

October 2016

*Mesa-East Valley
Rose Society*

ROSE LOVE

Blast

**Chemtech President
speaks to Rose Society
on danger of mosquitos**

Noted expert on household and garden pests, Jack McClure was the invited speaker Oct. 13.

He planned to discuss bugs in the garden, but something pulled him to a topic he felt was currently more compelling—

Mosquitos.

He cautioned that the most dangerous mosquito in the Phoenix area is the Yellow Fever Mosquito. “They can detect motion 10 miles away,” he said, “use caution about standing

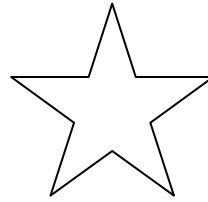
water.” A mosquito, he said, can reach maturity four days after the eggs are laid. “They can go through a life span in a few blades of grass on an over-watered lawn.”

Our desert is conducive to their fast growth, they get all the nutrition they need from dirty water where they spawn.

“Mosquitos,” he said, “are never born with disease; they get it from mostly birds...English Sparrows and Finches, that defecate in the standing water.”

He cautioned all rosarians to use repellent, dress with long pants, sleeves, shoes and socks. “Because,” he said, “the Zika Virus is here in Phoenix.”

“Because people travel all over the world and many move here, the mosquito population has grown. And it has reached dangerous proportions.”



The Mesa-East Valley Rose Society

Presents its

60th

Annual Rose Show

Horticulture
Arrangements
Photography

Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016

It's time to take a look at your garden for roses that might be sturdy and excellent enough to take you to the ROSE SHOW in November. Start the finger pruning, and fussing over the buds. Be sure to water and fertilize for the best color and form.

Every member of the Mesa-East Valley Rose Society should take the opportunity to join the fun of showing a rose, or making an arrangement.

Start with the SCHEDULE. Get one.

Read through the three Divisions: 1. Horticulture
2. Arrangements
3. Photography

If you have never entered a show rose, start with something simple like a “Rose in a Bowl”. Or “One Florabunda Spray” in a container.

It’s fun. And you feel good about showing your roses off.

Many of us are there to help and advise. But, practice at home.

Show Details:

- Saturday, Nov. 19, 2016
- Navajo Room in the Student MCC Student Center.
- 6-10 a.m. Entries accepted.
- 10-noon Judging
- 1-4 p.m. Public invited
- 3 p.m. Awards presented
- 4 p.m. Close of Show

Show Judges

A panel of 20 ARS accredited judges who have been invited to our show will be honored by a luncheon after the judging is finished.

It’s a great honor to have them with us.

Some of them have traveled from as far away as Europe. Others come from New Mexico, Nevada California, Washington.

The "Mesa Rose Club" was ARS-chartered in 1953. And in 1956 the First Rose Show was staged in a local mall.

Show Theme

"Royalty in Bloom."

Winning roses

Queen: Rubiat

King: Peace

Princess: Mister Lincoln

Marylou Coffman chairwoman of 60th Mesa-East Valley Rose Show

The "grand lady" who has chaired some 24 to 25 (she lost track) rose shows will once again honor our Rose Society by acting as **Show Chair** for its 60th Anniversary show.

Marylou's rose society credentials read somewhat like a "who's-who" in the world of roses. She's been elected as president of MEVRS for numerous terms. And, she has held every officer position at least 3 times.

She, with LeRoy Brady and Carol Poe were in on the ground floor of the Rose Garden at MCC in the late 90s.

Marylou cont.

She has acted as the curator of that garden from the beginning, securing the roses and helping determine what varieties would be planted as well as where.

And, it all works together, as she hosts numerous tours to our garden and produces numerous schools/workshops for people who are new to the world of rose growing.

Marylou is a Master Rosarian, as well as a Master Rose Arranger. Awards she has earned from the Arizona Rose Societies include:

- Ray Allen Educational Award 2006
- Paul L Wright Consulting Rosarian Award, 2005
- Dr. Richard "Doc" Fields Award for Lifetime Achievement, 2010
- Order of the Rosa Gallica given to those who have made outstanding contributions toward the advancement of roses in the State of Arizona, 2000.
- And, she has won "Best Entry in the Arizona Rose Societies Rose Show" in 2008 and 2009.



