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## MESA EAST VALLY ROSE SOCIETY NOVEMBER MEETING!

Our meeting will be Thursday, October 8 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.

Subject: Mesa East Valley Rose Society Rose Show, and Demonstration of Rose Propagation

Speakers: LeRoy Brady, Marylou Coffman, et al.

The November MEVRS meeting is taking place two days before the Mesa East Valley Rose Show. As such, our program will be a presentation/discussion from a group of our Certified Rosarians, who will be on hand to discuss how to prepare your roses for the show, and what to expect that day should you choose to enter your roses. Please join us to see what sort of arrangements are possible to enter in the show! Also, you may bring one rose from your garden to be used in the discussion, but this is not required. However, it sure would be fun if you did!



Also, LeRoy Brady will demonstrate how to root rose cuttings so you can try grow your own new roses at home.

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Leroy Brady

For members of the Mesa-East Valley Rose Society November is a month of holidays to honor, celebrate, and give thanks. These include Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, and, of course, the day of our own rose show. The day after Thanksgiving, "Black Friday," is *not* a holiday at all! This fall has been particularly good with cool days and generous rains to provide us with spectacular roses for these days.



On November 11 we honor veterans who have served our nation in the military. On this day we might consider cutting the red roses in our gardens and sharing them with the veterans we know. On November 22 we give thanks for all our blessings and many of us decorate our tables with arrangements of fall roses. Saturday, November 17, is the day when we celebrate and share with others the recovery and return to beauty of our roses.

For three weeks I have been hosting 109 roses that you and the society ordered from Burlington Roses in California. Those who ordered roses will be able to pick them up at our meeting November 8 while everyone will be able to buy more of them at our meeting and at the rose show.

With holidays and celebrations and lots of roses, November is a great month for rosarians!

## THE MESA-EAST VALLEY ROSE SOCIETY 62ND ANNUAL ROSE, ARRANGEMENT AND PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

**Saturday, November 17, 2018**  
**Mesa Community College**  
**Kirk Student Center, Navajo Room**  
**1833 West Southern Ave, Mesa**

<b>6 – 10 am</b>	<b>Entries accepted</b>
<b>10 am – 12 pm</b>	<b>Judging</b>
<b>1 – 4 pm</b>	<b>Open to the public</b>
<b>3 pm</b>	<b>Award presentations</b>
<b>4 pm</b>	<b>Close of show and take-down</b>

## Our Mesa-East Valley rose show is almost here! November 17th!

**By Bud Morrison**



If you have not entered your best roses in a rose show, it may seem frightening. I never would have tried it until Marylou Coffman asked me to help with the show, and it is hard to say no to Marylou. I still know very little about preparation and display, but after some embarrassing entries, I find that it is exciting

and rewarding to participate. The award-winning entries on the head table after the judging are impressive. They are more beautiful as I compare them to my humble efforts and study what it takes to have winning entries.



If you are hesitant to enter your roses, come early on the 17th, and there will be a seasoned exhibitor that will help you. Try it: what could be better than enjoying a day with friends and beautiful roses?

**By Mary Van Vlack**

Unlike Bud, I've been exhibiting roses for more than 20 years. I've won Queen of Show (the top prize) more than once and several other awards, but whether I win any awards or not, I always find these shows lots of fun.



For the first few years I lacked confidence and thought I shouldn't even be there – or bring my sad little roses to the show. But I never stop learning about how to improve my efforts and I am always grateful to the many other exhibitors who are so generous about sharing their techniques and

expertise. One thing I've learned is that it is a collaborative effort to fill the tables with pretty flowers and put on an amazing show. Rose exhibitors are a competitive lot, for sure, but are also always willing to help each other and especially the newcomers. Another thing I've learned is that knowing I might want to exhibit pushes me to garden to the best of my ability all year long. Having great roses is not a one-day event.



Whether you have never exhibited before or want to improve your skills, come to our meeting on November 8 and prepare to take notes and pictures. Then cut your best roses and bring them to the show on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Come early, between 6 and 7 am when the more experienced exhibitors will have time to help you get started. Remember to bring your sense of humor and have some fun!

The show schedule is available on our website and you will want to study it ahead of time to make some plans for the entry classes you want to try.



Please remember that when members of the public come to the show, they are interested in all the roses there, not just the prize winners. They may be shopping for varieties they'd like to have in their own gardens, may prefer particular colors or flower forms over others, or may have some other interest, and what you grow may be just what they want to see. We want to fill our show tables with as much beauty as we possibly can, so bring your roses!

