



Bench Newsletter

NEXT MEETING

Friday November 03rd 2017

Horticultural Hall

Bench & Hospitality

7-30 am Hall open

20 ENTRIES ONLY ROSE SHOW

11am Meeting

Flower arranging titles

Class A & B – ‘Shades of Autumn’ – an exhibit using fresh and/or dried plant material.

Class C - ‘Petite Perfection’

Class D – Shadow Box Class D =

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Thursday Nov 2nd 2017

SET UP

Horticultural Hall

Set Up for the Friday meeting

8-30 – 10 AM

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The Bermuda Rose Society Rose Sale to Members and the Public.

Date; Saturday 25th November 2017.

Place; Tulo Valley Nursery. Spanish Point Selling starts at 8-30am sharp to 10 am.

No presale.

Price; 3 gall pots \$45.00. 1.5 to 2 gall pots \$40.00. 1 gall pot \$35.00.

First come first served. 3 Roses per Person after that re-queue if you want more.

Rose News

A couple of interesting links from Ludwig Roses of South Africa. The first one is cutting roses for the vase, which shows you where and how to cut roses for showing etc well worth a look.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=074kkBBUjbs&feature=youtu.be>

How to prune your climbing roses

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=caG6QtyVm28>

Bermuda National Trust

Saturday 28th October 2017

FarmFest is a fun-filled family day on the grounds of our stunning 10-acre property "Devondale". We'll be hosting game stalls, a haunted house, arts and crafts, food stalls, tractor rides, 3-legged races, a fortune teller, pony rides, a Halloween costume parade, a scarecrow competition and much more!Â

Come along and discover this beautiful open space flanked by farm fields and an historic home, all protected by the Bermuda National Trust.

Tickets will be available for games, food, stalls and rides.

Parking is available at Lagoon Drive, Mayflower and Saltus Cavendish with a shuttle bus running every 10-15Â minutes.

For more information contact palmetto@bnt.bm or call 236-6483.

See link below for parking plan

<https://www.bnt.bm/events/events-list/farmfest-2017>

3rd November Meeting

This month Rose meeting is max of 20 ROSE ENTRIES

PROGRAM for 2017

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Friday December 1st 2017

Horticultural Hall

Bench & Christmas Hospitality

7-30 am Hall open

11am Meeting

Class A & B – ‘Fairy Lights’

Class C – ‘Small Packages’

Class D – Shadow Box

Programme: floral art demonstration using roses



Bermuda Rose Society Flower Arranging Schedule 2017

Exhibitors may bring in bench exhibits and competitive flower arrangements
Between 8.00 am and 9.15 am on the morning of the meeting. Exhibitors must vacate
the area by 9.15 am so that judging may begin promptly at 9.45 am
Meeting to begin at 11.00am

For all months except the AGM in May sizes are :-

Class A – 24” wide x 24” deep, NO height restriction.

Class B - 15” wide x 15” deep x 15” high.

Class C - 9” wide x 9” deep x 9” high, design must be more than 4” high, wide and
deep this does not apply to the diagonal dimension.

Class D - Shadow Box – The aim is to create a ‘Picture’ within a frame, no titles are
given. The plant material may extend forward out of the box to create a 3D effect
but must NOT touch the Interior or Frame of the box.

Internationally accepted Rules for Floral Art

- 1) Plant material must predominate over all other components.
- 2) Plant material must be in water or water retaining material, unless such plant material is known to remain turgid for the duration of the show.
- 3) Artificial plant material must NOT be used.
- 4) Painted and/or artificially coloured or treated plant material may be used unless otherwise stated in the schedule.
- 5) An exhibit may include accessories such as bases, drapes, backgrounds and title cards unless otherwise stated.

The Bermuda Rose Society requires that locally grown Roses and/or plant material from the Rosaceae family must predominate in all arrangements.

Some examples are apple, cotoneaster, loquat, peach, pear, potentilla, pyracantha, spirea, strawberry, dewberry, yeddo-hawthorne.

