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Door Prize Winners

January program

The January meeting will be a synopsis of an ARS webinar in which Kordes roses personnel gave an update on the future of the rose industry.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the 50th

year of SWORS.

In 1976 John and Geraldine Gunther, along with about 10 other rose enthusiasts, got together and formed SWORS. They hosted a district convention, started a rose show and the rest is history. Up to us to keep it going.

Please try to encourage at least one new member this year and we could double our membership. If you haven't seen our new web page, check it out as it is awesome. This last year we held two plant sales, did a rose display at Shore Acres, held the rose show in June, hosted the tour with Humboldt in August and Mary Anne and me, along with my sister Sue Silva, attended the district meeting in Castro Valley, Calif., where we received the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian award from the district for Corinne.

I know that not everyone is interested in showing roses but I would like to encourage you to at least enter a few good roses from your garden. Even if you do not enter please come and help out and maybe you will catch the bug. We



will not be doing a display at Shore Acres this year as it conflicts with our rose show. We have a rose show planning meeting at 10 a.m. Jan. 15 at our house. Everyone is welcome to come, bring your ideas, suggestions, opinions and participate. This is your society and your input is appreciated.

I am as usual far behind in my usual winter jobs. I have not yet started pruning fruit trees, roses and other perennials. I have been cleaning up the vegetable garden, burning weeds and doing other cleanup in the yard. The tip of my weed burner broke off and I have been .

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ROSE GROWING MADE EASY

The Rose Growing Made Easy class will return with a discussion on pruning.

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 this month and answer questions if members have any will precede the presentation. Then

Corinne will give the presentation.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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having trouble finding a replacement

After checking with five local vendors, I finally ordered one from Amazon. Not due to be delivered until the 16th so I have been using the large burner in areas I can to get rid of some weeds. It is too big to use in the rose garden. We are planning to expand our vegetable garden to meet the needs for the farmers markets we attend in summer and fall. So I have sprayed some areas that were just grass to enlarge our planting

space. I am also planning on taking out some roses and will either bring them to the auction table or pot them for the rose sale. I want to plant more of my favorites so I must make room. I also have some roses that are not doing well so I have made cuttings to replace old bushes. Hard to believe but there are some roses I do not like, so they need a new home. My daughter and I have been busy potting up tender plants and moving them to the greenhouse for the winter. We have been dividing perennials and potting them. I have a columbine invasion in my potted minis so they have gone in

pots as well. My iris bed has been taken over by Shasta daisies so I am planning to build a new bed for the iris and potting the daisies. Since we have excess apples every year I am hard pruning this year. I have been feeding two 5-gallon buckets a day to the cows since August. Getting tired of that chore so I will make smaller trees. When I was working I could prune 200 roses a day but that is unlikely now. I have been retired 10 years, aged 20 so may get 50 done now. I also need to prune at the fairgrounds and help Corinne with the roses at church. Time to end the novel.

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 the Coos Bay Library, 525 Anderson Ave., Coos Bay 97420. 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.

AN UPDATE ON ARS

Citing the ongoing financial and personnel issues, the decision was made by the Executive Committee and approved by the board to have the ARS separate from the American Rose Center in Shreveport, La. The details are still being worked out but if anyone

has any questions please contact Cindy Phipps , 916 -420-0344.

The executive director Beth Smiley has resigned and there is only one employee to answer member queries. So please be patient as the lone employee Allison Richardson tries to

answer all questions posed.

SWORS BUSINESS NEWS

The November meeting was held at the Coos Bay Library.

It was attended by Ed and Mary Anne, Lou Kolkhorst, Cindy Lusby, Corinne Clifton, Connie Gorsch, Ann Toth, Martha Blochlinger, Marie Erm, Linda Gilliland, Frankie Raymond.

The meeting was opened at 6 p.m. by President Ed

Kreutzer.

Minutes and revised treasurer's report of previous meeting was approved upon a motion by Lou and a second by Marie Erm. Passed.

New website is getting closer. It will be southwestoregonrosesociety.org. Linda said she would have a demo at the Christmas

party.

Note: January meeting will be Jan. 8 since the first is on Thursday.

Jan. 15 will be the rose show planning meeting. The theme is Golden Celebration: 50 years of SWORS.

If you want to order the ARS

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.