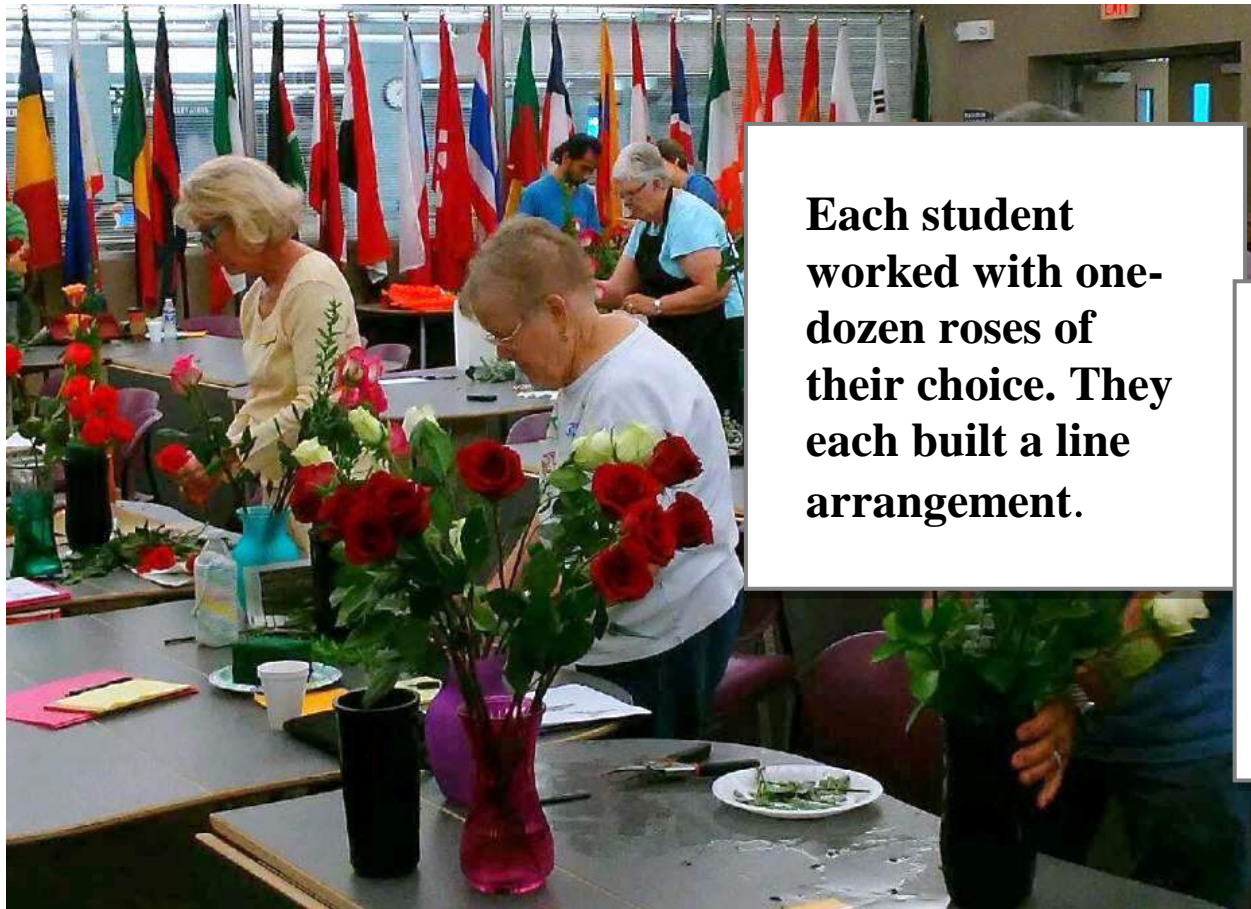
**Longtime friends,
Kreg Hill from Palm
Springs, and Marylou
Coffman evaluate
workshop arrangements.
Both are Master
Arrangement Judges**

PSWD Arrangement Workshop Called "Success"

Thirty participants learned how to produce "line" designs and each went home with their own rose arrangement.

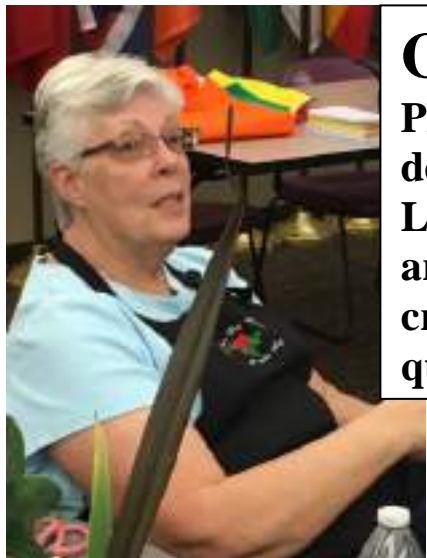


This photo shows the arrangements that each participant made. They were evaluated by the instructors.



