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Mesa-East Valley Rose Society

ROSE

BLAST

Rose Care for Fall Bloom- Cycle in the Sonoran Desert

By Marylou Coffman & Leroy Brady

Now is the time to take action and prepare our roses for bright and big blooms that come with the cool days of Autumn in the desert. November is just too late.

- **Water**: Continued good watering practices are crucial until the hot temperatures are consistently lower. After it cools down both quantity and frequency can be adjusted. Keep the soil profile moist but NOT saturated.
- **Pruning**: New blooms come on new growth which happens when there has been light and judicious pruning. Cut dead

blooms and prune to ¼ inch above a good lateral bud on the stem. This bud will grow and more likely become a new rose. For Hybrid Teas and roses with larger canes, prune at a point on the cane where it is about the same diameter of a pencil. Limit fall pruning no more than ¼ of the bush. Remove small twiggy growth, dead canes and suckers growing from below the graft or bud union.

- **Fertilization** will provide nutrients in the soil and water necessary to bring good growth back to roses. Some favorite inorganic fertilizers of rosarians are: "Arizona's Best Citrus Fertilizer; Miracle Grow; Magnum Grow; Epsom Salts. Favorite organic fertilizers are: Milorganite; Mills Magic; Growell; Alfalfa Meal. Remember fertilizing is not just a one-time thing. Follow a good program to provide consistent frequency of nutrition to the soil. Read the label.
- **Other Activities**: Roses in the fall season are more disease-free, but will benefit from water showers to the foliage and underside of leaves. Add compost for nutrition.-----

MEVRS Meeting November 18

“Sonoran Roses”

MESA’S Rose Show
61 years

This year’s theme is

“SONORAN ROSES”

because we live in and grow our roses in the Sonoran Desert.

Thursday’s meeting title is:

“Preparing Roses for the Show”

The idea is to give society members time to understand and learn with confidence how to enter roses in a show.

The evening will be filled with hands-on experience by a variety of presenters. There will be lots of fun, an open-forum and much participation.

This year’s show is co-chaired by Bud Morrison and Marylou Coffman.

The Schedule is finished and 16 judges from Southwest states plus England will participate.

Roses in Review

How many of our members participated?

RIR is an American Rose Society, annual sponsored event inviting everybody to evaluate the roses they (we) grow.

The input of thousands of Society members nationally tells a story about roses. The ratings come from all of us regardless of our rank and vastness of experience.

Rose growers in our communities also are invited to evaluate.

Participants are asked to tell what we like and dislike about each cultivar we grow that is listed on the survey.

Bring some roses on Thursday from your garden for the program. Thanks

Arizona's Four
Rose Societies
gather for annual
banquet and
small show in
December

By Bill Sheperd (Glendale)

If you wish to experience good fellowship with a rosy atmosphere, don't miss December's annual "All-Arizona Banquet and Rose Show."

Unique 50-year-old
organization

The Arizona Rose Societies organization was formed 50 years ago in 1967. Its purpose is to encourage fellowship and cooperation among members of Arizona's Rose societies.

The group meets one time per year-- the first Saturday in December for lunch, a distinguished guest speaker, coveted awards & the smallest rose show in the United States of

America.

Arizona boasts the only state-wide organization of united rose societies existing in the USA.

2017 Awards Banquet
& Show December 2
Mesa Community
College

- Buffet Luncheon--\$30 pp
- Distinguished Speaker
- 10:30 Rose Show Entries
- 11 a.m. Social & Judging
- 11:30 Luncheon & Program

Smallest Rose Show

Each attendee is invited to exhibit ONE rose or ONE arrangement. (Vases and entry tags provided)

- Hybrid Tea /Grandiflora
- Floribunda / Polyantha
- Miniature / Miniflora
- Large/Miniature Dried Bloom
- Shrub / Old Garden Rose
- Fully Open / Climber
- Small Arrangement, greater than 10 inches but not larger than 20 inches in height, weight or depth.

Ikebana of Arizona

Presents Conference
on
Techniques & Design

Ikebana has always been considered a dignified accomplishment, known as ART.

It means more than simply putting flowers into a container. *Ikebana* is a disciplined art form in which nature and humanity are brought together.

On October 21, from 9:30-3:30, *Ikebana of Arizona* will present a conference featuring three celebrated Valley designers and teachers.

This is an opportunity, (not offered every year) to enjoy a rich experience learning with designers from ikebana schools, rose societies and garden clubs.

If you wish to participate, send a \$40 registration check to Janet Millard, 15230 N, 21st St. Phoenix 85022. Call 480 202-4215 More information.

Three test gardens

live at the MCC
Rose Garden

Each test garden showcases different roses which are donated by growers & hybridizers across the country to see how their roses survive in the desert environment. The roses are evaluated for two years.

1. **“The American Rose Society’s Award of Excellence” test bed**

Section 3 (Bed C)

Evaluates new varieties of Miniature and Minifloras.

2. **“The American Garden Rose Selections”**

Section 2 (Bed E)

Roses evaluated for two years, these come from independent breeders and smaller nurseries across the country.

3 **“The Sonoran International Rose Trials”**

Section3 (Beds C,D,E)

The test panel consists of local & international judges.