

# ROSE LORE

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

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After a delicious meal, it's time to visit

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

**Elsner Library—Community Room**

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

**NEXT MEETING THURSDAY January 12, 2012 at 7 p.m.**

**Program presented by LeRoy Brady**

**Rose cuttings and where and when to plant**

**Free rooted cuttings to all who attend**

**Thanks to Phyllis and Bill Henslin for the photos.**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE,**

**January, 2012**

**Steve Sheard, President, MEVRS**



**A New Year, time to stop pondering your rose garden changes and get into full swing of implementing them! I entered the fall thinking that I would only make a few minor changes, just dig out one bed and plant all new roses (15). But I then started looking at my drip system and realized it was not doing very well as some heads were definitely blocked and some lines were cracking. I decided to replace ALL my lines with IN-LINE drip, and as one line has over 100 roses on it I decided to split the line, this meant digging up the lawn and adding a valve. When I undertook this I was not expecting to lay 1,000 ft. of line!!**

**Rose bushes are true survivors and if 2011 was a bad year for them, 2012 can be their time to demonstrate what they can do, with a little help from you. From my perspective, (I am not going to get into the details of pruning as we have a complete page on this subject), I do not prune too hard. I leave my bushes 2' to 3' tall with 6 to 10 canes, similar to the way we prune at the MCC Rose Garden. This provides more blooms. I go for more flowers rather than a few very large flowers.**

**We have our pruning marathon at the Mesa Community College Rose Garden starting January 7<sup>th</sup>. We encourage everyone to come out and help prune a bush or two, or ten, or ..... If you are unsure about pruning your bushes at home, this is an ideal time to bring your questions. We will have demonstrations by a Consulting Rosarian (YES - EVERY consulting Rosarian is required to put in hours, we expect you to sign up) every Saturday in January and February at 9:00am. Bring a neighbor and a friend.**

**Maricopa County Home and Landscape Show at the Fair Grounds Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
<http://www.maricopacountyhomeshows.com/program.htm>

**We will be sharing a booth with the other valley Rose Society. Jeannie Cochell is again coordinating the volunteers. She can be reached at 602 363 6444, [jeannie@nationwiderosehair.com](mailto:jeannie@nationwiderosehair.com).**

**The Show is open from 10:00am to 6:00pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>, and from 10:00am to 5:00pm on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January. PLEASE consider signing up for a 3 hour shift – you do not have to be a Consulting Rosarian to work the booth as there will be other people there also, you ONLY have to be enthusiastic about growing roses, this is a great way of recruiting new members. (If you do get a hard question CR's will be available plus I will call anyone back if you take a telephone number). The busiest times are Noon to 5:00pm, so please come and talk ROSES and suggest they come down to MCC the following Saturday and help prune!**

**February 4<sup>th</sup> is the MEVRS Rose Auction. Ryan Regehr is again leading this event. Our previous events were a great success because we had great involvement with no one person burdened too much. Please volunteer to help. We will have +200 bushes being auctioned so remember to leave a space or two for a new bush. The planning is in full swing with some superb activities to complement the auction. We will have more details at our January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

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**We are coming up to election time for the officers of the board. First we will pull together a Nominating Committee. We are always interested in having someone new join us and provide a different perspective. If you are interested in either being on the nominating committee or running for the board, please speak to any of the current board members.**

**Congratulations to Ryan Regehr who got the MEVRS Rose Bud Award for 2011 and to Bill Henslin who was awarded the ARS Bronze Medal for outstanding service.**

**A short visit back to last year with a special Thank You to everyone who helped in making our Christmas Pot Luck such a great success. Everyone went home with a prize and the "Rose Cake" held up to its name!**

**Regards,**

**Steve Sheard**

**PS: I received a check from the State Fair – The effort of taking roses down was worth it**

### **Maricopa County Home & Garden Show**

**January 13, 14 & 15**

**Volunteers needed**

This is one of our best recruiting events of the year. We share a booth with the other Rose Societies in the valley. We will have a large booth, complete with 25-50 chairs and demonstration area for pruning and planting.

**All CR's are expected to volunteer some time to answer questions.** If you are just interested in meeting people and enjoy talking roses then we would also appreciate your help.

Herb & Anita Himrich Herb's all smiles and ready to party!!



Jean Urry selling tickets for the rose quilt.



Steve Sheard presented the ARS Bronze Honor Medal Award to Bill Henslin at the dinner.



Bill Henslin and Steve Sheard guarding the gift exchange table



Steve Sheard purchased this rose flavored cake from the Rose Cake Co.

# ROSE CARE CORNER for January

by *Phyllis Henslin, Consulting Rosarian*



## January Rose Care

January is generally the busiest month for rose gardeners, as we plant our new roses and begin pruning our established rose bushes.

### Why do we prune roses?

Roses don't really go dormant in our climate so we need to help them rest in order to store up sugars and starches to produce spring growth. Pruning your bush will reduce the number of canes and the stored energy in the remaining canes will be directed to a few bud eyes resulting in longer stems and larger blooms. Also the bush will direct some of its energy to producing new basal canes.

