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Newsletter for the Pikes Peak Rose Society, Rocky Mt. District of the American Rose Society.
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JAN-FEB 2018

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Pikes Peak Rose Society's **February meeting** will be held **Saturday morning Feb. 17th, 10 am to 12 noon** at Fire Station #8 located at 3737 Airport Road, Colorado Springs.

Program "Waking Roses from Their Winter Nap" .

*Congratulations and
thank you to
Dwight Jensen
& Dennis Husk*

for your well deserved
Outstanding Service awards!

Its not just the great hospitality at the
Holiday Parties but your support of our
society in so many ways. Thank you!



Dennis Husk left and Dwight Jensen right with their Outstanding Service awards, presented to them at last November's Holiday Party at their home. Dwight and Dennis have been Membership and Treasurer for our society. And you can usually find them at PPRS events, helping in every way.

Photo by Betty Roberts.



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You may contact any of the **Rosarians** listed below
with questions about your roses.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Diana Kilmer, MR
President

February 2018

Morning to all our rosy members and friends,

As it is getting closer to spring my fingers are itching to get out and work in the garden on the sunny days, but I know better,

so I am staying inside and getting the rose info out to all of you.

Did you have any roses in your garden not perform as you had expected? Did you dig them up and make room for a few new roses this spring? Now that you are inside and have a magazine or two with a list of all the new roses it is time to dream of which roses you want to plant in the spring. Most of the catalogs will take your orders now and ship them in April or May when it is time to plant here in the Colorado Springs, so sit back and relax for a couple more months and catch up on reading and staying warm inside.

At the October meeting the members elected a new board for the 2018 term, your President is Diana Kilmer, 1st Vice President (programs) is Mike Eckley, 2nd Vice President (show chairman) is Walt Kilmer, Treasurer is Melisa Woodley, Secretary is Trish McCormick, Membership, Dwight Jensen volunteered and Kaye Rowan also volunteered to be hospital-ity again this year. When any of your board members ask you to help with a project please say yes, it takes many hands to make a rose society fun and we hope that all of you are learning more each time you join us at a meeting.

If you have not paid your 2018 dues as of yet, please send your application and check to Dwight Jensen or give it to him at the meeting, dues were due and payable by Dec. 31st for the 2018 year.

We will have 35 roses come in from Weeks growing grounds and Walt and I will pot them up so you will be able to pick them up on April 21st, 2018. The list is under Ways & Means articles and you can pre-pay for them at the February meeting to insure that you get the roses you want for your garden. The price will only be \$25.00 and the roses will be potted in 5 gallon containers, see Walt for more info.



Photo from Help me find

Madam President, FL (zone 6b to 9)
About 1975, by Samuel Darragh McGredy IV
Grown to commemorate the Golden Jubilee
of the Women's Division of Federated Farmers
of New Zealand

We will not have fertilizer to sell again this year at this time due to Royal Franklin is very ill and the company is trying to find a replacement person, so when he gets info we will forward to members. Walt is handling Ways & Means sales of roses, so seems you might want to bring your check book to the meeting, so you can pre-order your roses with 50% down at that time, the list of the roses is in Walt's write-up is in the announcements. He also indicates where to find the pictures that show what they look like and how they grow.

Spencer's Nursery is holding their annual garden event on March 9th, 10th, & 11th this year, just in time for us to see all the new roses and plants. The event will be from 9 am to 5 pm on Friday and Saturday and on Sunday it will be held from 10 am to 4 pm, so think about what time you might want to sign up and volunteer for a 2 hour shift. Diana will have a sign up sheet at the February meeting, but if you're not able to be there email or call Diana and she will let you know what shifts are available.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting, bring a friend or a neighbor and help the Pikes Peak Rose Society grow in 2018, the more the merrier.

Diana

DIANA KILMER, MR AND PPRS PRESIDENT

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spencer's Annual Spring Garden Show

March 9 - 11th

March 9th, 10th & 11, are the Spencer's Garden days and our rose society will have a booth again this year so I will have a sign-up sheet at the February meeting for those that want to volunteer for a couple hours, the hours are from 9 am to 5 pm on Friday and Saturday and on Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm. We will be selling our *Growing Roses In Colorado* book along with other books, some sign up early and if you are not going to be at the February meeting call me @ 951-834-2330 or email me @ waltkilmer39@verizon.net to sign up early.

