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PROGRAM FOR

October 22, 2008

"Soil and Fertilizer"

By *Steve and Diane Steps*

County Fair Building
Lincoln Way and Ninth Avenue
San Francisco
- 7:30 P.M. -

This month's program will allow consulting rosarians to earn 1 CR point toward their continuing education requirement. Steve and Diane Steps will be talking about soil and fertilizers. This is an helpful and interesting program for us regular folk and CRs alike.

Come and bring a friend.

See you there!

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Attending the NCNH District Conference in Redding was a good learning experience. I've attended other conferences, but this time of course I was going with my eyes wide-open to glean as much information as possible to bring back for us to utilize for the 2009 Conference.

They had several ideas for raffles including a contest to pick the name of a rose if you won. But a GREAT raffle item was a potting bench that was loaded with tools, gloves, mini rakes, kneeling pads, pruning sheers, potting soil, a garden debris basket, and even a bird house! I bought yards and yards of tickets - yes, they sold the tickets by the yard (40 tickets for \$20) as well as the usual 6 for \$5, but it wasn't meant to be. Someone else was the lucky winner. They also had a Silent Auction and I WAS the successful bidder of a Blenko aubergine-colored bowl. Rose Gilardi participated too and came home with a quilt and a rose decorated rug.

She also took a lot of notes and pictures at the conference. One idea she liked was the way they used the storage boxes for the Perpetual Trophies to make stands for the trophies to be placed on which raised them up and made them stand out. They were covered with black velveteen fabric and looked great!

I clerked for Joan Goff, and she had a simple way of tallying. Each team was given a clip-board to write on - we only needed to record the first place winners in each category - the exhibitor and the rose. We also recorded this information on cards on the table - and these cards were then collected and delivered to the appropriate person - this is how they were able to get such a rapid tally.

All in all, there were a lot of great speakers, good food, good company, beautiful roses (Tom Bonfigli took not only Queen, but King and Princess in the Horticultural Show, and Jennifer Galli of San Mateo won several awards in the Arrangement Class). All very enjoyable.

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October 2008 Consulting Rosarian Report By Linda Morris

The better your soil, the more flowers you can expect from roses! Soil is the most important growing component the rose plant needs. Please take some time to analyze the soil holding your roses. Does it drain well? Digging deep planting holes usually provides adequate drainage. Does water run through sandy soil quickly? Add amendments and mulch at least 4 times per year. Dig down deeply and make sure it is not hard pan or compacted soil. Raised beds are best if soil is a real problem. Here we have all types of soils, so check with your closest C.R. to see what to do for your particular soil, if in doubt. Many use large pots or barrels to plant their rose bushes in, Controlling the soil and watering conditions. This is a lot of work and usually is not necessary, unless you are adding a rose to a place where there is no garden.

Also, look around and decide which roses will be moved/removed. Plan to prepare the holes now for new rose homes. Never replant in an old existing soil. New soil can be prepared now: Mix your blend thoroughly, dampen it and set aside until later. Turn in periodically and moisten. When ready for use in winter/spring it will be friable (loose and porous) and ready to use. When space is a premium, plan on using on part garden loam with two parts of Commercial peat-based potting mix. Or you may put compost, rotted manure and sprinkling of superphosphate fertilizer in the bottom of the planting hole.

October is the last month of the year (for me) to fertilize roses. Most commercial fertilizers contain the three main nutrients needed for good growth, nitrogen (N), phosphorous (P) and potassium (K). These are listed on the label as 0-10-0. Do not use fertilizers with nitrogen on roses at this time in order to prepare them for winter dormancy (as much as we can if in a Mediterranean climate). Most chemical fertilizers are salts

which salts can interfere with the ability of the plant to obtain water. Too heavy an application of chemical fertilizers will cause a burn on the leaves similar to not watering a plant during hot weather. Therefore, never apply fertilizer to dry soil. Keep roses heavily watered before and after an application of chemical fertilizers. Humus in the soil will reduce the burning effect as well.

Hopefully, we will get normal amounts of rainfall – if not, continue to water your roses well. If it rains but you notice that it did not rain enough to penetrate the roots; you will also need continue watering. Roses must have about 10 gallons per week for a H.T. – less if smaller. Since roses need so much of our water, conserve water in other ways to make up for them. Contact your local water department for conservation information.

Since foliage is dropping rapidly now, it is important to carefully maintain a clean-up schedule. I.P.M.: After raking up all fallen leaves, add mulch around roses, then again after winter pruning to help contain blackspot spores under the mulch to minimize its dispersal. Continue spraying for fungi and insects as necessary.





