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RAMBLING ROSE

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Door Prize Winners

50-50 Raffle

October program

The October program will be a report on the American Rose Society's latest webinar on the latest issue of Horizon Roses.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We will have several business items to discuss this meeting.

We usually set the theme for the rose show at the October meeting. Come with your ideas and suggestions Also we need to set the date for the summer tour with the Humboldt Rose Society. We can work on an itinerary later but we need to set the date so all will have time to plan.

The meeting will be at 6 p.m. Thursday at at the North Bend Library. Dinner will be at the Lucky Star Chinese Restaurant at 4:30 p.m.

Mary Anne and I will be leaving for the district meeting in the morning. I will have a report at the meeting. We are staying with Sue and Bill Bennett and we made up a nice basket as a thank you for them. We have included some Bandon cheese, some homemade berry and watermelon jam, some eggs and apples.

I have been making lots of cuttings for next year and already some are sending out new growth. Still have several roses blooming but they are thinking of winter and the blooms are getting smaller and mostly destroyed by rain. I have noticed the weeds are starting to sprout so I will be out there with the torch again. I just spent four days washing all of the moss off the roof and cleaning out the gutters. Big job but it needs to be done this time of the year.

Since we do not need to do any canned apples we have been busy drying apples and pears. Made some pear sauce this year and it has been selling great at the market. Not an item you can find in the stores. Mary Anne is getting ready to make fudge and that is always a good seller.

ISee you at the meeting,

Ed

ROSE GROWING MADE EASY

The Rose Growing Made Easy class will focus on "New Rose Introductions."

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 October and answer questions if members have any will precede the presentation.

Best Time to Improve Soil

Healthy soil is the foundation for healthy plants. Healthy plants are more apt to overcome disease and pest issues. Since we in the southern Oregon coastal area deal with downey mildew, a rose disease which is more than just a nuisance, healthy soil and healthy plants are a must for rose survival.

While soil temperatures are still above 50 degrees F. soil microbes are still active so this is a great time to replenish it and improve it before next gardening season.

One of the easiest and simplest things you can do is add finished compost. Compost adds organic matter and nutrients while helping to improve soil structure, drainage and the soil's ability to hold moisture. Over time regular additions of organic matter can make garden soil easier to work and more supportive of healthy plant growth.

Adding compost in the fall has an advantage. You're giving it time to interact with the soil over winter. And on the Oregon coast the soil temperature usually remains in the sweet spot for earthworms and other garden creatures to blend that compost with existing soil.

If you have experienced disease issues, poor growth or bloom production, compost is especially beneficial. If your problem this past year has been a number of blind shoots, fall is a good time to address it.

A scoop of earthworm castings mixed with azomite and bio char can really recharge both garden soil and containers. A 5 lb box of azomite mixed with the compost will amend about 100 square feet of garden. For individual plant application about 1/2 teaspoon per inch of plant diameter is adequate. About 1 tablespoon of biochar per plant is more than adequate. Then let earthworms and rain do the work.

Member Dues are Due

October will be your last opportunity to pay your 2026-2027 dues. If dues are not paid by the October board meeting, no bulletin will be forthcoming in November.

Dues are $25 for families . Checks may be mailed to Cindy Lusby 61857 Ross Inlet Rd. Coos Bay 97420.

Our dues are still a reasonable bargain considering you get 10 months of bulletins, 10 monthly meetings and a rose show. You also have the opportunity for hands-on learning at the Coos County Fairgrounds. There is a Christmas dinner and picnic and garden tour in the summer.

SWORS Business News

Meeting was held at the North Bend Library. It was attended by Ed and Mary Anne, Lou Kolkhorst, Cindy Lusby, Corinne Clifton, Connie Gorsch, Marie Erm, Henry Donaldson, Frankie Raymond, Martha Blochlinger.

Meeting opened at 6 p.m. by President Ed Kreutzer. Minutes for June 4 and treasurer's report as read. Motion by Mary Anne, second by Lou to accept. Passed.

Meetings will be at the North Bend Library on the first Thursday through February 2027.

Motion by Lou to pay Brown's membership if they would water the roses at the Coos County Fairgrounds periodically. Second by Mary Anne. Passed.

Discussion about possible changes to our district. More to follow.

District fall meeting on Sept. 26 in Auburn, CA.

Marie brought up that we need to increase members-.

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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. at locations to be determined. 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.

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Know a Rose

This photo by Rich Baer shows 'Neptune.' This mauve beauty was hybridized by Weeks Roses Tom Carruth and introduced in 2003. Flowers are a blended lavender with a reverse of blended lavender. It is a full hybrid tea with an intense fragrance. Its parents are {(Blueberry Hill x Stephens Big Purple) x Blue Nile].I It has a garden rating of 7.5 and an exhibition rating of 7.



In October, we will continue to gather at the Lucky Star Chinese Restaurant at 4:30 p.m. October 1. Bring a friendly face and appetite to reconnect with fellow rose growers.