### By Bud and Mary

Regarding volunteers, YES, we need many more! We especially need help setting up and taking down the show. Even if you have never attended a show, we can use your help here and you will



learn so much about how it all works. Set-up will begin at ? on Friday, Nov 16 at MCC in the Navajo Room in the Student Center. Take down will begin at 4 pm after the show ends Saturday. Also, we are really short on people who can place entries onto the proper tables between 8 and 10 am. And we could use a few more clerks. Clerks accompany the judges, helping them to navigate the show and attaching stickers to the entries after they are judged.

*The Arizona Rose Societies Present  
The Annual AZ Rose Societies Luncheon and Rose Show*

*"Arizona – Home of Roses"*

*Rose Fields of Arizona*



*Saturday, December 1, 2018*

The Library at Mesa Community College  
Dobson Rd & Southern Ave  
Mesa, Arizona

*Rose Show Entries- 10:30 a.m., Social & Judging- 11:00 a.m., Luncheon & Speaker-11:30 p.m.*

*Our Speaker will be Robert Martin, ARS President*

*Lunch will be buffet service – Tickets are \$30 each – available through your  
local rose society*

## WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND THE ARIZONA BANQUET



This is a great year for all of our members to attend the annual Arizona Rose Societies Banquet. One reason is that this year we are the host rose society and we should have a great turnout of our members. A second reason is that we always have a dynamite guest speaker – this time it will be former Mesa resident and ARS President, Bob Martin. A third reason is that this is a thoroughly enjoyable

event featuring a delicious meal, a festive event early in the holiday season, in the company of cheerful rose-lovers.

Check with LeRoy Brady for tickets which are \$30.00 and include the buffet luncheon, the speaker, and all the fun.



## REPORTS ON THE 2018 ARS NATIONAL CONVENTION IN SAN DIEGO

**By Bud Morrison**

Those of you who could attend the National ARS Convention in San Diego know how great it was. For those that were not able to attend, one of the many highlights was a fabulous rose show. There was an exciting auction of rose bushes, many rare and desirable ones that received a lot of bidding.

There were many classes on popular topics including photography, and there were fabulous garden tours. The first tour was to the rose garden at Balboa Park. Then there were tours of private rose gardens of Steve Berry, Sue Streeper, Linda Clark, and Ruth Tiffany.





The convention was capped off with an afternoon in the rose garden of Bob and Dona Martin. There were all the tacos you could eat, and a strolling mariachi trio, among hundreds of fabulous rose bushes. The real point is do whatever it takes to get to the next ARS convention!



**By Mary Van Vlack**

The National Convention produced several news items as well.

Our next annual PSW District Convention will be April 26 – 28, 2019 and will be hosted by the Pacific Rose Society in Monrovia, CA. The associated rose show will be at the Los Angeles Arboretum nearby.



The ARS has new teams of leadership effective October 30. At the national level, Bob Martin is now President of the ARS and Diane Sommers is the Vice President. Included on his team are Gerry and Dave Mahoney, Consulting Rosarian Co-chairs. Hopefully details on the entire national team will soon be available on the national website at <http://www.ars.org/> . For the Pacific Southwest District, our new Director is Linda Clark and both familiar and fresh new faces form her team. For details check the district website at <http://pswdroses.org/>.





## NOVEMBER IN THE ROSE GARDEN

By Mary Van Vlack

At last the summer heat's hold on our valley has broken and we were blessed with the wettest October ever; now we can enjoy those cool nights and wonderful warm days. Our roses enjoy this weather just as much as we gardeners do. So, what should we be doing in the garden this month?

**Pay attention.** This is just a great month for roses. The cool weather means that the buds open more slowly, producing larger flowers, often the largest flowers we see all year. Late fall also brings more social events where we can decorate our holiday tables with beautiful bouquets of roses and share roses with friends. It truly is time to enjoy the lovely fruits of your labor.

**Water, water, water.** You can reduce your watering this month, but do not stop altogether. Continue to water deeply, just do it less often.

**Deadhead your roses.** Keep your garden clean, spent blooms removed, weeds pulled, and debris cleared away. A clean rose garden provides a healthier environment for the plants without all the breeding ground for pests and diseases, and is much prettier than a messy, grassy, weed-choked garden.

**Fertilize.** Roses need to be fed. If you are using a solid organic or non-organic fertilizer, continue to apply it until the third week of November. If you are using a liquid such as MagnumGro or RapidGro, you can continue to apply it until the end of the month. But then stop until next spring. Your plants by that time should have sufficient nutrients to carry them through the holidays to your date for winter pruning. Furthermore, fertilizer stimulates new growth, which is most vulnerable to frost damage on cold winter nights. While our winters have been generally mild in

recent years, December often brings some frost, and roses do not like to be frost-bitten.

