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meeting Speaker Victor
Lazzari

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Dear GPBRS Members,

In January of 2017 I was visiting the South Florida Fair and wandering around the Agricultural Tents. I walked past an area filled with roses and was greeted by a friendly lady I now know as Jacquie Perry. Because of her friendly demeanor and her assurance that even I could grow roses I welcomed the educational materials she offered and followed up that meeting with a visit to a local nursery and the purchase of 5 rose bushes: Belinda's Dream, Gold Medal, Ebb Tide, Mrs. Dudley Cross and Dick Koster.

How did your love affair with roses begin? I ask this question because the Greater Palm Beach Rose Society needs you! We need you to rekindle that love of roses and share it with neighbors, friends, family and even strangers. By doing so, these novices will seek out our Society to learn more about fertilization, pruning and pest management. And by joining our Society they will meet the nicest people in Palm Beach County.

We have some excellent speakers planned in the coming months beginning with our **February 22** speaker, **Victor Lazzari**. A landscape designer by profession, Victor will be sharing a presentation on **Gertrude Jekyll**, a British landscape designer. This promises to be an excellent evening and he will share his tips on using roses in your landscape. Please plan on joining us online. (Editor's note: Victor is the newest member of GPBRS! Welcome Victor!)

In May, our speaker will be none other than the President of the American Rose Society, Bob Martin from California. Save the date: **April 26, 2021 at 7:00pm EST.**

One last note, the Rose Show previously scheduled for April 2021 has been postponed to April 2022 due to our inability to meet in person.

Looking forward to seeing you online at 7:00pm on Monday, February 22, 2021.

Maria Wolfe

Director



New Exciting Roses For Your Garden!

By Mike Becker
Master Rosarian

For those of you are on the lookout for new roses to try in your garden I think you can't go wrong with a large selection of miniatures, minifloras and even some floribundas that are being lauded throughout the US by a relatively new hybridizer. The hybridizer is Dave Bang who lives in the Bay Area in San Jose, California. Even though he is a private hybridizer he has an amazing number of roses that have more recently taken the country by storm. He states that he started off with the desire and goal "to introduce striped roses that have good substance and heat tolerance. Fragrance would be nice as well." I might add that he should have included other color types and exhibition form as well too.



'Surprise' is a stunning salmon-pink bloom with light yellow streaks, stripes and flecks. The reverse is also light yellow. Though usually presented as solitary blooms, the flowers have 26-40 petals that arrange themselves in a high-centered and nicely spiraled exhibition form.

'Strawberry Kisses' is a classic with crimson red with pink and white streaks, stripes and flecks. The reverse is white as well. These 2.5" blooms have 26-40 petals that show a very high, spiraled center.



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'Bleeding Heart' is a rose to drool over! It is ruby red with white streaks, stripes and flecks on large 3" blooms. With classic exhibition form many of the blooms have high, spiraled centers with good substance.

BLEEDING HEART

Miniflora

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'Magical Moment' is a bit different, since it's also a climbing miniflora that is tall enough to be a good pillar rose. It presents itself with dark red petals that have coral-red and rose-pink streaks, stripes and flecks. This tall bush usually likes to give small clusters of 3-5 blooms.



Like 'Magic Moment' above this climbing miniflora is called 'A Night of Magic'. The blooms on this magically striped plant are dark red with coral-pink and white streaks, stripes and flecks. This tall bush likes to show off its blooms more solitary and occasionally in small clusters. The blooms are more of the classic hybrid tea form and should hold their form with the 26-40 petals. The plant is very vigorous and tolerates the heat of summer.

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Just to show that Dave isn't just a striped rose hybridizer only. Here are a few other of his roses that cover various color classes in his miniflora stable.



'Mango Blush' looks like a fabulous orange and pink Florida sunset! Flowers are an orange with coral-pink on the outer edges. It spirals open with a classic, high-centered exhibition form. The 17-25 petals probably could use a few more petals to hold its form longer. The bush likes to provide solitary blooms most of the time with occasional clusters.

'Delightful' is a very high-centered beauty that is pink with a creamy-white reverse. It too has 17-25 petals on 2.5-3" blooms. If this flower has enough substance in the petals, it should hold long enough to do well in our rose shows.