Roses of any classification may be used and need NOT have been grown by the Exhibitor. Other locally grown flowers and foliage may be included.

Plant materials are living plants, flowers, grasses and branches of bushes or trees.

All plant material should be in scale with the roses used and must be appropriate in size, colour and texture to complement the roses and be subordinate in the design.

Class A, B, and C designs should be in scale within the space allotted.

Class D - please refer to Shadow Boxes.

Guess the Rose Competition



Shown in our Oct 6th Newsletter was Ms Lincoln it looks similar to Chrysler Imperial



An article from a good friend Mark McGuire
Australian Rosarian
Accredited Australian Rose Judge.
New South Wales Rose Judge
Chairman of Judges of NSW for 8 years.
Vice president of NSW Rose Society for 3 years.
Wrote the Cultural Notes for Sydney regional for 8 years.
Made a Life member in 2017

GROWING POTTED ROSES

By Mark McGuire, Australia

Please note that this is my preferred method of growing miniature or mini-flora roses in pots. As I have had remarkable results over the last 25 years of growing, these methods that I suggest are worth trying.

Before I go on any further there is no magic formula, be it soil mixtures, fertilizers or whatever. Rosarians still succumb to the belief that there is ...well I don't know of any!

One should first of all pay particular attention to hygiene and safety. A face covering mask and gloves are essential as potting mix contains many organisms that are or can be detrimental to one's health.

For best results a black plastic container of 400 mm or 16 inches is my preferred size. Yes, you can still use smaller pots; however the results will not be as good. If you were to drive around your suburb on rubbish collection day then maybe you can be lucky enough to acquire them for free. I have accumulated some 100 or more pots over the years this way.

Make sure you thoroughly clean out the pots that you intend to use and that they have several weep holes so as the water can easily disperse. Otherwise the roots will become water logged and your bare rooted rose will suffer accordingly and perhaps soon die. Another good idea is to use a mesh or pieces of broken tiles or some such matter placed over the weep holes as this will stop your soil mixture leaching out the bottom.

My preferred mixture is to use a high quality potting mix such as one of the better Debco products, costing around \$12-\$15 or so. This 30 litre bag usually contains Saturaid wetting agent, controlled release fertilisers, water retaining crystals, and combination of trace elements and growth stimulants. Sounds marvellous. Remember you only get what you pay for. You will notice on nearly all bags of Potting Mix on sale now have the Australian Standard Certificate printed on the bag, which is a rectangle of some 5 ticks on a red label for the premium mix which is what I suggest you use for best results. When you see 5 ticks on a black label means you are getting a standard type mixture. The larger Supermarkets sell these for around the \$4-5 mark. So now you have your premium potting mix and from here I suggest you buy some premium garden soil. Mix together in approximately 50-50 proportions and add a few handfuls of the Neutrog product Seamungus, which is a blend of seaweed, fish, huric acid and manure. This is an Australian product and no doubt those living overseas can source a similar product.

Next place your mixture in the pot leaving about a 100 mm gap between the top of the soil and the rim of the pot. Place in your bare rooted rose, or if taken from a smaller pot, check over the root system for any damage and if so trim back. Fan out the roots and place the plant into the soil making sure the bud union is slightly above the top of your soil mix. Over time the soil will descend in the pot. With limited pressure make sure the plant is sitting firmly in the centre of the container. Apply a couple of soakings of water and then add about 50mm of cow manure, making sure it is kept well away from the trunk of the rose, and then place on top of the manure as much Lucerne hay as the pot will allow without spilling all over your yard. Cow manure is by far the best to use and readily available whereas Lucerne hay (Alfalfa) is head and shoulders above any other mulch. So yes, during the growing season keep topping up your pots with these two products. Yes, you may have to pay a little extra with the results being worthwhile. Do not be misled by the Nurseries as they tend to steer you onto an alternate product which will be cheaper. No doubt you wish for results that are worthy of all your effort, so this is my recommendation. By using this method you will induce worms to multiply and greatly benefit your soil mix. Take note there is no soil in potting mixtures and therefore no worms. If your garden has an abundance of worms it will mean your soil is rich and productive and that is what you need in your pots. Pure garden soil in a pot would soon become too solid and detrimental to the growth of your plant. To stop your pot from overheating be sure your newly potted plant container is not making contact.

