

The Ventura Rose

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VCRS November Meeting & Presentation

*** November 19, 2015 ***

Patty Pagaling, Executive Director of Transition to Organics
"How to Biodynamically Grow & Tend Roses in a Drought"

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

5100 Adolfo Road, Camarillo, CA
www.venturarose.org

Musings from Elton MacPherson

Hello Fellow Rose Lovers,

This month I'd like to turn the spotlight on to one of our most important committees, the Program Committee, and its Co-Chairs Elda Bielanski and Karen Fitzpatrick. They are responsible for putting together the speakers and presentations that we enjoy every month. Not an easy task but a most important one.

Elda and Karen are always on the lookout for potential speakers who can fulfill our mission to be entertained and educated in all things having to do with the rose. For example, in the coming months they have lined up

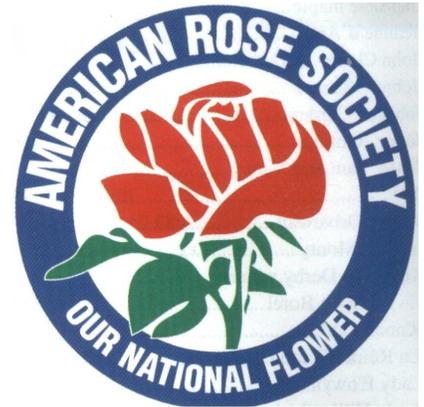
Jolene Adams, the current President of The American Rose Society. Imagine the perspective she will bring to the discussion. Also we will be seeing and hearing from Dr. Tommy Cairns, the most highly honored Rosarian on this planet. Dr. Tommy is a Past President of the American Rose Society and also a Past President of the World Federation of Rose Societies. I have seen and heard him speak and I can guarantee it will be one of the highlights of the coming year. He truly fits the description of "entertaining and educational."

Is there a speaker or topic that you would

be interested in? Here is a chance to let Karen and Elda know what you would like. Just click on this link (eltmac@aol.com) and let me know. I will make sure to pass it on to the Committee. While you're at it, you can let me know anything else about our Society that is on your mind. I hope you feel that you can always come to me with suggestions that will make us better.

See you at the next meeting!

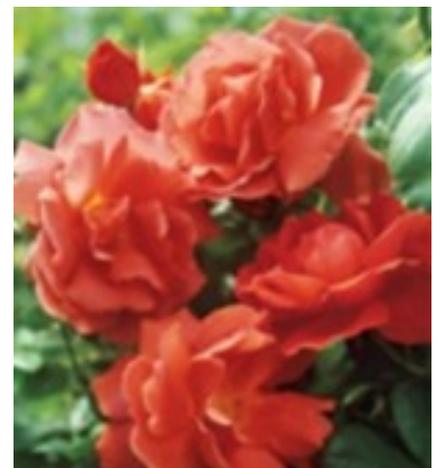
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Cinnamon Twist Rose
Who is ready for the holidays and the smell of cinnamon from the kitchen?
(Photo: Rose Gardening Made Easy)

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Patty Bagaling: Our November Speaker

The VCRS speaker for November will be Patty Bagaling, the Executive Director of Transition to Organics. This non-profit organization is dedicated to inspiring and educating land stewards. They offer workshops, conferences, and hands-on advice about how to build self-nourishing systems that create healthy farms, gardens, and communities. Transition to Organics is working in collaboration with the Blackbird Foundation. More info is available at <http://transition-to-organics.org>).

in 2012, Patty met Gena Nonini, a biodynamic farmer and learned about the benefits of using biodynamic compost. Working with Gene, Patty started her own company, Zack's Organics. In 2014, she began to make Sacred Cow Biodynamic Compost

available for use in gardens, landscapes and farms (www.sacredcowcompost.com).

Patty lives in Ojai with her three rescue dogs Zack, Charlotte and Cassie, and also take care of Chaz, a rescue mustang horse. Patty tends her acre properly biodynamically and is committed to sharing the magic of biodynamics with as many people as she can.

On November 19, the topics to be discussed will include: How to heal your garden and soil with biodynamics, How to avoid drought induced disease without pesticides, System of biodynamic renewal of the soil, Application of biodynamic preps, Using the lunar cycle as your gardening partner, How to have gorgeous rose blooms without the use of chemical aids, The

mystical side of biodynamics, and Hands-on preparing the tea to go on your roses. To contact Patty, write to her at Transitiontoorganics@gmail.com.



Patty Bagaling and Zack

Let's Play "Rose Jeopardy": Singing in the Garden

By Roz Thébaud, VCRS Editor. Answers on page 4. Enjoy! (Imaginary money, of course!)

JEOPARDY ROUND:

\$200: She is sometimes found at Goodwill or Salvation Army.

\$400: She was immortalized in *The Music Man*.

\$600: Go 'there' to see her.

\$800: This is a river that drowns a tender reed.

\$1000: This might be a thorny smooch or buss.



**Good Luck
Rose Lovers!**

DOUBLE JEOPARDY:

\$400: This is hardly a Serta, Sealy or Posturepedic.