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SACRIFICIAL LOVE

Miniflora

With 'Black Magic' in its parentage 'Sacrificial Love' is bound to be a great show rose. It is a dark red with darker ruby edges presented on 2.5" blooms with 17-25 petals. This should be a great compliment to the hybrid tea look-alike 'Black Magic'. There's a hint there for rose show challenge classes.

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Miniature Roses



'Swizzle' has butter yellow petals with pink streaks, stripes and flecks on 2" blooms. It has more than enough holding power with 26-40 petals. It has classic exhibition for that slowly spirals open. It presents itself in small clusters and singularly. It's a tall bush with very vigorous growth habits. A plus to all of you who are interested is the fact that this is a **nearly thornless** rose!

'Swirly Pop' has already done very well for itself by obtaining a preliminary ARS evaluation of 8.2, which is very good in the miniature class! This rose is yellow with orange streaks, stripes and flecks on 17-25 petals. It has high-centered blooms that spiral open nicely. Exhibition is and will continue to be in its future.



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CAPTIVATING
Thornless Mini Spray

Another of Dave Bang's striped roses that have wonderful color combinations with exhibition form to boot. 'Captivating' has yellow petals with pink and coral-pink streaks, stripes and flecks on 26-40 petals. Blooms are a large 3" for a miniature, which is probably why this should be in the miniflora category. The blooms are high-centered and slowly spiral open. The plant is vigorous with good disease resistance. Again, for those interested, this rose is **nearly thornless**!

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For those of you who like large clusters of exhibition-form blooms, then 'My First Love' is the rose to get. 7+ blooms on one inflorescence is not uncommon. This one will make for a great exhibition spray at rose shows and on any table in your house. The bloom is cherry-red with a silvery-white reverse and 26-40 petals. It is very floriferous with loads of flowers. The bush is tall for a miniature and has semi-glossy, medium green foliage.

'Eternal Hope' shows lots of hope for the trophy tables in rose shows with its high-centered, exhibition form. It is a bright, golden-yellow on 2.5" blooms sporting 26-40 petals. The flower is very heat tolerant and has good substance. The foliage is glossy, dark green. This flower also has a pleasingly, mild licorice fragrance to add to its considerable exhibition charm. Like a couple of Dave Bang's other roses, this one too is **nearly thornless**.



This rose is interesting in many ways, notwithstanding its name of 'Flaming Hot Cheetos'. It has geranium-red petals with yellow in the throat and dark red, almost burnt-looking, edges. The 2" blooms are loaded with 26-40 petals that slowly spiral open. The form is clearly exhibition with its high center. The foliage is semi-glossy, medium green.

If you like a bright orange rose that shines in the garden, this is a keeper! 'Warms My Heart' will warm anyone's heart with its 2" bright orange with a yellow reverse. Great color combo! The bloom is high-centered and exhibition with 26-40 petals. The foliage is semi-gloss, medium green with good disease resistance.



Dave has a lot of additional roses he is in the process of evaluating for future release. Here are a couple of examples, both unnamed seedlings, of what is yet to come. Based on these I think his future is bright indeed.



Since For Love of Roses Nursery is no longer in existence, the only national source for Dave's roses so far is through K & M Roses, owned by our friends Jim and Daisy Mills out of Buckatunna, Mississippi. They currently have many of Dave Bang's roses with more to be offered in the future. Jim sells Dave Bang's roses own-root with only a few currently grafted on fortuniana rootstock. I'm sure that Jim will provide more and more of Dave's roses grafted onto fortuniana in the future. Check with K & M Roses to see what is available. Enjoy!



An Important Reminder from the Editor - HAS YOUR MEMBERSHIP EXPIRED???

