

# ROSE LORE

*Written by members, for members of the  
Mesa East Valley Rose Society*

*Judy Sweador, editor*

*www.roses4az-mevrs.*

*September, 2011*



*MCC Garden representing the five branches of our Military. Thanks to all past and present Service Members.*

*Please take the time to remember all who gave especially on 9-11.*

***Monthly Meeting: Mesa Community College (FREE PARKING)***

***Elsner Library—Community Room***

***1833 West Southern Ave. Mesa, AZ 85202***

***NEXT MEETING THURSDAY September 8, 2011 at 7p.m.***

***Steve Sheard will give a presentation on:***

***Grow you own rose bush from seed. A hand's on meeting working with Rose Hips/seeds.***

***The meeting will cover***

- ◆ Selecting parent bushes***
- ◆ Preparing flowers***
- ◆ Pollinating***
- ◆ Harvesting Hips-hands on harvesting of seeds***

*Our National  
Floral Emblem*



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These last few days have been part of our worst summer ever. Needless to say I have lost more than a few plants. So this month it is “Do as I say – NOT – Do as I do!”. My recommendation with temperatures over 110F is water every day – and I did not follow my own advice – so I guess losing some bushes serves me right! I am a hard learner.

Early September is still HOT. We are still on our Summer Program of ½ strength fertilizer feeding and lots of water. Continue to Dead Head.

We are encouraging you to feel brave and start giving your bushes a light prune to help force some good blooms for the Arizona State fair coming in Mid October. Prune one stem per week through September. The schedule is on line, entries have to be post marked by Sept 28<sup>th</sup> [http://azstatefair.com/Common/Files/Horticulture\\_2011.pdf](http://azstatefair.com/Common/Files/Horticulture_2011.pdf).

As I started to peruse it I noticed a section on “Compost” – I guess I am going to take a gallon of my compost in and see what they think! If you play in your yard at all, it is worth perusing the schedule. As Mike pointed out at our last meeting – ALL of his fertilizer is paid for by prize money from the fair. I am fairly sure he will not be entering compost, so that leaves me a good chance to win!

I will endeavor to get the EXCEL spread sheet up to date and out before our general meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> to make your entry a little simpler. Let’s fill the shelves with Roses

.Lynn sent out a great link to a video Tinsel Town Rose Society has put together on being a member of a rose society. It is very good and we should look at doing a spin from it.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4YVaxZuk9Q&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4YVaxZuk9Q&feature=player_embedded)

Do you want to escape the heat for a weekend: There is a Consulting Rosarian school being held Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011. 8:00am to 5:00pm. Being hosted by Orange County Rose Society at the Westminster Community Center, 8200 Westminster Blvd, Westminster CA 92683. Contact info 949-362-271 [crtom@cox.net](mailto:crtom@cox.net). \$30 fee covers Breakfast and Lunch.

This is a great seminar for those new Rose growers who want a lot of basic questions answered. Plus a perfect opportunity for the veteran Rose grower to compare notes and pick up ideas from others.

The AZ Rose Societies will have a booth at the Home & Garden show taking place at the Phoenix Fair Grounds Friday September 30<sup>th</sup> – Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. PLEASE donate a few hours to talk enthusiastically about growing Roses in the Valley. We will have sign up sheets at the general meeting. Jeannie Cochell [jcochell@cox.net](mailto:jcochell@cox.net) 602-363-6444, text preferred is coordinating the booth. You do not need to be a Rose Expert – the only requirement is to be enthusiastic about growing roses, if you are a novice we will ensure there is a CR with you.

Summer is almost over – next month your Rose bushes will bounce back ready to give you those truly appreciative blooms in November.

# Product Guide for Roses

by Mike Jepsen



## Nutrient Deficiency in Roses – The Micronutrients Iron, Zinc, Manganese, Copper, Boron, Molybdenum



### The symptoms of Iron deficiency are as follows:

1. Interveinal chlorosis of young leaves
2. Twig dieback
3. In severe cases, death of entire limbs or plants



### The symptoms of Zinc deficiency are as follows:

1. New shoot growth aborted
2. Leaves are distorted
3. Decrease of stem length
4. Rosetteing of terminal leaves
5. Mottled leaves (interveinal chlorosis)



### The symptoms of Manganese deficiency are as follows:

1. Interveinal chlorosis – yellowing with smaller veins remaining green;
2. there is no sharp distinction between veins and interveinal areas



