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## MESA EAST VALLY ROSE SOCIETY JULY MEETING!

Our meeting will be Thursday, July 12 at 7:00 pm in the MCC Library, room 145. Visitors are always welcome. In addition to the program, there will also be announcements about upcoming events, refreshments, and the opportunity to ask consulting rosarians questions about growing roses

Speaker - Helen Baird  
Topic - New roses in the MCC garden

This month's program will involve the one central tenant that has brought all of us together: our very own MCC rose garden. The July presentation will recap this year's plantings that focused on replacements as well as test plants. Come listen to Helen as she talks about how they are growing and where they can be found across the garden. This is a great way to discover what roses you may want to consider planting in your own yard.



**Bolero – a rose in the Mesa garden and one of Mary’s sturdy favorites in summer – photo by Mary Van Vlack**

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Leroy Brady

At our June meeting the panel of expert rosarians, Mike Jepsen, Steve Sheard and Ryan Regehr, led an excellent, informative discussion of how to keep roses alive and surviving the summer heat so that they are set to bloom this fall. (See page 3 for the handout on summer rose care from our June meeting.)

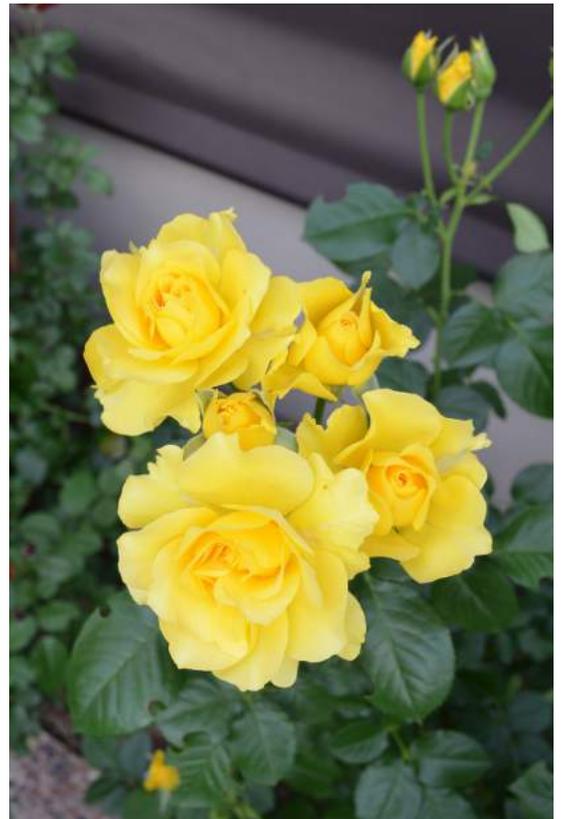
The excellent turnout is an indicator of the interest and concern we all have for not only keeping our plants alive but in a condition where we can enjoy beautiful flowers for the fall blooming season. Long-term members as well as new visitors learned the do's and don't's from the best about summer rose care. Our thanks to our Society FB and the Arizona Rose Growers FB for getting the word out and inviting new people to the meeting.

We often look at our roses with an evaluative mind set during the spring and fall blooming season, a time when we are accustomed to beautiful blooms. I think to a great extent we ignore our roses during the summer, not wanting to see the results of the heat, but at the same time hoping that we are doing everything necessary to keep each bush alive. Rose varieties perform very differently from season to season with great variation in their ability to tolerate severe heat, low humidity, and the idiosyncratic care of the gardener. Some roses grow and bloom and thrive, but others just hang on, telling us they are trying to survive. We frequently talk about roses that do well in the spring and fall and list them as favorites.

It is time to pay attention to roses that perform in the summer and demonstrate heat tolerance and are beautiful. Let's each of us do some summer rose observations and evaluations to learn which of our roses are heat and summer performers and share this information at the MEVRS July and August meetings. I would like to challenge each of you to look at your roses regularly (every day for Ryan Regehr) and **select two summer favorite roses** in your garden or even someone else's garden. We are not limiting the type of rose, so your favorite roses can be from any class including: Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, Floribunda, Mini-Flora, Miniature, Shrubs, Climbing Rose, Polyantha and Old Garden Roses. To determine favorites, look and evaluate several times and notice the following characteristics to guide your determination.

1. Health & Vigor
2. Growth Habit and Vigor
3. Beauty of Flowers at all stages
4. Heat tolerance
5. Is there a WOW factor or novelty

We want to hear what your favorite is July 12<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup> at the Mesa East Valley Rose Society Meeting. I already have one picked out as a star summer performer and several others trying hard. Two clues of my summer favorite rose are the identification used in the botanical world it would be PIPE and it is on the Earth Kind list of roses.