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Virginia Hayes	

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OCTOBER GGRS BIRTHDAYS

Mary Anne Kayiatos 6
Frances Newburn 15
Jim Mackey 28
James Armstrong 30

NEXT MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

Mary Armstrong 8
Rose Gilardi 10
Rose Poblete 13
Virginia Hayes 22



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GGRS Monthly Rose Show

Date: September 23, 2008
Judge: Rose Gilardi
Best of Show: Secret / Eilene Chun

Amateur

Class		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	HM
10	HTORGR 1 Bloom		Heaven / V. Hayes		
20	HTORGR Spray	Secret / E. Chun			
30	Any rose not men- tioned Open bloom	Bewitched / V. Hayes	First Price / V. Hayes	Donna Darlin / V. Hayes	
40	FL 1 bloom or spray	Pride of Oakland / F. New- burn Rainbow Sarbet V. Hayes	Brilliant Pink Iceberg / F. Newburn		
50	Mini 1 bloom		Irresistible / F. Newburn	Julie Ann / V. Hayes	
60	Mini spray	Stars "n" Stripes / F. New- burn			
70	Mini Open 1 bloom				
80	Shrub 1 bloom or spray				
90	OGR 1 bloom or naturally grown				
1 00	Any rose not listed CL Poly, Sin- gle	Belinda / V. Hayes			
200	Floating any type				
300	Special Class				

400 Large Arrangement: "Roses with great fall bloom"

1st E. Chun
2nd
3rd F. Newbern
h.m.

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1st
2nd
3rd
h.m.



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2008 Monthly Rose Show Arrangement Theme:

"Roses Are Great in 2008"

by Kathy Guthrie

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Arrangement Class: Large Roses (400/444)

"Fall is in the Air"

Do a rose arrangement of your choice using roses and any autumn accessories or dried materials for the line elements. For example: Fall branches, dried leaves, gourds, etc.

Arrangement Class: Small roses (500/555)

"Ghostly Tales"

Do a small arrangement using floribunda, miniature, and/or miniflora roses, no more than 7 inches in any direction.

Special Horticultural Class

"The Fat Lady Sings"

It's all over, and we go for the Grand Prize: 3 blooms, fully open with stamens showing, autumn colors. One vase.

Novices may submit arrangement of any style.

NOTES FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board met for the October Board Meeting at the home of Elaine Carlino.

The group discuss organizing logistics and identified questions about the fertilizer sales early next year. The board decided on an incentive for early renewals now found renewal application inserted in the bulletin this month. It also discussed who to solicit to complete the 2009 slate of officer.

The next general meeting will be held at the home of Elaine Carlino on November 5th.



Next Month's Program

New Roses

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Picture from the 08 Fall District Conference



Virginia with Barbara Shula and Baldo Villegas Lurking in the back.



Steve Jones, Rose Gilardi and Baldo Villegas



The group toured the garden of Hal and Lucille Muns.



Luciano and Jennifer Galli



An arrangement at the rose show.
No, this is not the GGRS logo.



Fountain at Gover Ranch, another garden tour destination the group enjoyed

These pictures and many more are available to download and print at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/ggrs/sets>



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The first planning meeting for the 2009 Conference resulted in the selection of three people who will co-chair the Rose Show for the Conference - Charles Dowling, Mim Poynor, and Elaine Carlino. Charles will be the contact person. We also worked on a list of about 25 Things to Do that Jolene Adams had provided. Several of the items were dependent upon the Rose Show Schedule - which is being written by Rose Gilardi.



Potting bench and the bounty of raffle prizes at the Redding Fall Conference.

At another meeting with the President's of the other participating rose societies - Kathy Dooley of San Francisco RS and Jennifer Galli of San Mateo RS - Jennifer talked about the menu items and cost for not only the dinner Saturday evening, but the reception Friday evening, and breakfast Sunday morning. Kathy has been working on arranging for speakers for the conference as well out sending out donor request letters to various companies and corporations. Lots of work to do!

At our meeting last month I talked about the need for Keeper Trophies and that although we don't actually need the trophies just yet, we did need to know who would be able to donate 1 or 2 \$15-20 items. Several people volunteered to bring some. Another need is for items for the raffle table - large or small. If you can donate

an item - pruning shears, gloves, kneeling pads ear-mark it for the raffle table - ditto any cash donated.

This month the Program speakers are Steve and Diana Steps who will be here to talk about soil and fertilizer. This is a program that CR's can earn 1 point by attending, but EVERYONE can benefit from learning more about their soil and the fertilizers to use.

Virginia Hayes

GOLDEN GATE ROSE SOCIETY ELECTION

The election of officers to serve for the year of 2008 will take place at the regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, NOVEMBER 19, 2008.

We are pleased to announce the following slate of officers.

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| President | <i>Virginia Hayes</i> |
| Vice President | <i>Charles Dowling</i> |
| Secretary | <i>Rose Gilardi</i> |
| Treasurer | <i>Leanna Lucchesi</i> |
| Director | <i>Elaine Carlino</i> |

In addition, there are important volunteer jobs such as, Editor, Publisher, Consulting Rosarian, Membership, Refreshments, Publicity, Program, Monthly Rose Show, Raffles and Hospitality. Current chairpersons are urged to continue next year but anyone who would like to offer their expertise is welcome.