with the concrete or tiles underneath. Raise your pot by using a few small bricks or small terracotta feet that can readily be purchased in the Nurseries. Never place your pot in a saucer type dish that will retain water as this will also eventually lead to root rot.

When do we need to feed? I suggest after potting/planting a good six months or so. Very little fertiliser is best. If the manufacturers recommend 100 grams then only apply about 20% of that every couple of months. I recommend that you use a liquid fertiliser rather than pellets or granules. Whatever you do, be sure to give the pot a good drenching before hand and a good soaking afterwards. Water is still the best fertiliser!

If you wish to grow the bigger Floribunda's or Hybrid tea roses then follow the same procedure as above. You will need to use a rather large pot something about the size of a half beer barrel, which is about 20 litres, (9 gallons).

When do we re-pot? Rarely ever have I done so. None of my pots have been re potted over the last 25 years and yet my results are great, or so I think!

It is necessary to water your pots every day and in really hot weather, twice per day. Don't be misled that when rain appears that your pots do not need watering...how wrong can you be! The combination that I have recommended for your pots is best served by using a hand held rose wand making sure the water spreads all over the top of the pot. If you tend to use a drip type system you will soon notice that it tends to make what I refer to as "ant tracks". Meaning the water flows down these little tracks without spreading over the whole mix, this is not what you want. The nutrients contained need a good soaking all the time. No, don't go looking for ants...this is just a saying.

Recently on the ABC' 702 gardening show a caller rang in with what I believed was this problem. She fertilised and watered regularly over the last few years and now all her leaves were falling off and die back was occurring. Yes, she said the water was running out the pot rather fast. I concluded that her watering was not making contact with the fertilisers she was using and subsequently a build-up of them was happening or perhaps the pots were becoming dry. Due to the fact that the plant could not take up all this accumulated food she was creating her own problems. .

Lastly you will need to check the pH of your potted soil every so often or if you suspect why the plant is not performing as it should. The ideal pH is 6.5 to 7. This is rather hard to accomplish as I have never been able to achieve a higher reading than 6.3. Below pH 7 the soil is acidic and rose's best perform when so. Whilst above pH 7 the mix is considered alkaline. I have two different manufacturers pH kits so that I can compare my results. However I must admit they both give identical readings of the same soil. There are some rather inexpensive test kits available and they can last forever. Follow the instructions and if you are having a problem consult the horticulturist at your local nursery.

In most cases when seeking advice always approach the top person in that particular field whether it is the exhibitor, judge, breeder, soil environmentalist or whoever. Most are only too willing to offer advice, so do not be afraid to ask.

If you wish to become competitive by exhibiting in Shows then you have to devote much more time to your roses. People such as Roger Federer, or anyone else in their chosen field never became famous without going on and taking that extra step to achieve their goals. More effort will render better results.

With winter pruning there is no right or wrong way. Prune high or low as the results will be nearly identical. Low pruning appears to give more water shoots whereas cutting higher tends to produce more flowers. Keep your bushes clear of deadwood and dieback during the growing season, whilst you must dead head regularly (removing spent blooms). They look good on the bush however they are detrimental to the future growth and reproduction of more flowers.

Be aware some roses do not like pots. I have struck this problem on many occasions. Once placed out in the garden they have taken off and become Grand Champions!!

No doubt you will need a programme for keeping your roses safe from black spot, aphids, thrips etc. Ask your fellow rose member or your local nursery for advice preferably one that specialises in roses.

