

# THE ROSE PETAL

A MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS:

Happy February! Your roses should be happy with this cool weather. Now is the time to prune and feed your roses for the upcoming 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Rose Show, being held this year at the Mall at Wellington Green. At this month's meeting we are going to show you how to clean and sharpen your pruning equipment. We hope to have time to help you with your pruners, so bring them along to the meeting. We will also show you what is needed in your Rose Kit to prep your entries at the show. Bring along paper and pen for note taking.



We need HELP! Would **you** like to be in charge of the monthly meeting snack table? It involves making coffee and setting out drinks and munchies. We count on our members to help out with yummy or nutritious snacks, or yummy AND nutritious snacks. Any necessary expenditures will be paid for with club funds. If you can help, please see Debbie at the meeting or call her.

We will also need trophies for the show. If you have something you would like to donate as a trophy, or to purchase a trophy, please see Debbie (561)313-0077 or Mike (817)522-2970) at the meeting, or call them.

February means Roses and Chocolate, so if you have a favorite dessert, please bring it along to this month's meeting!

We'll see you at Mounts Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. on February 28.

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### **Calendar of Events**

*Monday February 28, 2022 @ 7pm. Monthly meeting, Mounts Auditorium, "Pruning Prep"*

*Monday March 28, 2022 @ 7 pm, Monthly meeting, "Preparing for the Rose Show"*

*Saturday, April 9, 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Rose Show "A New Beginning" Mall at Wellington Green*

## **Messages from our Consulting Rosarians**

### **From Bill Langford:**

#### **"A New Beginning."**

That is the theme of the first rose show the Greater Palm Beach Rose Society will be hosting since April of 2019.

It is also the only rose show in Florida south of Tampa! You do not want to miss it!

**We need your help** in two ways to make our show a success.

First and foremost, we need you to enter your roses in the show.

Give your rose bushes some extra care in the next few weeks so you will have lots of lovely blooms come April 9th. The show is at the Mall at Wellington Green and there will be a lot of people visiting our show for the first time. We want to have an impressive show of roses for them to view. The only way that is going to happen is for every member of GPBRS to enter their roses (and rose photos). You will also be able to enter your roses in arrangement classes. Take a look at the show schedule that was emailed along with this newsletter. Pick out some classes in which to enter your roses. In the horticulture section, and the arrangement section, there are several novice classes that can be entered. Those classes are only open to those have never won a blue ribbon or arrangement award at a rose show. Entries are accepted from 8-10am on the day of the show, Saturday, April 9.

The other area where your help is needed is the at the setup and breakdown of the show. Setup will occur at 4pm on Friday, April 8. We will be meeting at the Center Court area of the mall. No experience is needed for the easy tasks of covering tabletops with plastic and filling vases with water. The breakdown will take place at the end of the show, around 5:30 on Saturday.

Try to attend the March and April monthly meetings at the Mounts Auditorium to learn more about exhibiting roses and to volunteer to help us out. **We need you!**



### **From Mike Becker:**

The spring rose show will be a one-day show only on Saturday, 9 April 2022 at the Mall at Wellington Green. The address is 10300 Forest Hill Blvd, Wellington, FL 33414. The show will be in the center of the Mall near the food court.

The Mall will be open at 7:30am for exhibitors to start prepping their roses. Entries will be 8-10am. Judging is 10am-12pm noon. The show will open to the public as soon as judging is complete sometime around 12:30. Opening could be as late 1pm if judging takes longer than anticipated.

Exhibiting roses is open to everyone. There will be one or more rose-growing programs given to the public near the show area in a designated location in the afternoon. We'll present awards from the trophy table at

4:30-5pm and then dismantle the show soon thereafter. That must be completed by the time the Mall closes.

For the Rose Show **to be successful we need all GPBRS members to participate** in setup on Friday at 4-8pm, entering their roses/arrangements and participating throughout the day on Saturday and then helping with the show breakdown. There may be some minor adjustments to time as we coordinate with the Mall managers. We'll provide updates in February and March leading up to the show. The March membership meeting will be dedicated to helping educated members how to fill out entry tags, how to prep their roses and how to enter their roses, as well as the layout of the show area and how everything can help.