Doris Day, another of Mary's summer favorites, photo by Mary Van Vlack

# SUMMER ROSE CARE

## Mesa East Valley Rose Society

The hot, dry days of summer present a challenge to our roses, as well as to us. With a few tips and techniques, they will survive; well, most will survive. Don't be discouraged if you have one die, don't blame yourself, but examine your horticultural care and practices and see if there are things you can improve. Don't blame yourself - that doesn't bring a dead rose back to life.

The purpose of this discussion is to emphasize those things that we can do to keep our ROSES alive, healthy, and ready to grow and bloom next fall.

### COMPOST and MULCH

If you have not placed compost around your roses, it's not too late, but do it soon, for the important benefits during the hot summer. A number of compost material will work. Gro-well and Kelloggs Compost and garden/potting mixes are readily available in nurseries and garden stores. Other mulch materials that work are pine needles, straw (you will get some weeds), or in moderate amounts and combined with other organic materials, cotton gin trash when available.

Good effective mulching means maintaining at least a 2 to 3-inch layer of compost and mulching materials. Compost helps moderate soil temperature, but also breaks down with the heat over the summer. At the same time, it provides nutrients and conditions that enrich the soil for survival and growth of roses. Very importantly, compost and mulches insulate the soil, keeping the roots cooler, the soil more evenly moist, and the evaporation rates down. Compost and mulching materials also help us control weeds.

### FERTILIZER

It is important to water roses before fertilizing so they are fully hydrated prior to and after applying either liquid or dry fertilizer. Use either liquid or dry slow release fertilizer at  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  the recommended rate once a month during the hot summer months. Resume the normal or recommended rates in September and October for the fall bloom. It is important to keep the soil active with light applications of fertilizer so rose bushes and soils do not become nutrient deficient. Do not use heavy rates of fertilizer that result in rapid growth in the summer. It is very easy to over fertilize - this is a case where a little more is not better.

### WATER

Roses need adequate water and do not tolerate or survive dry soil conditions. Even a few hours of the soil being dry with high temperatures can cause burning of the foliage or weaken a rose bush, making it susceptible to disease and death. Roses often do not show wilting or water stress at the time they are in stress, unlike many other plants. Several days or a week later when the leaves dry and branches die back, you know you have stressed the plant. By then it is too late.

Using various irrigation systems, soils can be dry because of insufficient watering time or the frequency between watering days. This applies whether the roses are planted in the ground or in pots. If you are using or depend on a timed irrigation system, check it regularly for the quantity of water that is being delivered with the set application time as well as the frequency between applications. With prolonged hot days add an extra watering cycle to help plants survive and cope with the heat. To determine if the watering time is adequate check the soil moisture level around your roses about 24 hours after watering, if the soil is dry, increase the time for that area.

In soils that have normal drainage, it is almost impossible to water too much. But there does need to be an interval of one to two days between watering for air to move into the soil so soil and plants can have oxygen, which is a macronutrient. Don't turn the irrigation controller off after rains; use that extra moisture to improve the overall soil moisture levels and, very importantly, leach accumulated salts to a lower level in the soil.

### **INSECTS and DISEASES**

Insects and diseases for the most part disappear with the high temperatures of summer. Powdery mildew doesn't survive the high day and night time temperatures. Going into the summer and heat, spider mites (not an insect but a tiny spider) can be present. As the summer gets hotter mites usually reduce in numbers or even disappear. These little pests are very tiny and look like grains of sand on the backs (underside) of rose leaves or a pencil dot that moves on a sheet of white paper.

Control of diseases and mites during the summer is easiest with a strong spray of water. Using high velocity small stream spray, spray both the top and underneath side of the leaves to clean the dust and remove the mites. Washing rose bushes at least once or even two times a week will help, reduce your sedentary lifestyle, possibly improving your health and for roses, reduce insect and disease problems. This should be considered a win-win activity.

Leaf cutter bees are native and all around us, leaving their tell-tale signs that they have visited with little quarter inch circles in the leaves of favored rose bushes. These are beneficial insects, insecticides are not effective on them. So just enjoy the roses.

### **DEADHEADING**

Some people choose not to deadhead during the summer and miss the light exercise and contact with their roses. Most of us like to deadhead roses lightly during the summer, making it easier for the September pruning and sets the stage for the fall blooming season. Deadheading also should be done to remove rose hips, conserving energy for new growth rather than seeds.

### **MOST IMPORTANTLY, TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF**

Taking care of your roses in the summer can and should be fun and educational but it also requires that good common sense be used. Tips to enjoy and stay safe:

- Work in your garden early in the morning using proper tools.
- Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts and covered shoes (swim suits don't give skin protection and sandals do not protect feet from dropped pruners).
- Use sun screen anytime that you are outside. Wear a broad brimmed hat.
- Drink plenty of water before, during and after you are out in the garden. Keep yourself hydrated.
- Get a tetanus shot if it has been at least **TEN YEARS** since your last one. Growing roses, you are working in soil so keep this immunization current.