### The symptoms of Copper deficiency are as follows:

1. Stunted growth
2. Wilting and eventual death of leaf tips
3. Young leaves develop light edges



### The symptoms of Boron deficiency are as follows:

1. Death of terminal growth
2. Thickened, curled, wilted and chlorotic leaves
3. Leaves poorly developed/distorted
4. Flower petals may be shortened



### The symptoms of Molybdenum deficiency are as follows:

1. Stunting/lack of vigor
2. Youngest growth shows some wilting
3. Weak flowers

# ROSE CARE CORNER for September

*by Phyllis Henslin, Consulting Rosarian*



## September Rose Care

With the arrival of September, I am sure both you and your roses are ready for some cooler temperatures. August was a brutal month with record temps that stressed our roses to the max. I am sure most of us will need to replace a rose or two that just didn't make it through the summer.

Now it's time to think about fall pruning. Generally it's best to start pruning around the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week in September. Even though the days are starting to cool, you don't want to get started too soon or your roses may still suffer from heat stress. A good pruning plan is to start pruning the side of your bush that gets morning sun and leave the side that gets afternoon sun until October when our heat starts to subside.

If you have Bermuda grass that has invaded your garden, follow mixing directions and spray Fusillade on the grass.

During the summer, our roses form "candelabras" or multiple thin stems at the top of the bush. As you prune, remove  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the top of the bush to get below these candelabras. This will open up the bush and make room for new growth that will give you beautiful blossoms to enjoy the rest of the year. Also cut out any dead canes, spindly stems and blind shoots. Hybrid teas need pencil size or larger stems to support a good bloom. When pruning, cut about  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch above a bud eye and choose a bud eye pointing away from the wall. Keep the leaves on the stems. We **do not** remove the leaves until the January pruning. When you are finished pruning, clean up the cuttings, dead leaves and add a layer of new mulch if needed.

You should have continued to fertilize your roses through the summer months with an organic fertilizer. If it's been four to six weeks since you last fertilized, feed them with Gro Ganic or Millorganite at the recommended rate. Go  $\frac{1}{2}$  this rate for potted roses. Once temperatures have dropped for the season, we can start a more aggressive fertilization program using fish emulsion, foliar fertilizers, alfalfa meal and Epsom salts.

Continue to hose off your roses early in the day so you avoid creating a humid environment that may promote powdery mildew. Continue with your summer watering schedule. Once temps stay consistently below 100 degrees you may gradually reduce the amount of water.

The schedule for the MEVRS Rose & Photography Show is now available to be downloaded from the MEVRS Website. [www.roses4az-mevrs.org](http://www.roses4az-mevrs.org)

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### **DISCOUNTS**

**The following nurseries will give MEVRS members a 10% discount (unless otherwise indicated) on any rose-related purchase when you show your membership card.**

**In some stores you must pay by cash or check**

**only to receive the discount.**

**Be sure to get your annual Membership Card from the Membership Chairman.**

**A & P Nurseries (15%)**

**Four Valley Locations**

**Gilbert, Mesa (2), Queen Creek**

**Berridge Nursery**

**4647 E. Camelback Rd Phx**

**Potted roses always in stock!**

**Gardener's World**

**3401 E. Baseline Rd., Phx**

**Harper's Nursery**

**Three locations:**

**Mesa, Scottsdale and Phx**

**480-964-4909 (Mesa)**

**Potted roses still in stock**

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**2900 S. Country Club Dr., Mesa**

**480-497-2525**

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## **Mesa East Valley Rose Society**

### **Standing Monthly Activities**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays—7 p.m. General Meetings

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays—8 a.m. Rose Garden volunteers work

Jan & Feb ALL Saturdays MCC Garden

Pruning

### **Activities 2011**

#### **Monthly MEVRS Meetings**

**September 8, October 13,**

**November 10**

**Oct 13-16, 2011— Fall National Convention— Los Angeles**

#### **Tinseltown Rose Society**

**Nov 13 MEVRS Rose Tour**

**Nov.19 MEVRS Rose Show**

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Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Thursday  
of each month at  
**Mesa Community College:**  
***Elsner Library Community Room, 1st  
floor***

1833 W. Southern Ave., Mesa, AZ

***All articles for the newsletter MUST be  
submitted to the editor by the 25th of each  
month.***

***Rosarians, we could use all articles of  
interest.***

**WEB Pages of Interest**

**Mesa-East Valley Rose Society**

***www.roses4az-mevrs.org***

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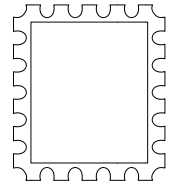
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**MCC Rose Garden**

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