### When to prune?

You can start to prune your roses in late December and you should be finished by February. You run the risk of frost damage to new growth if you prune before late December.

### Equipment Needed:

1. Long sleeved leather gloves (helps protect your arms) Long sleeve gloves will be for sale on Saturday mornings in the MCC Rose Garden during January and February.
2. Pruning shears (must have bypass blades)
3. Loppers (to cut those big older woody canes)
4. Pruning saw (narrow blade allows you to get into smaller areas to prune)
5. Wire brush (use to remove debris from bud union and it also encourages new basal breaks)

### Pruning your roses:

Hybrid tea & Grandiflora – Prune your roses to about ½ of their current height. Cut out all dead, spindly and crossing canes. Dead canes should be removed at the **bud union** to make room for new basal breaks. Cut ¼ inch above an outward facing bud eye. Always cut at a 45-degree angle, sloping down. When old woody canes fail to produce good blooms, remove them by cutting them back to the bud union. Strip all leaves off remaining canes and throw them away.

Floribunda – These bushes are more compact and the canes are smaller. You will generally end up with 8 to 12 healthy canes. Cut out all dead and crossing canes. Strip all leaves off remaining canes and throw away.

Shrub Roses – Cut back about 1/3 of the bush and prune like other roses.

Miniature Roses – Cut back about 1/3 to ½ of the bush and prune like other roses.

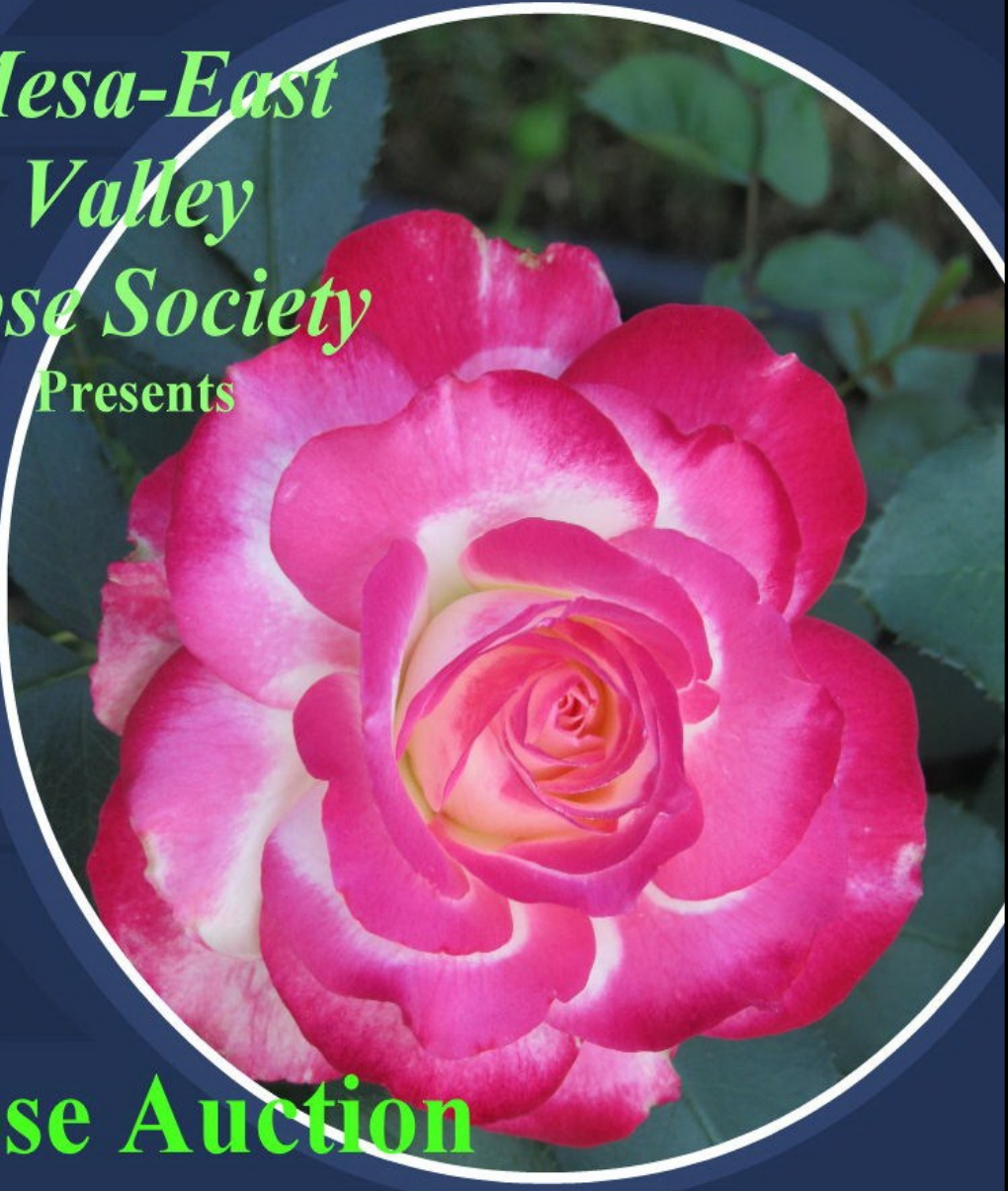
Climbing Roses – They should be pruned to fit on a trellis or wall. Remove any dead wood and weak canes. Do not cut more than 1/3 off the length of the main canes. The best blooms are on laterals growing from two to three year old wood and can be trained by arching and tying them in a horizontal position. This induces every bud to produce a flowering branch. Remove all leaves and throw away.