Treasurer's Report October 2026

Bills	
Coquille Community Building 2027 rose show	$220.00
President assistance with gas money for CA	$100.00
Far West Nursery plants for sale	$130.00
Income	
Dues	$205.00
Payment for Burlington Roses	$54.00
Plant sale and cash on hand depost	$1121.00
Refund from fairgrounds	$250.00
Ending balance Checking	$2916.85
Cash on hand	$100.00
Total checking and cash	$3016.85

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- October 1— SWORS meets at 6 p.m. Thursday at the North Bend Library.The meeting opens with a program followed by a Rose Growing Made Easy class and business meeting. I
- January — Rose show planning at Ed and Mary Anne's.
- June 20 — Rose display at Shore Acres State Park..
- June 26 — Rose show at Coquille Community Center.
- Summer 2027 — Tour of Humboldt Rose Society gardens.

October 2026

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American Rose Society webinars scheduled for 2026 are:

Sept. 11 — Making History with Roses. Ping Lim, director of Ornamental Plant Research, Altman Plants, will talk about True Bloom roses.

Sept. 26 — Suzanne Horn will discuss the "2026 edition of New Horizon Roses."

Oct. 10—E.B.Stone Soil Health and Fertilization.

Oct. 24—Ruth Tiffany presents "Honoring the Rose."

Nov. 7—Tom Carruth presents "My 60 years in Roses and Beyond."

Nov. 14—Roundtable discussion seasonal care of roses, preparing for winter, winter and transition for the next season.

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Ship and find a better place for the rose show to bring more persons interested in growing roses to join.

Rose Sunday on Father's Day discussed and will be held June 20 at Shore Acres State Park.

Rose show will be June 26, 2027 with setup at 10 a.m. Friday, June 25.

Ed is double checking on insurance form for plant sale at Farr's on Sept. 12. More to follow.

We had cheesecake in honor of Cindy's birthday which was Sept. 3, meeting night.

Ed showed roses for members to try to name.

Check out our new website done by Linda Gilliland. Old website SWORS@weebly.com still being used. Any suggestions please contact her at llgcpr@yahoo.com.

SWORS website: southwestoregonrose society.org.

Next meeting at 6 p.m. Oct.1 at the North Bend Library.

Meeting closed at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Kolkhorst

SWORS secretary

Rose Care Calendar

In October, roses are slowing down although on the coast they may not ever stop blooming depending on how much sunshine and warmth your garden receives. Modern roses do not go dormant in mild climates so it is up to the rosarian to create an artificial dormancy.

Rose hips are beginning to develop and for those adventurous enough to try the hips may be harvested and the seeds planted to produce new roses.

It is time to stop applying any fertilizer that has nitrogen but an application of a 0-10-10 fertilizer (if you can find one) may be applied.

October is a great time to put down the first application of lime. I like to break down my lime application in two parts — the first in October or November and the second in February or March. Lime needs rain to work and if 2027 is anything like 2023, the spring application will not effective. Remember to apply a lime with more calcium than magnesium and a 50 lb. bag will cover about 500 square feet.

I stop deadheading my roses in late October. This prevents the rose from putting out a lot of new growth. Make sure to clean leaves and debris from around roses. Downy-diseased leaves can leave spores on the ground and those spores remain active for a number of years. This is also a good time to clean up the weeds and apply a pre-emergent herbicide such as Preen or Casoron. Do not compost leaves or debris. You could spread disease spores.

Prune off overgrowth on climbing roses and make sure canes are secured. A coastal wind storm can break off canes and topple insecure climber structures.

Apply some type of mulch. It not only provides nutrients but adds an insulating layer to the soil.

The NCNH district is hosting a horticultural judging school in 2026.

It will be held Saturday, Oct. 31, in the Carl Manner Room at the Florence Douglas Senior Center, 333 Amador St., Vallejo, CA.

Those who wish to audit may do so from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. while those who are candidates will attend sessions from 9 .am.-3:30 p.m.

It will be hosted by the North Bay Rose Society.

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Membership Form

Membership dues are $25 per yearly. 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

Autumn is in the air and it is time to go through our rose gardens and figure out what worked this year and what could be improved upon.

A glance around my garden shows that there's lots of room for improvements.

I had almost no growth on my roses this year and only one major flush of bloom.

This is in direct contrast to the church roses which grew like weeds and bloomed and bloomed and bloomed. It was almost more than I could keep up with.

I used the exact same fertilizer in both gardens but with very different results.

I really need to do a soil test in my yard and bought a couple of kits but neglected to use them. My gut feeling is that my pH is tending toward the low side again and my roses are not able to use the nutrients in the soil, because while present, are unavailable to the roses due to the pH.

I am going to follow my own advice and put down a small amount of lime in October, probably half a cup, and another in January or February.

I am also going to do the earthworm castings with azomite and biochar both at home and at the church. The church had a lot of blind shoots this year and I haven't applied azomite there in about five years.

On a more successful note, I finished the planting of perennials in my perennial bed and I am pleased with the result.

I have several different varieties of Shasta daisies, guara, foxglove and delphinium planted so this should be a much more attractive garden for pollinators. It is also planted very thickly so should shade out a significant number of weeds.

I still need to tackle my David Austin garden at the top of the hill and hope to have it done by the end of October, really the latest that things should be planted.

With the return of the rain I don't have to worry about watering the newly planted perennials.