**Control pests and disease.** Usually these are much less of a problem in the fall than in the spring but do be vigilant. If you had a big problem with mildew in the spring, the cool fall nights may bring it back; you may want to spray a fungicide as prevention at least once this fall. Either Banner Maxx or Immunox should be effective when used according to package directions.



Another disease, botrytis blight, often shows up in late November or December, especially if we have cool days with more rain. This is similar to the "Noble Rot" that affects grapes, creating those sweet and intensely flavored dessert wines. Signs of the blight include red or pink freckles on light-colored rose petals and moldy gray, black or brown blooms. The best treatment is prevention

by keeping affected buds and flowers removed and litter cleaned up. A change in the weather will quickly clear this up.

Aphids are usually not a problem in the fall, but thrips can be, particularly if you grow citrus and if you had a great deal of trouble with them last spring. The best control is Spinosad sold as by Rosemania and as Captain Jack's Dead Bug Brew in local nurseries. It should be applied only to the newly formed buds and new growth every 7 to 10 days. Apparently, most people don't, but I do have trouble with grasshoppers and katydids in my roses. A katydid is built much like a

grasshopper, but is a pretty shade of bright green, and both have nymph forms that also do some real damage. They chew right into the sides of flower buds and make raggedy holes in the leaves, and their great mobility makes them hard to control. Spraying a pesticide is useless – the best control is to remove them physically and smash them. For that you need to hire the services of a small boy.

**Planting.** This is a good time to plan for the new roses you want to add to your garden. Dig out any dead roses immediately and consider candidates for “shovel-pruning.” Weak and non-performing plants should be identified and considered for replacement. Roses require work and incur expenses for water, fertilizer, and pesticides. If a rose is down to one live cane, it will probably never be productive again. If a rose never gives you good flowers, it just isn’t earning its keep. If you find you really don’t like a rose very much (maybe you planted it on someone’s recommendation or as an impulse), then why

continue to invest all those resources? The financial cost and the labor of buying and planting a rose is far less than the cost and labor of growing it over the years. Therefore, all of these, the dead, the nearly dead, the unproductive, and the ugly, are all good candidates - dig them up and throw them away.

You may also want to consider adding more roses to your landscape, so now is a great time to prepare that new bed or planting area. Choose your site carefully; roses need 6 hours of sunshine daily, preferably morning rather than evening sun, and they do not want to compete with trees, oleander hedges, or other large plants for water and nutrients. In areas of poor soil or caliche layers, you may want to consider building raised beds 20 to 24” high and then filling them with good quality planting soil. Otherwise you will want to dig out your new garden area to a depth of 2 feet, defining its boundaries to discourage the encroachment of grass or nearby plantings. We’ll talk more about soil amendments for new beds and new plantings in December.

## **MEVRS ROSE AUCTION SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019 HOLD THE DATE AND SPREAD THE WORD**

We want our 2019 MEVRS Rose Auction to be the best and biggest ever. To make this happen we need every little bit of advertising we can get. YES, that means we need you to help. If you talk to your neighbors and one of them comes, you have done your job! Speak to people at work, at the gym and in the grocery store.

Below is the Rose Auction flyer. Print it out and post it at work, your gym, everywhere. There is a page with \$10.00 coupons (one per family). Print the page and give one coupon to each of your neighbors, co-workers and friends.

If you are changing out roses this winter, when you dig the old ones out put them into a pot and bring them to the auction. Even if they only sell for \$10.00 it is better than going into the trash.

If you need help with this, call or email me. Steve Sheard 480 831 2609, [stevezroses@yahoo.com](mailto:stevezroses@yahoo.com).

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# Calendar

Sat Nov 3	Tucson Rose Show, Rose Society of Tucson	Trinity Presbyterian Church, Tucson, AZ	
Thurs Nov 8	Monthly meeting	Mesa Community College Library	
Sat 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	Marylou Coffman
Sat Dec 1	Annual Arizona Rose Societies Luncheon and Small Rose Show.	Mesa Community College	LeRoy Brady
Dec 20	MEVRS annual Christmas Party	Mesa Community College	Lynn Twitchell
Thurs Jan 10	Monthly meeting	Mesa Community College Library	
Sat Feb 2	MEVRS Rose Auction	Mesa Community College	

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## HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES YET???

There is still time and you don't want to miss anything, now do you?

Just write a check for **\$25.00 to the Mesa-East Valley Rose Society** along with a note indicating 2018-19 dues and your name and contact information. Send this to: **Mesa-East Valley Rose Society**  
**P.O. Box 40394**  
**Mesa, AZ. 85274**

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## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

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- \$115 Foreign

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- \$132 Senior (65+)
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- \$30 Youth
- \$170 Foreign

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