After pruning, clean up all debris around the roses. Spray the canes and soil with a fungicide and insecticide. This will kill any powdery mildew spores or insects in the soil.



Rose Auction

*Mesa-East  
Valley  
Rose Society  
Presents*



**Rose Auction**

Feb. 4, 2012

FREE to the Public

Kirk Student Center  
MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Southern Ave. & Dobson Rd.  
(480) 518-1529  
regehr@cox.net

Roses of high quality. Rare varieties available.  
Auction preview--Noon. Bidding begins 1:30 pm

The Las Vegas Valley Rose Society will host a "Two for One" seminar on February 11, 2012. It will be a combined Consulting Rosarian School/Seminar and a Judges Seminar. You do not have to be a Judge or a Consulting Rosarian to attend. ALL ROSARIANS are welcome.

The **HORTICULTURE JUDGES SEMINAR** will be AUDIT ONLY. If you are currently a judge and need to audit this is your chance, but if you are considering becoming a judge or just want to see what the judges are looking for come and enjoy listening to some great speakers.

The **CONSULTING ROSARIAN** will be a SCHOOL SEMINAR. Qualifications and requirements for a CR are on the PSWD website: **<http://www.pacificsouthwestrose.org>**

**NEW CR CANDIDATES** must submit a Consulting Rosarian School Application, three letters of recommendation from any three CRs and a resume to the District CR Chairperson, on the official form (which will be sent to them upon receipt of their application) in advance of taking the CR test. You will receive a letter of verification from the Chairperson, which must be presented at the school.

**CURRENT CRs** are required to attend a seminar or school every four years to remain on the active list.

**CR MANUELS** are available from ARS Headquarters for \$15.00 plus shipping.

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**TWO FOR ONE**”: Includes **TWO SEMINARS, CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & LUNCH**  
**GREAT SPEAKERS, GOOD FRIENDS AND A FUN DAY!**

## REGISTRATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail the completed Registration Form along with a check for **\$40.00** payable

**“Las Vegas Valley Rose Society”**, to:

JOHN VINSON  
6673 GRAND STAND AVENUE  
LAS VEGAS, NV 89131

**Registration and fees must be received no later than February 2, 2012**

**Information call: Jackie Jackson 702- 646-6048 – email [JJJ53@aol.com](mailto:JJJ53@aol.com)**

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Mesa-East Valley Rose Society  
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# Mesa–East Valley Rose Society Membership

Annual family or individual membership is \$25. Annual dues are payable by June 1.  
Payments in cash or check at a meeting; or by check to this address:  
MEVRS/Membership, P.O. Box 40394, Mesa, AZ 85274-0394

Date \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ \*Gift\* \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_

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## **WEB Pages of Interest**

**Mesa-East Valley Rose Society**

***[www.roses4az-mevrs.org](http://www.roses4az-mevrs.org)***

OR

***<http://www.roses4az-mevrs.org/site/home.html>***

Find past newsletters or articles by clicking on the “Newsletters” or “Articles” tabs on the Home page.

**MCC Rose Garden**

***[www.rosegardenatmcc.org](http://www.rosegardenatmcc.org)***

**Help Me Find Roses**

***[www.helpmefind.com/rose](http://www.helpmefind.com/rose)***

**Zone Finder**

**enter: <http://www.garden.org/zipzone/>**

## CONSULTING ROSARIANS

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<b>Marylou Coffman** (Gilbert)</b>	<b>480-926-3064</b>
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<b>Terry* &amp; Heidi* Leavitt (Phoenix)</b>	<b>602-971-0179</b>

\*ARS Judge \*\*ARS PSWD Chair of Arrangement Judges

**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)**

**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

**Upcoming Events**

**12 January program will be presented by Leroy Brady –  
Rose cuttings, where to plant and when to plant.**

**9 February program will be presented by Helen Baird –  
drying roses**

**10 March program will be presented by Lynn Urry –  
getting kids involved with growing/showing roses.  
Please bring your grandchildren to the meeting.**

**7 April Glendale Rose Show**

**14 April Scottsdale Rose Show**

**21 April MEVRS Garden Tour**

**22 April Phoenix Rose Show**

**SAVE THE DATES FOR 2012**

**January 13-15 Home and Garden  
Show Volunteers Needed**

**Feb 4, 2012— MEVRS Rose Auction**

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.*

***judysw@cox.net***

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

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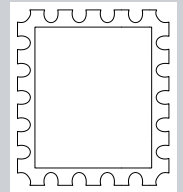
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The Rose Garden at Mesa Community College,  
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