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VCRS November Meeting & Presentation

*** November 20, 2014 ***
Steve Benning from Star Roses

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments
Rose Sharing & Celebration 7:00 p.m.
Guest Speaker Presentation 7:30 p.m.

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Musings from Elton MacPherson

Hello Fellow Rose Lovers,

I don't know about you but the recent rain has made a mess of my garden. This is not a complaint since we'll take water however and whenever it comes but this latest downpour came with such ferocity that I'll be deadheading just about every bloom I have. The good news is that Autumn seems to have arrived and that means we'll be having that wonderful flush of new blooms with their extra special color and

This is my favorite time of year. The crisp, clean air, Thanksgiving and the December Holidays, and Grandparent's Day at Pasadena Polytechnic School. I have visions of B u d w e i s e r Clydesdales pulling a s l e i g h t o Grandmother's house. Could it be any better?

I'm also looking forward to our November 20 meeting where we'll learn about new roses for 2015. We'll also elect

the 2015 Board of Directors and Officers. In December we will have our VCRS Holiday Get-Together. As I write this, Dawn-Marie Johnson and Connie Estes are busy planning but as always we will have a potluck plus the gift exchange with some new twists this year. Dawn-Marie and Connie will tell us more at the November Meeting.

See you at the next meeting!

Elton MacPherson
VCRS President



Brigadoon in bloom in our garden—a perfect color for Autumn! *Roz Thébaud*



VCRS Holiday Get Together

BRING 1:

Your choice of:
Hearty Appetizer or
Salad or
Dessert

BRING 2:

A gift to exchange:
\$15 limit
Preferably garden
related

BRING 3:

Yourself!
Ready to have fun
and spread Good
Cheer!

"God gave us memories
that we may have roses in
December."

J.M. Barrie
(of Peter Pan fame)

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Thorny Questions & Answers About Rose Propagation

Question: How are rose bushes commercially produced?

Answer: A root stock is grown and then a bud eye from a chosen rose is grafted on to it. Some roses can happily grow and produce flowers on its own roots.

Question: How can I produce rose bushes in my own garden?

Answer: First, do this in late December or January

when you have branches left over from pruning and the weather is cool and damp.

Secondly, use a stem slightly larger than a lead pencil that has six leaf nodes: three to go into the ground and three to stay above the ground. If you have liquid hormone, you can use it, but it is not necessary. If you stick ten stems in the ground, more than half should root. The most important thing to do is not let the cutting

dry out. It is best to do the rooting in semi shade so if your rooting area is in the sun, use pieces of cardboard to shield the cuttings from the sun.

Third, wait and then wait some more. It takes about three months to develop good leaves and roots. When the cuttings are ready, dig them up and pot or place in the desired spot. Fertilize gently.

Fourth, rose stems have a top and

Bottom. Be sure the bottom half goes in the soil.

Adapted from an article by David Shaw in the North Bay Rosarian, November 2014

Fifth: A note from the VCRS Editor: Please remember **DO NOT** propagate roses that are still under patent. We love our hybridizers and want them to continue to develop new roses for us to buy and enjoy in the future!

Let's Play "Rose Jeopardy"

The TV quiz show *Jeopardy!* had a category on September 26th titled "A Rose Garden." The contestants (amazingly) "questioned" all the "answers" correctly. How well can you do?

\$200: It's said every rose has these, but excessive production of these can be cause by Rose Rosette Disease.

\$400: A blend of smoked lavender and rusty red, a rose named for this Mexican spring holiday boast fantastic disease resistance.

\$600: A long-stemmed hybrid tea rose was named for this woman

immortalized as "England's Rose."

\$800: In late summer, spent blooms form these "anatomical fruits."

\$1000: Follow this 3-word rose (see photo) that ostensibly works well as a ground cover.



Answers are on the next page.

Another Idea. On Propagation

Editor's Note: This was posted on Facebook on November 8 from "New Beginnings to Being Yourself". I have absolutely no idea if this will work, but maybe it is worth trying!

Cut a healthy stem, with bud, and insert into a large potato.

Bury the potato 3 to 4 inches deep in a mixture of peat moss and top soil.

The potato keeps the stem moist and helps it develop new root systems. (see photo)



And for those who are canning from their vegetable gardens, this tidbit:

"Tomatoes and squash never fail to reach maturity. You can spray them with acid, beat them with sticks and burn them; they love it." S.J. Perelman, Acres and Pains, 1951.