Let's Talk...



Members of the NCNH District:

Next year ARS is having a Triennial Election. How does that impact our District? We need to have certain officers in place well before the ARS election to ensure a smooth transition of leadership. Next year a new District Director will be elected for this District - and before that person is installed in office, NCNH needs to have the role of Deputy Director, Treasurer, Secretary and our Member of the Nominating & Awards Committee decided.

Here's how we do this. A Nominating Committee was formed at the District Business Meeting on October 5. The Chair is Lesa Lane (drlesa@clearwire.net). The Committee will be compiling a list of people interested in serving the District as one of these officers. The committee will deliberate and come up with a slate for us to vote on in March at our Spring Business Meeting on March 14 in Sacramento.

If you are interested in serving, please let Lesa Lane know! Here are the responsibilities of each office:

DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTOR

The Deputy District Director assumes the District duties of the District Director in the District Director's absence. In the event the District Director is unable to complete the term, the Deputy District Director shall take on the District business responsibilities until, according to the ARS By-laws, a new District Director can be elected or appointed. The Deputy is a member of the Executive Committee and a voting member of the District Council.

The Deputy Director shall

1. assume the duties of the office after the conclusion of the business meeting at which elected,
2. assist local Societies within the District with fund raising, acting as liaison at the District meetings and carrying out such additional duties as determined by the District Director.

TREASURER

The Treasurer ensures fiscal responsibility for the NCNH District. The Treasurer is a member of the Executive Committee and a voting member of the District Council.

The Treasurer shall

1. assume the duties of the office after the conclusion of the business meeting at which elected,
2. receive the records reviewed by the Financial Review Committee from the outgoing Treasurer at the conclusion of the business meeting,
3. account for all monies of the District and shall pay out the monies under the direction of



- the District Director. The Treasurer co-signs all checks and financial instruments with the District Director or other designated District officer,
4. prepare an annual budget to be presented to the Executive Committee for recommendation to the District Council for approval,
 5. present a written record of all receipts and disbursements at each business meeting,
 6. perform such other duties as required by the Executive Committee.

SECRETARY

The Secretary keeps the records of all District Meetings. The Secretary is a member of the Executive Committee and a voting member of the District Council.

The Secretary shall

1. assume the duties of the office after the conclusion of the business meeting at which elected,
2. record the minutes of all business meetings and conduct official correspondence,
3. send an agenda of all business meetings to the web master and the local societies 30 days before the event so that the society's representatives may be informed on issues,
4. be responsible for sending notice of the business meetings and the District Rose Show and Conference in the American Rose magazine and the ARS web site,
5. record the names in advance of the voting delegates for each local society and provide voting wands for them before each District business meeting.

NOMINATIONS & AWARDS CHAIR

The Chair of Nominations and Awards serves as the District's member of the National Nomination Committee of the American Rose Society. The Nominations and Awards Chair is a member of the Executive Committee and a voting member of the District Council. The Chair of Nominations and Awards prepares a budget, showing expenses and income (if any), and sends it to the Treasurer 30 days prior to each District meeting.

The Chair of Nominations and Awards shall

1. Chair the District Awards Committee,
2. request the President of each local society to provide the name of that society's representative on the District Awards Committee at the beginning of the District Director's term of office,
3. conduct the selection process for the District Silver Honor Medal appointment(s), according to the ARS Guidelines,
4. help the CR Chair and the Judges Chairs in their selection of the Outstanding Judge(s) and Outstanding Consulting Rosarian for each year.

I hope several of you will agree to serve as an officer of the NCNH District. Be sure to let Lesa know before too much time has passed so the committee can begin the selection process.

Jolene Adams
NCNH District Director



GOLDEN GATE ROSE SOCIETY
Holiday Dinner/Party

Thursday, December 5, 2008
6:30 PM
Dinner - \$35.00



LAKESIDE CAFÉ
2529 Ocean Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94132

All entrees are served with sourdough bread, a tossed salad, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and coffee or tea.

Be sure to check one of the entrees when you fill out the Reservation Form.

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NAME: _____

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- Grilled New York Steak (9 oz)
- Grilled Atlantic Salmon (6 oz.)
with lemon-butter sauce
- Grilled Double Breast of Chicken with rosemary, oregano, garlic and olive oil

Make your check payable to **Golden Gate Rose Society**. The **Reservation Deadline** is November 30, 2007.

Limited space available –the room can only accommodate 50 people. Get your reservation in early!!!!



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DATES TO REMEMBER

October 22nd

November 19th

December 5th

General Meeting

General Meeting

Holiday Party