\$800: A perfect gift for Valentine's Day.

\$1200: This gal is Celtic and untamed.

\$1600: The color of that perfect Valentine's Day gift.

\$2000: Let these two age, then open, smell and enjoy.

FINAL JEOPARDY:

Your spouse might say this to you when you return from Otto & Sons or Green Thumb.



Image from
fairscape.blogspot.com

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

Saturday, November 21
10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 22
11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Located at the :
Schott Center,
Tannahill Auditorium
310 W. Padre Street
Santa Barbara, CA
93105

In addition to the spectacular flower arrangement show, there will be demonstrations daily at 1:00 p.m. 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 public schools. Parking is free.

Thank you,
Hetty Shurtleff

Chilli Thrips: Don't Let 'Em Bug You!

This information is from the American Rose Society, www.rose.org/chilli-thrips-don't-let-em-bug-you, by Gaye Hammond, Houston Rose Society. In September, Barbara Morse alerted VCRS to this serious threat.

The first reported case of chilli thrips (*Scirtothrips dorsalis*) occurred in McAllen, Texas in 2005. The next outbreak occurred in Houston and there have been confirmed sightings every year since 2006.

The good news is that chilli thrips can be controlled. Where the pest has been correctly identified and effective control methods implemented, the populations were eliminated in the first growing season and did not return to the garden the following year. The bad news - more often than not - is that chilli thrips damage is not correctly identified. This results in a population explosions which gets rapidly out of control and hard to eliminate. Also challenging is the fact that many pesticides that work on other critters do not work on chilli thrips. So not only do you have to correctly identify the pest, but you have to use the right products

to get rid of them.

Species related to roses, such as Indian Hawthorne, can be a hiding place in the garden. Once the pest gets started, it will move from one plant to another, feeding on new growth. Roses are a favorite food source for the thrips since they have new growth for a good part of the year. This - plus the fact the thrips like heat, makes it a difficult pest to control.

Unlike Western Flower Thrips that cause the unsightly browning of rose petals, chilli thrips feed on leaves and stems and have the ability to decimate a plant. They have rasping, cutting mouthparts that work like little saws, splitting open green plant tissue so that they can suck the juice out of the leaves. Their favorite feeding sites are the tender maroon-colored new growths and where leaflets attach to the stem. In these tight locations, they feed until there is no more juice in the plant tissue and then move on to another spot on the plant. As the leaf continues to develop, scars form at the feeding site and depending on the level of feeding, leaves may

be distorted or not look like a leaf at all.

Once the presence of chilli thrips, also known as Chilean thrips, is confirmed, the following steps will help to get the problem under control:

- Cut off all parts of the plant that have evidence of damage.
- Bag the trimmings, tightly tie up the bags and put it in the trash. Do not compost the infected plant parts.
- Begin a spray rotation with a product proven to control chilli thrips.*
- Rotate the selection of chemical treatments in order to avoid the pest becoming resistant to the treatment. It is advisable to continue treatment applications for at least 6 weeks.
- Watch the plants for repeat symptoms of pest feeding. As symptoms reoccur, repeat the process.

Remember, chilli thrips are so small that you need a microscope to see them unless you can find them on new, maroon growth.

*Products which contain Spinosad (a naturally occurring organic pesticide) include Captain Jack's Deadbug and Monterey garden products.

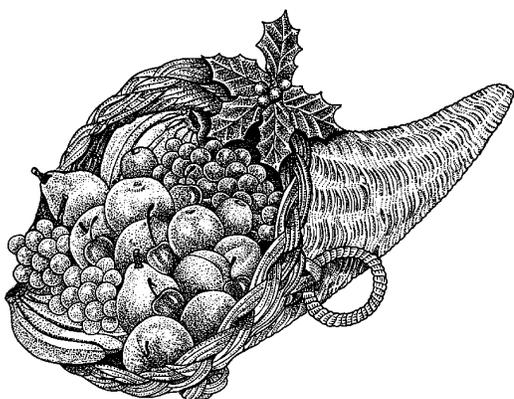
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Coming Soon

November 19: Patty Bagaling

December 10: Holiday Party



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 Program Chairs: Elda Bielanski & Karen Fitzpatrick
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To Connie Estes,

who once again has shared her love of roses to help
 VCRS. Those who took

**A CORNUCOPIA
 OF THANKS**

home books from the
 September sale have
 real treasures!

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.

JEOPARDY ANSWERS:
Jeopardy Round: 1) Second Hand Rose, 2) Lida Rose, 3) The Yellow Rose of Texas, 4) The Rose (Bette Midler), 5) Kiss from a Rose (Seal).
Double Jeopardy: 1) Bed of Roses (Bon Jovi), 2) Rose of My Heart (Bill Haley and the Comets), 3) My Wild Irish Rose, 4) The Rose of Tralee, 5) The Days of Wine and Roses (Henry Mancini).
Final Jeopardy: (I never promised you) A Rose Garden (Lynn Anderson, and 'she' might be growing in your garden!).

