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Note: Dues are due this month. They are $25 per member.

Door Prize Winners

September program

The September meeting will be a sort of show and tell. If Ed will bring in roses that are still blooming in his yard we can do the identification game. I am going to try to bring in roses from the church garden since they are still blooming profusely.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The September 3 meeting will be at 6 p.m. at the North Bend Library.The dinner reservations are at 4:30 p.m. at the Lucky Star Chinese Restaurant.

Well once again we are short on water so I have stopped watering the roses and saving what water we have left in the pond for the vegetable garden. Since we need the produce for the market every week, that is the priority.

The roses are still looking good but some of the flowers are wilting in the heat. I am keeping the pots watered as best I can and so they are still blooming. We have lots of apples, pears and green beans if anyone needs any. Let me know and I will bring them to the meeting.

Mary Anne and I are planning on going to the district fall meeting Sept. 26 in Auburn. Would love to have some more members go also. The last I heard from our district director Cindy Phipps is that the separation of the ARS and the ARC is almost complete and then the "new ARS" will take over operations.

From what I understand this will be a much better deal for the membership. Hawaii had voted to move to the Southern California district so the NCNH district will be getting a new designation. That most likely will be NCNSO to include us in Southwest Oregon. I like that we are included. We are certainly much more valued with this district that with the previous one.

See you at the meeting,

Ed

ROSE GROWING MADE EASY

The Rose Growing Made Easy class will focus on how what happened in our gardens this summer — what successes we had and what problems we had to solve.

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 in September will precede the class and members may ask questions. Then Corinne will give an overview of what to expect in the next few classes .

Rose Show Winners

We had a sizeable number of entries for the rose show in June , "Golden Celebration — 50 years of SWORS."

'Lasting Love' won queen of the show and Ed and Mary Anne Kreutzer were awarded the Wilkie Perpetual Trophy. Cindy Lusby won king with 'Malibu' and the Kreutzers won princess with 'Louise Estes.'

The Kreutzers also won queen and king of the floribunda class with 'Leonardo da Vinci' and 'Else Poulsen,' respectively. Lou Kolkhorst won princess of floribunda with 'Chihuly.'

The Kreutzers swept the miniatures trophy table with queen, king and princess represented by 'Bee's Knees,' 'Sweet Revenge' and 'Arcanum,' respectively.

The only award in the miniflora class was also won by the Kreutzers with 'Will-o-the-Wisp.'

Cindy Lusby won the Jim Seiwald Memorial Trophy with 'Malibu,' 'Oklahoma,' 'Over the Moon.'

The Kreutzers won the Jan Kelly Memorial Trophy with 'Buttons'N'Bows' and the solitary miniature trophy with 'You're the One.'

In the Rose in a Bowl class, Sue Silva won with the hybrid tea, 'Hot Princess' and Judy Berge won with the miniature 'Magic Show.'

Cindy Lusby also won the John Guenther Memorial Trophy and the Linda Owen Memorial Trophy.

Lou Kolkhorst won with 'Altissimo,' and the Victorian Award. Marie Erm won the Dowager Queen.

Best of show was won by the Kreutzers with 'Leonardo Da Vinci,'

In the judges' classes awards were given to Judy Frederick and Jan Burnham.

Fair Rose Show Winners

There were 65 entries in the Coos County Fair rose show.

Ed and Mary Anne Kreutzer were awarded champion hybrid tea and Gloria Brown won the reserve champion.

The Kreutzers also won the championship in the floribunda spray class and there was no reserve champion in that class.

In the miniature spray class Glenda Senf won the championship and again there was no reserve champion for this class.

The Kreutzers also won the superintendent's choice award with 'Las Vegas.'

SWORS Business News

The meeting was held at the office of Charles Reagan/ Linda Gilliland. It was attended by Ed and Mary Anne Kreutzer, Lou Kolkhorst, Cindy Lusby, Corinne Clifton, Connie Gorsch, Marie Erm, Linda Gilliland, Frankie Raymond, Martha Blochlinger.

The meeting opened at 6 p.m. by President Ed Kreutzer,

Minutes for the May meeting and treasurer's report as corrected. Montion by Mary Anne, second by Lou, passed.

Election of officers: President — Ed Kreutzer; vice president —Marie Erm; secretary—Lou Kolkhorst; treasurer—Cindy Lusby.

Motion to close nominations by Mary Anne, second by Lou; move to accept nominations by Mary Anne, second by Connie Gorsch.

Ed will see what is needed for rose show such as stick on ribbons, entry tickets, rubber bands, etc. Marie will pick up donuts on Saturday. Setup is 10 a.m. June 19.

Rose show entries begin at 7:30 a.m. and close at 9:30 a.m. Judging at 10 a.m.

Ed brought 10 roses for members to name and judge.

Motion by Cindy to pay judges

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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. with location to be determined, 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.)

American Rose Society

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In September we will be starting our year by going to Lucky Star Chinese Restaurant, 3480 Tremont Ave., North Bend. This Asian restaurant has a great menu and reflects most aspects of Asian cooking, lots of fresh vegetables and no MSG. For those who want traditional American fare, there is a limited selection. Bring a friendly face and an appetite at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3.