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### GARDEN TALK at the Acreage Public Library. Sat., Feb. 5 By Maria Wolfe

The Greater Palm Beach Rose Society (GPBRS) had the opportunity to visit with the residents of Loxahatchee and the Acreage on Saturday, February 5. This opportunity came to us by invitation from the Acreage Pubic Library and GPBRS member Angel Contreras. The Library held a "Garden Talks" outdoor event with different vendors

in attendance. (Bob's Beekeepers, IThink Financial, Acreage Public Library and the Greater Palm Beach Rose Society). Nakita Daniels and Maria Wolfe represented the GPBRS and were able to speak with all of the attendees about growing roses in Palm Beach County. Bill Langford, Consulting Rosarian, brought some of his beautiful and fragrant roses to display on the table. Everyone was so impressed with fragrance of Double Delight. That opened the conversation as to why the GPBRS exists...to help everyone learn how to grow roses.

If you would be willing to represent the GPBRS at our next event, please notify Maria Wolfe at 561-386-4903. It is a fun and rewarding two hours





## **46<sup>th</sup> Annual Rose Show of the Greater Palm Beach Rose Society**

### **The theme is “A New Beginning”**

You'll find a Rose Schedule in your email today, with a charming drawing on its cover. This cover was designed by “Lauren, a 16 year old Grade 11 student at Palm Beach Maritime Academy High School. Lauren has always had an aptitude for drawing with regular pencil and paper, but Ms. Higgins has given her great opportunities to explore and expand her artistic abilities. When Lauren's not drawing, you can find her enjoying Mother Nature's atmosphere, whether it be at the beach or at the beach or at the park, accompanied by her closest friends. “

Please look through the schedule at the various ways to enter the show. There's something for everyone, every type of rose, and every way to display it.



## Pruning for the Spring Rose Show in South Florida?

By Mike Becker, Master Rosarian

This is a question frequently asked: When do I cut back my roses to get them to bloom in time for the spring rose show? Generally, roses cycle their blooms approximately every 7-8 weeks, some can come back into bloom in as little as 5-6 weeks. Not all roses are created equal though. Recycle timing can depend on a large variety of factors. Some factors can depend on the type of rose, its maturity, vigor or size. Other factors can be related more to external factors like, how much sun or shade the rose gets, soil nutrients or even temperatures over the bloom cycle. If the temperature warms above average, the growth rate will increase to a faster rate; alternatively, if the temperatures cools below the average for the time of year, the growth rate slows. It seems as though Mother Nature can and frequently conspires against us. But not all is lost. Here in south Florida our days and nights, along with humidity, tends to be warmer than many other parts of the country. Generally, our blooms cycle a little faster than our cousins further north.

I kept records of pruning dates, first bloom dates and average full bloom dates over several years. The following list by rose type is a general guide for when various types of roses cycle their blooms after the winter pruning along the Treasure Coast of Florida. Other areas of Florida may have slightly different bloom cycles.

<u>Type Rose</u>	<u>First Bloom</u>	<u>Mid Bloom (full)</u>
Hybrid Tea	43 days	48 days
Floribunda	41 days	46 days
Shrub	41	46 days * Note: taller shrubs may take upwards of 10 or more days longer
Shrub (groundcover)	37 days	42 days
Polyantha	43 days	48 days (for small Polys)
	47 days	58 days (for tall Polys) * Note: there is a large variability on stem length and size of the spray
Miniflora	41 days	44 days
Miniature	39 days	42 days

Although this may seem somewhat “scientific” based on personal records over a short time, bloom cycle determination is not an exact science, but more an art. What may happen one year, may turn out to be off by as much as a week or more the following year. If you try to keep your own records for your garden, you will be able to fine tune the bloom cycle for your roses. By averaging the records you can come up with your best prune dates prior to the targeted rose show date. Start with the rose show date and then count backwards the number of days equal to the above mid bloom days and you will arrive at the optimum pruning date. For example: the show date is 9 April. Count back the 48 days (mid bloom) and you will arrive at the date of 21 Feb as the optimum day to start pruning the Hybrid Teas. You can vary that date base on the factors discussed above. If a particular hybrid tea is tall and slow growing, you might start your pruning a few days earlier to account for the increased growth time. Conversely, if the rose is vigorous and lower growing, you might shorten the time to start pruning a few days later.

I encourage everyone interested in exhibiting roses at your coming rose show to keep your own records. Over the next few years you will have a fairly good accounting of what the bloom cycle is for each of the roses growing in your garden. You can then use the average of those bloom cycles to approximate the optimum time to start pruning each type of rose prior to the rose show. However you choose to determine your pruning dates, by all means, have fun and enjoy doing it!

