer until you have true leaves on your plant. Photosynthesis does not occur in plants unless leaves are present and

without photosynthesis there is no point in applying fertilizer. A great addition to your garden gadgets is a simple soil thermometer. Cost is less than \$10 but it can yield a lot of information. Soil does not begin to be biologically active until it is at least 50 degrees and mine has been hovering around 50-52 for most of the month. Also keep an eye on the thermometer. When the daytime ambient temperature begins to approach 65 degrees and if conditions are right, downy mildew

will make its presence known. There is a lot of new information available concerning downy mildew which is now being reclassified as a water mold. This reclassification tells gardeners that the use of fungicides is of limited benefit. Their spread in the garden is also being referred to as an epidemic. Once you have it you will always have it. It can be controlled but not completely eradicated.

Fragrant Rose
The Fragrant Rose is an e-newsletter for folks interested in roses chock-ful of rose growing tips and information. Delivered free to your inbox. Get a glimpse of some of the great rose-growing information from the American Rose Society. Free e-membership.



Membership Form

Membership dues are \$25 per year. Members receive a monthly newsletter with interesting and informative tips related to roses. To join, attend a meeting or mail this form. If you have an e-mail address please include it. Happy gardening.

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IN THE ROSE GARDEN

BY CORINNE CLIFTON

It's time to write another column and not much has changed in my yard. It has been almost non-stop rain and on the days with actual sunshine I have had other errands to do.

Weeds continue to be prolific and there has been little time or opportunity to work on them.

I still need to burn weeds in the garden and prune. My roses are just now starting to bud out so I still have time but need to get on it.

Almost all of the roses at the church have budded out and some show significant growth. Definitely time for fertilizer.

I am planning the first application of chicken manure. At home I will use the

bagged product which has a decidedly manure odor. I can't use that at the church because people complain. So I will use some of the dehydrated manure which I bought at the Grange and still have. It is odorless and really easy to apply. Unfortunately not the easiest product to find.

This year I also plan to increase the amount of chicken manure and worm castings I am applying. After years of doing this I am finally seeing an increase in earthworms.

I am amazed by the person who assumes that a one-time application of lime is going to correct an acidic pH. With the amount of rainfall, we might as well accept the fact it will be an

almost annual occurrence. It would be the equivalent of thinking that a one-time application of fertilizer would do.

An alternative to the lime application is compost since compost has a buffering effect on soil.