### **PROBLEMS OR ROSE QUESTIONS**

For rose problems where you need advice, you may call an American Rose Society, Consulting Rosarian from our Mesa East Valley Rose Society for advice and help. They are trained and want to help you enjoy your roses. Please also use the MEVERS web page or Facebook page to ask questions. <http://roses4az-mevrs.org/> or Facebook: Mesa East Valley Rose Society.

June 2018

Marylou Coffman, ARS Master Consulting Rosarian  
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# GREAT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES IN SEPTEMBER

By Marylou Coffman

Three great ARS-sponsored learning opportunities have been scheduled in September at MCC. Do consider expanding your knowledge of roses by attending one or more of these events. Registration form and further information appear on pages 6 and 7.

The first is the **ARS Consulting Rosarian (CR) School** to be held at MCC on September 8, 2018 in the morning. There will be great instructors providing information on soils and fertilizers, integrated pest management and chemical safety, irrigation, and more. While the school is for those members wishing to become ARS Consulting Rosarians or update their CR status, all members are invited to attend and will find it time well-spent. If you are interested in becoming a Consulting Rosarian, let us know and we can help you with the required applications. You can check the requirements for becoming a CR on the Pacific Southwest District website at <https://www.pswdroses.org/consulting-rosarians>.



Let Freedom Ring, Queen of Show at the 2018 Phoenix Rose Society Show, exhibited by Rick Bennett

On the same day as the CR School, September 8, MEVRS is partnering with the Glendale Rose Society to host a **Horticulture Judging Seminar**. The topics for the Horticulture Judging Seminar revolve around judging hybrid teas, floribundas, miniature, minifloras, shrubs and old garden roses. This is an opportunity for horticulture judges to update their qualifications as judges. Again, all members are invited to attend and for rose exhibitors it will be an opportunity to see what judges are looking for and evaluating when they judge a rose show. The information will be helpful to you so that you can grow and show the best roses possible.

Then, to make sure that roses are still on your mind, on September 29 MEVRS is having an **ARS Arrangement Judging Seminar**. For Judges and CR's, these events will give you four hours credit. For others, this is an excellent way to learn how to make beautiful rose arrangements with roses from your garden and when necessary from your neighbor's garden. This is a great way to learn and enjoy the results of your gardening efforts.

Again, you do not need to be a CR or a judge to attend these schools and seminars. Take advantage of these - they will help you to grow better roses and show you how to display them.



One of Jim Anderson's award-winning modern arrangements with Lavaglut



## **CONSULTING ROSARIAN SCHOOL AND HORTICULTURE SEMINAR**

Saturday, September 8, 2018  
Mesa Community College, Eisner Library, Room 145

### **CONSULTING ROSARIAN SCHOOL**

8:00-8:15	Welcome and Housekeeping
8:15- 9:00	Consulting Rosarian Manual
9:00-9:45	Integrated Pest Management and Chemical Safety
9:45-10:00	Break
10:00-10:45	Soils
10:45-11:30	Irrigation-Fertilizers & Nutrients
11:30-12:15	Overview
12:15 -1:00	Lunch

**After Lunch, those taking the CR test will adjourn to another room for the open book test.**

### **HORTICULTURE JUDGES SEMINAR**

1:00-1:30	Judging Ethics
1:30 -2:15	Hybrid Teas and Grandifloras
2:15-2:30	Break
2:30 3:15	Miniature and Miniflora
3: 15-4:30	Old Garden Roses
4:30-5:00	Floribundas and Shrubs
5:00 -5:30	Challenge Classes - Penalization and DQ

**This event is open to all Rose Society Members** Current CR' s and Judges will receive four (4) hours of credit for each session. Those that are not CR's or Horticulture Judges are also invited to audit the School and Seminar. Send \$35.00 by August 30, 2018 to Mesa-East Valley Rose Society, P.O. Box 40394, Mesa, AZ. 85274 to reserve a space.  
Make checks payable to the Mesa-East Valley Rose Society

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street address, City and \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Current CR Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Horticulture Judge Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary issues? \_\_\_\_\_



**Pacific Southwest District of  
The American Rose Society  
A Rose Arrangement Seminar**

**Saturday, Sept 29, 2018 - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Mesa-Community College, Room 145 (Community Room) in the Library**

**Topic:** Modern Designs

**Instructors:** Kreg Hill, Gerry Mahoney, Lauren Toth and Bill Christensen

**Bring:** your questions and any line material you have to donate to the teachers.

**Mesa-East Valley Rose Society will provide:**

o roses, filler flowers and line material

o Also included will be coffee, a light snack in the morning and lunch

*If you are an ARS accredited Arrangement Judge you will receive 4 update credits for this seminar*

Send \$30 (and this form) by Sept 14, 2016 to reserve your spot to: Marylou Coffman, 213 N Riata St.,  
Gilbert AZ 85308 (questions about registration – call 480-926-3064 or e-mail [Coffman@aol.com](mailto:Coffman@aol.com))  
Please make checks out to The Mesa-East Valley Rose Society.