Mark McGuire
Australia

Minutes of the Meeting of The Bermuda Rose Society held at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 6, 2017 at Horticultural Hall, The Botanical Gardens.

The new President, Clare Russell, welcomed members and guests to the rose year. Guests were Martin Russell, Jennifer Page, Rachael Antonition and Linda O'Shea.

Apologies were received from Michael Spurling, Michael Whittier, Lady Gibbons, Gill Gaade, Lisa Marshall and Neil Cooper. The President noted members who have recently passed on: David Saul, Jean Motyer, Elizabeth Church Powell, Janet Watlington.

Clare Russell told the members she was happy to take on the Presidency and that she was grateful to Peter Holmes, the past president, who left a solid core of active programmes including Tulo Valley and the Ag Show. Clare read from a memo written by Lisbeth Cooper in March of 2000 – an urgent plea to members to avoid our demise and asked for questions, ideas. Clare emphasized that the Society is always looking for input from members to help us grow. The Executive is totally open to any ideas that will keep the Society alive and strong. Clare also thanked the volunteers at Waterville and Tulo Valley who kept things going over the long hot summer months. Special project this rose year will be to look at ways to increase membership and any ideas are welcomed.

TULO VALLEY

Pat Thomas gave a report on the activities at Tulo Valley. Looks good, will soon need a potting up party to transfer some of the roses to bigger pots for the sale to be held on November 25th, about 6 people will be needed. Some of the roses for sale need to have their containers weeded. We will have 150 for sale and some additional roses donated by various members will probably increase this number. Hoping that sale will raise \$4000/\$4500

for the Society. Pat thanked all the volunteers who kept things going over the summer.

Gerry and Millicent Ardis have donated a group of young plants, which might be too small for the sale but can be taken care of at Tulo Valley and be available for a future sale.

WATERVILLE

John Howells gave a report re Waterville Gardens. It is time to prepare the gardens, he invited members to join the Waterville team, he and the current team will be happy to show and tell to get them started. John and Lisa will be at Waterville on Mondays from 9 to 11 a.m. and Diana and Felicity will be at Waterville on Thursdays from 7 to 8.30a.m. Started trimming of the borders, dead heading and dead wooding required. All info is in the rose book. John and team also thanked Peter Lee and his Horticultural services for doing much of the heavy work.

John reminded members that Waterville is the public relations place for the Bermuda Rose Society.

Peter Carpenter then gave a talk on preparing your roses for exhibiting. Clare Russell thanked Peter for his interesting talk.

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no other business, the meeting then closed.

Flower Arranging Results

Date: October 6, 2017

Title: 'Witches Brew' and 'Bits and Pieces'

Flower Arrangement Judges: Debbie Burville, Cindy Young

Number of Exhibits: 6

Number of Exhibitors: 3

Class A**'Witches Brew'**

First: - Felicity Holmes

Second: -

Third: -

Class B**'Witches Brew'**

First: Mingo Cook

Second: -

Third: -

Class C**'Bits and Pieces'**

First: -

Second: - Mingo Cook

Third: -

D Shadow Box

First: - Felicity Holmes

Second: - Mingo Cook

Third: -

Overall Flower Arrangement Points

First: - Mingo Cook 35

Second: - Felicity Holmes 30

CUT Rose ResultsCut Rose Judges: Peter Carpenter, Diana Antonion, Marijke PeterichStewards: Diana Hindess, Clare Russell, Judy Godfrey, Jeanette Vallis,Recording: Felicity HolmesRibbons: Mina PenistonNumber of Exhibits: 88Number of Exhibitors: 6**Best in Show**

Name: Peter Holmes

Rose: Bermuda Kathleen

Cut Roses Total Points

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	
First:	Peter Holmes	255	
Second:	Millicent Ardis	220	
Third:	Jeanette Vallis		85
Fourth:	Mingo Cook	30	
Fifth:	John Howells	25	
Sixth:	Judy Godfrey		5



Some winners from our 6th Oct show

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