Know a Rose

This photo by Rich Baer shows 'Frank Naylor.' This little-known shrub was hybridized by renowned English rose breeder Robert Harkness in 1977. It is a red blend with a yellow eye and prominent stamens. Flowers are 1 1/2 inches wide and it is a single with only five petals. Flowers are borne together and in large trusses. It has a moderate, musky fragrance. It grows 4 feet tall and 3 feet wide. It is no longer commercially available in the United States and is only sold in England.



Treasurer's Report September 2026

Bills	
Richard/Paula Grabowski, Cindy Phipps, Judy	$450.00 ($75.00 each)
Frederick, Jan Burnham, Sue Magill, judges	
Judgy Burge, calligrapher	$75.00
Staples	$65.16
Two young helpers for rose show	$40.00
Donuts, fruit	$30.00
Income (one member still owes $54 for roses)	$45.00
May plant sale	
End of checking balance	$1641.85
Cash on hand before meeting	$223.00
Tota checking and cashl	$1864.85

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- September 3— SWORS meets at 6 p.m. Thursday at the North Bend Library, 1800 Sherman Ave. The meeting opens with a program followed by a Rose Growing Made Easy class and business meeting. I
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September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- Check out the new American Rose Society redesigned website. There's lot of new information on the home page so you don't have to be an ARS member to learn about roses. However, if you want a deeper dive, your membership gains you quite a bit including access to Modern Roses, the most up-to-date data base on rose varieties.

SWORS Business News

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$75 for gas. Second by Mary Anne, passed.

Motion by Lou, second by Cindy to pay Judy Berge for a great job as a calligrapher. Passed.

Meeting ended at 8 p.m.

Check our new website done by Linda Gilliland.

Old website: SWORS@weebly.com also still used.

Any suggestions please contact her at llpcpr@yahoo.com.

SWORS website:southwestoregonrosesociety.org.

Next meeting Sept. 3 with location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Kolkhorst

SWORS secretary

Rose Care Calendar

In September the rain often returns and this may mean either a return to the spray program or stepping up the pace to keep the roses as disease-free as possible going into winter.

The last application of synthetic fertilizer should have been applied in August. If you are using liquid fertilizers you may continue until the end of the month since they are very short-acting.

Late September is a great time to begin to put down some type of top dressing for the soil. I like to use either steer or chicken manure but a soil building compost would also be appropriate. Fall rains help to break these products down and carry the nutrients down. The idea is to keep your soil microbes, the various fungi and bacteria, happy and well-fed. They, in turn, will be ready to break down the fertilizer in the spring so that when conditions are right, the rose roots will be able to absorb the nutrients.

September is a little early to apply lime but it is a good idea to begin to shop around for it and stockpile it. Remember that the soils in this area are not deficient in magnesium but are lacking in sufficient calcium. So when shopping for lime make sure it contains more calcium than magnesium. A 50 lb bag will lime about 500 square feet.

September is also a good time to evaluate the performance of the roses in your garden. Take a hard look at each one . Is it planted in the correct place? Does it bloom enough? Is it a disease magnet?

If you are like me and your garden has reached maximum capacity, if you want to introduce new roses, something has to come out. I've already made my list .

The Northern California, Nevada, Hawaii District business meeting will be held Saturday, Sept. 26, in Auburn, CA.

The Gold Country Rose Society will host the Fall business meeting and awards luncheon. Registration will be held at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the First Congregational Church, 710 Auburn Ravine Rd., Auburn CA 95603. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

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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

Summer is almost over and I, for one, will be sorry to see it go. Of course, that could be because I am still trying to complete chores that should have been done in April.

The rose garden at the church is still in its glory and depending on the weather it should still be a show-stopper in October when the dedication for the new church will be held.

This summer has been a real pleasure to work up there since the exterior of the church was finished in late June and I could come and go as I wished without encountering construction workers and their vehicles.

We did have one slight mishap when three roses were dug up in the heat of July and transplanted rather willy-nilly by inexperienced people. One rose has since died. The huge 5x5 'Happy Go Lucky' is no longer so happy or lucky. It will be dug up this week and placed on the burn pile. I finally located a replacement and it will be transplanted this week.

This is becoming a problem when you are looking for roses to replace in your garden. It appears that growers are not growing them for long and then comes the hunt to see if they are still available in this country. If they are Weeks or Star roses they are mostly available from Heirloom, High Country Roses or Northland Rosarium. If they are roses that originated in either the United Kingdom or Europe, good luck finding them.

Just when you thought you had enough to do, the powers that be at the church thought that we should put in a new rose garden at the new entrance.

This has been an interesting project because the other areas where roses where planted were not planned. They came about as I made various journeys out to Ed Kreutzer's roses and picked and chose from his cuttings. That may continue in part with this garden but this one is very different from the others in that there were two very specific criteria — the color and necessity for fragrance. The two could not always be matched but I did the best I could with the timeline I had.

Then last week when the roses had arrived and I thought I had enough (between 16-18) I went out to plant and immediately hit a major roadblock. The area chosen was the staging area for the heavy equipment. You can't get a shovel into the ground for love or money. Maybe dynamite would help. So now all will be going into containers while I apply organics and wait for rain and time to do its magic.