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Street Address\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address (Print clearly)\_\_\_\_\_

ARS Arrangement Judge? Yes\_\_\_\_\_No\_\_\_\_\_

I have dietary issues:\_\_\_\_\_

# ROSES AND SOCIAL MEDIA

By Simone Rogers

I grew up with roses. My dad loved them and planted them in every home we lived in. When I grew up, I knew I wanted roses of my own in my garden.

I grew up in California, the perfect climate to grow anything, so, when I moved to Arizona and bought my first house, I knew desert gardening was going to be a challenge. My goal for my home is to create a Food Forest in addition to having flowers and roses to pick! I started planting my fruit trees and getting my veggies going and had success because I read books, researched and watched a lot of YouTube Videos. Luckily, we are blessed with many fruit tree growers that have YouTube channels detailing their “how-to” videos on growing fruit trees and veggies in Arizona.

During the processes of creating my Food Forest, I stopped by my local hardware store to purchase some supplies and the cashier noticed me looking at their roses. He informed me that the roses were a dollar each and he would even throw in the wood stand they were on! Wow, I couldn't pass up that deal! I bought home 10 dry roses with some having black canes, not knowing a thing about roses. I figured it “couldn't be that hard” since I had great success with my trees and veggies. My husband helped me plant the roses and I watered them. My roses never even grew a green leaf. I was upset - I thought I was a bad rose gardener, “Maybe I should just stick to trees and veggies”, I said to myself. I gave up.

Meanwhile, I had heard about a new rose nursery that opened in downtown Phoenix on a Facebook Fruit Growers group I'm in. The nursery was called Ludwig's Roses and they were from South Africa. I made a visit and could not believe my eyes!!! Healthy, green roses with beautiful blooms! I talked with the owners of the nursery and had a lovely conversation about the roses I bought and why they didn't survive. Apparently, I was sold dead roses because black canes mean dead and green canes means alive! I went home inspired and left with four roses and 4 more the next visit. Soon I had 20 roses and still didn't know much about them other than from my conversations with the nursery owners. I started to do research like I did with my fruit trees. I went to the library and checked out every rose book on the shelf. During my research, I found the Mesa East Valley Rose Society and attended my first rose society meeting. I absorbed everything that I was hearing!!! I went home needing to learn more, so I turned to Facebook and YouTube since I had great success learning from the groups I was in and videos I was watching. However, I couldn't find any information on growing roses in Arizona. There was plenty of information on roses but most of the information was for growing roses outside the desert in cooler states. The information was helpful, but it wasn't very relevant or specific. I hoped that someone who was an expert would create a Facebook group where I could learn how to grow roses in the desert southwest! I waited about 5 months and still no Facebook group. So, I decided to create the Facebook page, not because I'm an expert by any means, but to serve as a place to share wisdom about growing roses in our desert climate! I figured together we can help each other and collectively share our wisdom, success, failures and resources! Thank you for coming on this journey with me as we learn from each other!

“Bloom where your planted”

# Calendar

Tuesday, July 10 6 pm	Special Board meeting	Mesa Community College Elsner Library Room 145	LeRoy Brady
Tuesday, July 10 2:30 pm	Storage room housecleaning	Mesa Community College Elsner Library Room 145	
Thursday, July 12, 7 pm	General MEVRS meeting	Mesa Community College Elsner Library Room 145	LeRoy Brady
Thursday, August 9, 7pm	General MEVRS meeting	Mesa Community College Elsner Library Room 145	LeRoy Brady
Saturday, Sept 8, 8am	Consulting Rosarian School	Mesa Community College	Marylou Coffman
Saturday, Sept 8, 1 pm	Horticulture Judges seminar	Mesa Community College	Marylou Coffman
Saturday, Sept 29, 9am	Arrangement Judges seminar	Mesa Community College Elsner Library Room 145	Marylou Coffman
Oct 26-29	ARS National & PSWD Convention, Fiesta of Roses	San Diego RS	Info coming soon
Nov 3	Tucson Rose Show, Rose Society of Tucson	Trinity Presbyterian Church, Tucson, AZ	
Nov 17	MEVRS Rose, Arrangement, and Photography Show	MCC Student Center, Navajo Room	Marylou Coffman
Nov 23-24	Sonoran International Rose Trials	Mesa Community College	
Dec 1	Annual Arizona Rose Societies Luncheon and Small Rose Show.	Mesa Community College	LeRoy Brady
Dec 13	MEVRS annual Christmas Party	Mesa Community College	

## 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

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