American Rose Society

318-938-5402

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KNOW A ROSE

“Deidre Hall” is better known to exhibitors as “Cajun Queen.” It is one of the roses to come from the Eddie Edwards and Ethan Phelps hybridization efforts. It is a yellow blend hybrid tea hybridized in 2005. It grows quite tall to 5-6 ft and features full blossoms about 5 inches wide.



In January, we will be meeting at Margarita’s Mexican Grill, 825 Central Ave., Coos Bay. So start the new year by joining us at 4:30 p.m. for good food and a good time.

TREASURER’S REPORT JANUARY 2026

Beginning balance	\$2485.71
Bills	
Criterion	\$50.00
Income	
Ending checking balance	\$2435.71
Cash on hand	\$57.00
Total checking and cash	\$2492.71

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Jan .8 – SWORS meets at 6 p.m. at Coos Bay Library. Rose Growing Made Easy precedes the meeting..
- Jan. 15 – Rose show planning meeting at Ed and Mary Anne's. Starts at 10 a.m.
- June 20 – Rose show, Coos County Fairgrounds..
- July – Coos County Fair.
- August–SWORS to tour Humboldt Rose Society gardens..

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 _{SWORS}	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 _{PLAN ROSE SHOW}	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Check out the new American Rose Society website. Lots of educational information including the new ARS Forum which gives rose growers who are not necessarily members of ARS or a local society an opportunity to ask and answer questions. Links to webinars, Modern Roses database and much more.

SWORS BUSINESS NEWS

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2025 Handbook for Selecting Roses, do it now. It is the last printing and will be digital only next year.

Corinne did a class on winterizing roses. Add soil amendmets in fall to begin working into soil. Cut taller roses down so wind does not destroy root system by rocking in wind. Prune David Austin roses by Thanksgiving.

December Christmas

dinner at the Lucky Star on Highway 101. Time is 4 p.m. Dec. 4.

Meeting closed at 8 p.m.

Note: If you show up at the Coos Bay Library and the doors are locked. Call Lou at 541.29.2060.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Kolkhorst,
SWORS secretary

ROSE CARE CALENDAR

There certainly has not been much happening in the rose garden lately since the weather has been rather frightful. If it is not raining, it is gusting. Temperatures have not exceeded the mid 40s for a couple of weeks now.

Weed control is proving to be somewhat of a challenge. Last year was bad for weeds but 202 looks to be a banner year. That's what happens when you allow the weeds to go to seed and you create a lovely seed band. It will take be years to get a handle on it. Areas of gardens are covered by what looks like a green carpet. Whatever weed control method you choose, it looks like it is going to take some persistence to get rid of

them.

If you are choosing to apply lime or other soil amendments now is the time to do it. Although some gardeners approach rose pruning with trepidation, keep some simple principles in mind.

Start at the bottom, not the top. Cut away all dead, dying and diseased canes. Then take a good look at the center and remove all crossing canes. Open the center of the rose bush as much as possible. Good air circulation aids in disease and spider mite control.

Lastly rid the bush of all spindly canes smaller than a pencil in diameter. These weak canes will do nothing for the

bush.

If you have shrubs you can choose to do nothing, lightly prune to a certain height or hard prune to remove most old wood.



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.

For additional information,
please call:

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IN THE ROSE GARDEN

BY CORINNE CLIFTON

I can repeat most of Ed's column in this space. I also am very, very behind in my yard care.

Trees still need to come down. Weeds still need to be dealt with. Perennials still need to be pruned and divided. Roses need to be pruned — at my house and at the church.

You get the idea.

The weather has not been cooperative although there is some light at the end of the tunnel. After the next two storm systems pass, there are several sunny days in store. The problem with that is that there is so much to do there isn't enough time to get it all done.

On a more positive note the church exterior is al-

most finished and the construction crew is moving to work on the interior. That means access at the church has eased and it is not as critical to work after the crew leaves for the day. That doesn't mean all is quiet and serene but it's no longer a completely hard-hat only area.

Also on another positive note the SWORS website is up and running. It can be accessed by mobile devices but I am sure that Linda still has some tweaking to do. That will likely be a semi-permanent situation. But it looks good, functions as it should and should really add to our presence on the Oregon coast.

We should all give Linda a sincere thank you for doing this. It is very time consum-

ing but in these days such a necessary part of communication.