You receive this newsletter because you are a member of The Greater Palm Beach Rose Society.. If you have not yet paid your membership for 2021, your membership has expired. This means that this is your final copy of The Rose Petal. If you plan to continue your membership, as we truly hope you do, and haven't yet paid, please send a check to Bob Ewart, our Treasurer, and he will notify our Membership Chairman, Nakita Daniels, and me, Kathy Rose. Use the membership form near the back of this letter. Bob's mailing address is: 445 NW 10th Street, Boca Raton, FL 33432-2542

Our former first Vice-President, Maria Wolfe, has lined up a *wonderful* series of online speakers, including the President of the American Rose Society himself, Bob Martin, from southern California. The meetings really are easy to tune in, but we understand some members may not feel comfortable with the technology. If you need help getting ready for the meeting, please call me or Maria ahead of time and we will try to guide you. Our numbers are listed along with other board members. I will try to help you get online. These meetings have gotten better with practice, and one of the best things about this pandemic is that we have learned how to get really expert speakers from across the country. Don't give up on us!!

Remember, in order to have a Rose Society, we need to have members, or, like an untended rose, the society will wither and disappear. Let's not have that happen!



Connie's Rose Gardening Checklist for March

By Connie Vierbicky, Master Rosarian

Reprinted from the March 2012 issue of *The Bulletin*, the newsletter of the Bradenton-Sarasota Rose Society, Vincent Celeste, editor (*Editors Note: This is a great guide to the fundamentals of growing and maintaining roses*)



March is a month that I do a lot of walking, observing, and adjusting in my garden. Even though there is a certain amount of required work to this hobby, it is worth it all when I see those magnificent blooms burst forth. I am addicted to growing roses.

1. We are anticipating much growth this month. As the days will now contain more sunshine, bushes will burst forth with accelerated growth. The sprouting, reddish growth that emerges usually produces three buds per node. You can now remove all inward facing nodes (growing towards the center of the bush) by rubbing them completely off with your gloved hand. Roses will usually put forth more than one bud at each node, and the center bud is most often the largest, with a smaller bud at each side. For those buds facing the outside of the bush, pick off the two outside smaller buds with your fingernail so all the energy is directed towards the stronger, single stem (see article on Page 6). I suggest walking your garden every other day to accomplish a goal of an urn-shaped bush with an open center and at least three or four laterals coming from each single stem towards the outside of the bush.

2. Bushes will often sprout new laterals at points other than where the original pruning cut was made. Sometimes, you may prune down to the huskier shoot, depending on what you want to accomplish. Other shoots start out as normal but fail to terminate in a bud that will produce a bloom (will have a tiny black tip at the end of the growth). This is called blind growth (very short stems), and there is no general consensus of what causes this. Sometimes, it looks bushy as in a tightly formed rosette. When that growth gets large enough, cut it back to a strong part of the stem above a five-leaflet point. If it doesn't have one, cut it completely off, as it is a haven for spider mites. If your bush has any short dead canes or stubs, cut them off now to the white

pith that signals healthy growth. Many times when I walk my garden, I see small dead branches that were not there last week. Re-pruning is fine tuning what you want your bushes to look like for the next few months. This type of rose care is a constant process throughout the year.

3. There might be a cane or canes that will not sprout. It is better to remove them now as that may signal the bush to produce a basal break. Basal breaks are stems that originate from the base of the bush. They sprout at the bud union or just above it and are highly desirable. They are big, fat and very tender, so be careful not to break them off before they have had a chance to harden off. You can even guide the growth direction somewhat by using a bamboo stake to hold them in the position you desire for the look of the overall bush. Dieback is not uncommon on newly pruned bushes. Cut below the black part of the stem until you see the healthy, white pith again.

4. Root suckers appear frequently in the spring and come from below the bud union. They are skinny, weak, light green and definitely have a different leaf formation from the upper part of the rosebush. This is the root-stock, Fortuniana, sending out shoots, which will compete for energy from the bush. They need to be eliminated, so pull these suckers off with a sideways jerk or twist when they first emerge.