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Image from
fairyscape.blogspot.com

Succulent Wreaths and Fall Flower Arrangements will be for sale by Las Floralias Flower Arrangement Club and students at the Center of Lifelong Learning's 43rd Annual Flower Arrangement Show:

Saturday, November 22

10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 23

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Located at the :

Schott Center,
Tannahill Auditorium
310 W. Padre Street
Santa Barbara, CA
93101

In addition to our spectacular flower arrangement show there will be a demonstration of flower arranging at 1:00 p.m. on both days. There will also be hand painted floral calendars for sale.

A donation of \$5 will be used to offer grants to the art programs at Santa Barbara schools.

Thank you,
Hetty Shurdleff

The Rose Garden in Autumn

This story is adapted from *The Ventura Rose*, November 1992:

Fall is a favorite season in the garden. Our typically humid climate has changed to desert-dry, as the Santa Ana winds have come to visit. This is the only time of the year that we can relax our vigil against powdery mildew!

The windstorms exact their own price, of course. Our foliage may be mildew-free, but much of it is tattered and torn, as are many blooms which, surely, could have been Queens of the Show! Much more serious of a problem: Check your garden when high winds follow rain. Be sure that none of your plants have been loosened in their

beds by the force of the wind. If necessary, support tall plants with stakes. Climbing roses, particularly, are subject to wind-damage. Tie up any loose canes.

Stop fertilizing roses now and no longer do any 'dead heading'. As the hours of daylight shorten, and the temperature falls, allow the roses to slow their growth and form hips. In our temperate climate, the roses never really achieve dormancy, but you can allow growth to slow down, in preparation for pruning time.

This is an excellent time to begin preparation for planting of new bare-root plants. Prepare new beds now, and allow the mix of new soil to sit until you are ready to plant. If you

plan to transplant any of your roses from one area of the garden to another, this activity may begin in the latter part of this month.

"Rose Jeopardy"

\$200: "What are thorns?"

\$400: "What is 'Cinco de Mayo'?"

\$600: "Who was 'Princess Diana'?"

\$800: "What are hips?"

\$1000: "What is 'Yellow Brick Road'?"

Editor: If you liked this game, submit your own 'Rose Jeopardy' answers and questions to: thebsk82it@aol.com

Hospitality Table

"Refreshments begin at 6:30 p.m. at each meeting.

If you are bringing goodies to eat for the November meeting, think of all the yummy soul food we have with Thanksgiving just a few days away! And, of course, thank YOU!



Top: 'Princess Diana', pink blend (coral-salmon-orange) hybrid tea, Noack, 1981. Image from flickr.com



Below: 'The Cinco de Mayo Rose', 2009 AARS Floribunda winner—one of whose parents was Julia Child. Image from starrosesandplants.com

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Coming Soon

**November 20: Steve Benning
from Star Roses**

**December 11: Annual Holiday
Party**

**January 22: Tom Carruth
Roses at the Huntingdon**

**February 26: Bob Martin
The Future of Roses**

**March 26: Kitty Belendez
Kaleidosope of
Fabulous Floribundas**

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Culturae® Program Rose Group Tour of Italy May 18-24, 2014

From ARS & YOU: This tailor-made tour for rose lovers offers a unique and unforgettable travel experience to visit the best gardens of Italy, both public and private, leading up to the commencement of the 17th WFRS World Rose Convention "Lyon Roses 2015" in Lyon, France. Includes Relais Casale della Certosa, Gardini della Landriana, Ninfa, Maresa Del Bufalo's rose garden, Andrea Emiliani's garden, Helga Bricchet's rose garden, Fineschi Collection of roses, Graziella Soldera's rose garden, a private garden on the way to Monza and the collection at Roseto Nino Fumagalli. For itinerary and information contact Tania Allen at Oliver Travel, oliver.travel@adelaide.on.net or 08 8232 0111 or 1300 856 956.

Mary Hext, Editor
Sue Tiffany, Publisher
ARS & You
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The Editor invites VCRS Members to share photos and stories from their garden. Not just roses, but birds to butterflies, ponds, companion plantings, vegetables and fruits and even pets who enjoy your garden! Send to thebsk82it@aol.com. Be sure to include "VCRS News" in the subject line. Thank you.

Happy Thanksgiving



**Family, Friends, Food
So much to be thankful for!**