Here is some interesting information from the World Rose Federation. This year they will hold their convention in Adelaide, Australia. Most of us can only dream about traveling there, but you might find it interesting to read about what they plan. Most interesting is that they are planning for online participation as well as face-to-face attendance. Read on:



## **REGISTER NOW FOR THE WORLD ROSE CONVENTION**

**27 October – 3 November, 2022**

**The National Rose Society of Australia invites you to Adelaide to experience, celebrate and enjoy the iconic attractions, gardens, lecture program, tours and social events during the World Federation of Rose Societies 19<sup>th</sup> World Rose Convention in 2022.**

The Rose is the world's most popular flower. It is therefore not surprising that many countries around the world have Rose Societies which have been formed for those who want to learn about and share their love of the Rose.

In 1968, the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) was founded with eight initial countries to provide a global forum to share knowledge on rose breeding, production methods, trials and growing roses. Australia was a foundation Member of the WFRS which now comprises 41 Member Countries.



Adelaide's WRC will be the second time this prestigious event has been held in Australia, the first being in Sydney, in 1988, to celebrate Australia's bicentenary.

About every three years, the WFRS conducts a World Rose Convention (WRC). Australia won the bid to host the WRC in 2021, which, because



of the impacts from COVID, will now be held from 27 October – 3 November, 2022 at the internationally renowned Adelaide Convention Centre. The convention will proceed as **both** a “face-to-face” convention as well as offering online registrations to rose lovers around the world. The world-class Adelaide Convention Centre will provide a high-quality streaming service for the Opening Ceremony, 3-day Lecture Series and WFRS Gala Awards Dinner for Online Registrants. Registration for “face-to-face” delegates is now open.

The World Rose Convention program will include a Welcome Reception, Opening and Closing Ceremonies, four 1/2 days of morning Lectures featuring some of the world's best rose experts and visits to public and private gardens around Adelaide. Diane Sommers will represent the ARS and present a lecture titled, *“The Rose Society in this Changing World”*.

Associated with the WRC will be a large-scale Rose and Garden Exhibition which will comprise a national rose show, spectacular floral



displays, professional trade booths, garden clubs, children's activities, entertainment and a daily speaker's program with national and international experts.

International visitors coming to Australia will also be able to participate in a Pre-Convention Tour to Sydney and the Blue Mountains and a Post-Convention Tour traveling from Adelaide to Melbourne via the Great Ocean Road along the south-eastern coast and a Post-Post Tour to Tasmania.

Chairman of the Convention Committee and former President of the WFRS, Kelvin Trimper AM commented, "Australians enjoy growing roses. There are currently around 2,700 members of the National Rose Society of Australia who are passionate about the rose and rose growing. South Australia has many well-known rose gardens where it is estimated more than 2.5 million roses are under cultivation across the city and regional areas. Adelaide has the perfect climate for growing roses and is often referred to as "*the City of Roses*"." He further remarked, "Australia is famous for its relaxed, friendly lifestyle, clean safe environment and wonderful food and wine. We look forward to welcoming our rose loving friends from around the world".

The **World Rose Convention Program and Registration brochure** is now available. **Visit the website** for more information and to register for the Convention: [www.wrc22.aomevents.com.au](http://www.wrc22.aomevents.com.au)

For questions and further assistance contact the Congress Organiser All Occasions Group Email: [conference@aomevents.com](mailto:conference@aomevents.com) Phone: +61 8 81252200

Kelvin Trimper AM

Chairman  
2022 World Rose Convention Committee



*Some photos from the Holiday Party 2021 - at last!! Looks like a good time for everyone!*



*More photos on final page.....*

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***SHOW US YOUR LOVE & RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY OR  
AT OUR MEETING FEBRUARY 28TH!***

Look over this newsletter and then fill out the annual membership renewal form and mail it or email it so that can meet the ARS deadline. YOU are the reason that the **Greater Palm Beach Rose Society** exists. This rose society is YOURS! The GPBRS has been in existence for 46 years! Let's keep it going for many, many more.

We have used the **GoToMeeting** software to present you with expert, pertinent, and interesting rose programs delivered by outstanding rosarians from all over our country. We are meeting again in person this month, Monday February 28, at 7 p.m. in Mounts Auditorium.

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*It is so good to be able to gather in person. That was true on Monday, December 6 when the Greater Palm Beach Rose Society gathered at the auditorium at Mounts Botanical Garden for the annual Holiday Party. Bill Langford baked a ham completed with glaze and cloves. Members were asked to bring a side dish or a dessert. Treasurer, Bob Ewart never disappoints when he brings his homemade peppermint ice cream.*

*The generosity of the GPBRS members was evident as they brought unwrapped toys to give to a local charity. In addition, a raffle was held so many members were able to go home with new treasures.*

*Good food, good fellowship and a good way to get to know members. Looking forward to seeing everyone on January 24.*

*Happy New Year.*