5. The new emerging foliage is rich in nitrogen and will attract nitrogen-loving aphids. They are usually the first bugs in the garden. Aphids (plant lice), which are soft bodied and mostly light green, accumulate on the tips of the new foliage and multiply rapidly. A strong stream of water applied frequently should keep them at bay. When something stronger is needed, insecticidal soap or a recommended chemical from your local CR (Consulting Rosarian) will do the trick. Apply those chemicals only to the affected areas with a hand pump. Frequently, ants will appear at the same time, as the "honeydew" left by the aphids attracts them. Also, if you see worms or caterpillars, Thuricide, an organic control with natural bacteria, will kill any budworms and chewing insects that ingest it. Preventive spraying begins as soon as there is new foliage emanating from the bush. The new leaves will be covered with a waxy substance that will give very brief, temporary protection from blackspot, but that wears off quickly. The foliage that you keep healthy now will produce beautiful blooms next month. Spraying needs to be on a consistent basis according to the chemical of your choice. Using a systemic product such as Compass, Cleary's 3336, Banner

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Mother nature provides many beneficial insects such as ladybugs and lacewings for your garden. Maintain a balance in your garden by choosing chemicals that will not harm these bugs, as they are a good deterrent against damaging insects.

7. Spider mites emerge from the soil and climb onto the lowest leaves first. You may find a few in your garden this early, but it's not likely. They have piercing mouthparts and insert their beaks into the leaf surface, sucking plant juices and consuming chlorophyll. As they suck the sap, mostly on the undersides of the leaves, they move from the lowest part of the bush and progress upwards. They multiply very rapidly. As the temperature rises, so does the reproductive rate of these evil critters. Summer is the most favored season to attack your garden, but be on the lookout for them even in spring. If you see any leaves beginning to appear dull in color, feel the back of the leaf. If it feels gritty like salt and pepper, then you have spider mites. If you get a magnifying glass, you may see the mites moving about (they are one-fiftieth of an inch in size). Spraying the bushes with a water wand (like the one shown on the right) or a very strong stream of water every other day for a week can interrupt the breeding cycle. If control cannot be kept with a water wand, Avid is the pesticide of choice to wipe these pests away. Avid is not toxic to foliage and easy on beneficial insects, but it must be sprayed by itself, not mixed with anything else.



8. If there is a scent of orange blossoms in the air, then the second worst pest that can damage your rose blooms – thrips – may be on their way. They especially love to destroy the first bloom cycle of the year, so beware. They invade mainly the blooms that are beginning to open and make them off colored or malformed. They especially love the light colored blooms. This type of thrips is usually called the Florida Flower thrips or the Western Flower thrips (thrips is singular and plural). The best control is misting the buds and blooms with Orthene every three days when buds first show color. Follow the label directions. Another type of thrips is Chili thrips. These can kill the bush as they affect the foliage, stems and the blooms. If you see your rose leaves beginning to curl and it looks like someone just passed a blowtorch over your bush, call a CR immediately. Conserve has been the most effective insecticide used against these thrips.

9. Fertilizing is a must now as your bushes are very hungry from putting out this new, wonderful growth. Ground temperatures are warming up and this allows nutrients to be better assimilated. Granular plant food can be applied at one-half cup per bush every two weeks (large bushes), one-fourth cup for miniature rose bushes and minifloras. Always water before and after feeding your bushes. Roses will also benefit from applying a bloom booster fertilizer such as 9-45-15 now (usually is in a powder form at one tablespoon per gallon). But, read the label and mix according to directions. Apply the mixture specified according to the size of your rose bush (one gallon for large bushes, one-half that for minis, minifloras). Most nurseries and garden centers have both of the above mentioned fertilizers. Osmocote, which is a time-released fertilizer may be the fertilizer of your choice at one cup per mature bush, half that for smaller bushes. This will maintain an ever-present source of N-P-K and can replace the bi-weekly granular feeding. This can be applied at the end of the month.

Temperature and rain affect the lasting power of Osmocote, resin coated pellets. An 8-9 month configuration will usually last about 6 to 7 months in Sarasota.