Each student worked with one-dozen roses of their choice. They each built a line arrangement.

Arrangement workshop participants designing their arrangements.



Gerry Mahoney, Phoenix Rose Society, demonstrated Horizontal Line and Line Mass arrangements. She also critiqued and answered questions.



Kreg Hill, master arrangement judge, evaluates the students' work.



Lauren Toth, workshop instructor, discusses elements of traditional arrangement design and importance of container choice.

[Students and Roses smiled and listened intently.]



2016 Rose Hills International Rose Trials Winners

Neil Diamond, Doris Day, White Drift



The Rose Hills International Rose Trials are now an established prestigious event in the USA horticultural calendar. We are delighted that since their inception in 2000 they have quickly secured prominent international recognition as an event known for its excellence attracting rose breeders from all over the world to enter their new varieties for evaluation.

Rose varieties are evaluated using ten criteria for a two year period by the Permanent Panel of Judges mainly from Southern California visiting the rose garden every bloom cycle to adjudicate their qualities towards awards.

At the end of the second year trial, normally the first or second week in October, a distinguished panel of international rose judges are assembled to complete the trials and award "Rose Hills Gold Medals" to the most deserving varieties in the categories of Hybrid Tea, Floribunda, Shrub and Miniature with a special prize for the most fragrant rose variety in the trials. The variety achieving the top score is heralded as "The Golden Rose of Rose Hills".

We could not achieve this high standard of excellence without the support of the management staff and gardeners who so diligently bring their expertise to ensure success. Finally, our gratitude to the Permanent and invited international Rose Judges who faithfully participate in volunteering their time and talent.

Dr. Tommy Cairns

GOLDEN ROSE of ROSE HILLS

Awarded to the variety with the top points score in the trials

'Doris Day'

(WEKrajchi)

Hybridized by Christian Bejar



GIFU PREFECTURE GOVERNOR'S TROPHY

Awarded to the variety judged by the International Judges Panel to be the Most Fragrant in the trials

Variety **'Neil Diamond'** (WEKömer)

Hybridizer **Tom Carruth - 2015**

Introducer **Weeks Roses (USA)**



HYBRID TEA - Gold Medal

A Hamilton NZ Gardens Trophy

Awarded to the hybrid tea variety with the highest point score in the trials

Variety **'Neil Diamond'** (WEKömer)

Hybridizer **Tom Carruth - 2015**

Introducer **Weeks Roses**

Parentage **'Della Reese' x 'Rock & Roll'**



FLORIBUNDA - Gold Medal

& Adelaide, Australia Trophy

Awarded to the floribunda variety with the highest point score in the trials

Variety **'Goldense'** (AC097)

Hybridizer **Ping Lin - 2015**

Introducer **Almae Plants**



GROUND COVER - Gold Medal

Awarded to the shrub variety with the highest point score in the trials

Variety **'White Drift'** (WEKömer)

Hybridizer **Neiland International - 2015**

Introducer **Star Roses and Plants**





**The Golden Rose of Rose Hills
2016**

"Doris Day"

Hybridized by Christian Bedard

Enjoying the glamor of an evening's celebration at the Wrigley Mansion in Pasadena, celebrities visit about ROSES.



Kreg Hill, Palm Springs; **Diane Sommers**, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin and **Tommie Cairns**, Studio City, part of the panel of distinguished international judges.

Make-a-Difference Day at MCC

Students came to the Rose Garden to work at Fall pruning and to clean and polish the McFarland Statue.

They worked tirelessly in the morning and as the day grew warmer they rested and visited taking turns to buff the bronze statue.



Student workers help to shine up Governor McFarland

The McFarland statue was donated to the Rose Garden by the City of Mesa.

It commemorates a distinguished Arizona man who gave to us the GI Bill, one of the most important bills in American history. It was designed to help veterans get loans and attend college.

He was born in an Oklahoma log cabin, 1894. He served in WW1, moved to Arizona where he studied law, became a senator, the Governor and state Supreme Court justice. His life story is a fascinating read of political strife and success.



The Bronze statue that lives in the ROSE GARDEN at MCC -- former governor, senator, and chief justice of the Arizona Supreme Court, gets a cleanup by students on Make-a-Difference Day. October 22, 2016