10. Continue to apply Sul-Po-Mag at one half cup per mature bush per month, 1/4 cup for minis-minifloras. Sul-Po-Mag is a combination of 22% sulfur (S), 22% potassium (K), and 1% magnesium (Mg), and it will not lower the pH of your soil. These nutrients are rapidly leached away by rain or irrigation and are essential for optimum rose growth. Gypsum is also a good source of calcium. Apply at one cup per mature bush (half that for mini/ minifloras) but every other month. Epsom salts, one-half cup per mature bush (half that for mini/minifloras) every other month and Milorganite, 2 cups per mature bush (half that for mini/minifloras) every other month can be applied. Make sure the mulch in your rose beds is not above the bud union and keep the weeds at bay by pulling them as they emerge. Some rosarians apply Preen to gardens, which is a granular “birth control” for weeds available at WalMart, Lowe’s or Home Depot. Above all else, apply one inch of water to the bushes at least two or maybe three times a week this month. Stick your fingers in the soil and see how moist it is or isn’t. Always water in the morning hours so the roses will be dry by the evening. This hinders the spread of fungus. And, roses love water but hate wet feet, so make sure there is appropriate drainage in your rose beds.

Mild temperatures prompt us to spend more hours in the garden. Your garden is doing its hardest work right now putting out new growth. There will be lots to do to stay abreast of this pace. Oh, how we are looking forward to the magnificent April bloom!!

A word about the Board of Directors of the Greater Palm Beach Rose Society...

Members of the board serve for a definite period of time, as specified in our constitution. Directors serve for up to 6 years, the Secretary and Treasurer may serve for 2 years, or more at the discretion of the Executive members, who are the President, the First and Second Vice Presidents, and the Past President. The Executive members are limited to a 2 year term. Our President, Bill Langford, will now become Past President, with Kathy Rose retiring from that position. Geoff and Debbie Coolidge have agreed to be Co-Presidents for the next two years. Our first Vice-President, Maria Wolfe, will continue as a director, but has lined up our programs until summer of 2021. Now we need someone to step up and take on her role as First Vice President. Please contact Bill or Kathy if you are willing and able to take on this position. You will be our hero, and we promise lots of help ! Our phone numbers are near the final page. And Happy Valentine’s Day !



When is it time to replace your Pruning Gauntlets?

Martine showed us her old gloves from last year (left image) and her new gloves (right image). The gloves to the left are a year old. All the fingers have holes in them. The gloves to the right have only been used once. Remember to review your Gauntlets for wearability.

You need to protect yourself when you are pruning - those rose prickles can be wicked - and there are usually various germs and fungus particles on the prickles and canes. You do NOT want to get infected.

Full length gauntlet gloves made of leather will protect you - but look at the pair on the left! They are old, dirty, worn, some of the finger tips have been clipped off! A few of the fingers have cuts in them where dirt and germs can enter. Yuck! What's the worst that can happen? Besides the pain of cutting yourself, or having a prickle poke you - this could happen. Wouldn't it just be less scary to change your gloves every year? A small price to pay for "peace of mind."



Sporotrichosis — a fungal infection that is caused by *Sporothrix schenckii*. It's commonly called Rose Gardener's disease. These spores typically live in plant matter and the soil and can be in rose bushes, sphagnum moss, and hay, and enter the skin through cuts or thorn pricks. It appears as a bumpy, discolored rash.

Go to the doctor and tell them you are a rose gardener.

Tetanus — Also called Lockjaw

Tetanus causes painful muscle contractions, particularly in the jaw and neck. It can interfere with the ability to breathe, eventually causing death. People may experience:

Whole body: fever, high blood pressure, nervous system dysfunction, or sweating.

Muscular: muscle spasms, facial muscle spasms, or stiff muscles

Respiratory: episodes of no breathing or shortness of breath

Also common: lockjaw, difficulty swallowing, drooling, fast heart rate, irritability, spasm with arched back and neck, or stiff neck.

Get medical help ASAP! Better yet, keep your Tetanus vaccine up to date - every 10 years.

Flesh-eating Bacteria Also called: Necrotizing fasciitis

The condition spreads quickly. Symptoms include blisters, fever, fatigue, and pain worse than a person would expect based on the wound's appearance. Fever, chills, fatigue, or low blood pressure, skin discoloration, redness, blisters, or crackling sensation under the skin.

Also common: swelling at the infection site, kidney failure, nausea, black spots on the skin, changes in the color of the skin, pus or oozing from the infected area.

Seek medical attention immediately!

What a lovely thing a rose is!

- Sir Arthur Conan Doyle



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