SymROSEium

April 7th, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm
at Denver Botanic Gardens

The Denver Rose Society will hold its annual SymROSEium on Saturday, April 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Denver Botanic Gardens in Mitchell Hall. Chris VanCleave, nick-named The Redneck Rosarian and a national speaker, will present "Roses for the Real World." Shalene Hiller, horticulturist for the City of Westminster since 2000 and former perennial propagator and grower for Paulino Gardens, will speak on companion plants for roses. This event is open to the public and free with paid admission to the Gardens. Consulting Rosarians will be on hand to answer questions. Mile-Hi Rose Feed, GreenCure®, and "Growing Roses in Colorado" booklet will be available for purchase. There will be a table of gently used treasures for sale, and drawings will be held for free gardening prizes. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Tammy Jansen at 303-912-5368 or jansen.tammy@gmail.com.

Welcome New Member

Seen at November's Holiday Party

are (left to right)
Kaye Rowan, Jackie Goodwin (past president, Aurora Glaze and new member
Dee Bosch.

Dee recently moved to Cotopaxi from New Jersey. Welcome, Dee!



PPRS 2018 WAYS & MEANS Fund Raisers

ROSES FOR SALE

Here is a list of the roses we will have for sale this Year. This will be our only fund raiser for the Rose Show. You can find more pictures of some of these roses in the Sept /Oct ARS magazine. The first is

TOP GUN shrub orange/red # 33 on pg 84,
EASY ON THE EYES shrub mauve #6 pg 79,
EASY SPIRIT floribunda white #7 pg 79.
CAPE DIAMOND climber medium pink &
PARTY HARDY shrub pink, is shown as
Nouvelle France.

We will be getting the roses in early March, they will be potted up in 5 gallon containers and the cost will only be \$25.00 per plant. We only have thirty five roses so if you would like to pre-order you can put \$10.00 down for each variety you desire at our February meeting, the balance can be paid on April 21, when you pick them up.



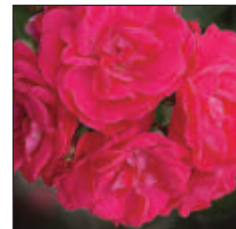
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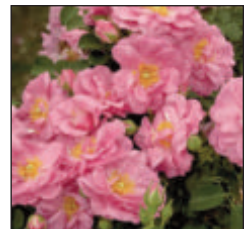
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MILE HIGH ROSE FEED

We will once again have the Mile High Rose Feed for sale in February. We will have an order form for you to fill out and pay for at this meeting and you will pick it up at the April meeting, the income from this goes into the general fund.



WALT KILMER, WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN



LATE JANUARY

Fresh, frosty and fragrant in the garden this morning! We finally have a snow that is actually measurable...an inch or two...we so need the moisture. Watching the news of the terrible fires in California in December, I worried about our dry conditions here and decided to check my own back yard which is full of scrub oaks. Boy, was I surprised to find myself ankle deep in leaves and dead branches (a fire waiting to happen).

But what a lovely and natural mulch it was! There was a lot of green growth under it as it had kept the soil warm and moist. This is a good example of why our rose society recommends that you wait on mulching your roses until after Thanksgiving or even New

Years. This gives the soil a chance to freeze. The purpose of mulch is to keep your roses COLD, not warm. It helps protect them from the temperature fluctuations we so often get on our many mild and sunny winter days.

Also, check your rose garden soil every month, as it has likely dried out. I watered for an hour yesterday when it was sunny and warm. Most of the roses are frozen in under their leafy mulch, but around the edges, the grass, shrubs, etc was all thawed and dry.

How to check? When you can (every month!) trowel down 4 inches and give the soil a squeeze. If it balls up and then breaks up easily it is good! If it doesn't ball up then it is dry. If it balls up and doesn't easily break apart, then it is too wet.

When to water? When the soil is not frozen. Water early enough to give the water time to soak in. You don't want it to collect around the base of the canes and freeze...that can damage the canes.

It's tricky, I know, but as sunny and mild as the weather here on the front range can be, you will find many opportunities to not only water but enjoy your garden. Check your mulch, that the wind hasn't blown it away or a heavy snow flattened it. Sit in the sun and enjoy a rosy book, sketch up a new rose bed or just test your memory by jotting down the location of each rose. Its a good time to sharpen and oil your tools, plan a new color scheme of companion plants or locate a spot for bird and bee houses. And any time your soil is workable...you can dig!

Phyllis

PHYLLIS GODFREDSON, CR & EDITOR



Some good winter reading: the ARS Annual and rose catalogs.



RMD & NATIONAL NEWS

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT NEWS

The 2018 Rocky Mountain District Show and Convention is being sponsored this year by the Idaho Rose Society. Go to <http://rmdistrict.org/> to read all about the plans and to download the registration form, the show schedule, and the schedule of events. We will have THREE guest speakers at the awards dinner: Pat Shanley, President of the American Rose society, and both nominees for the ARS Vice President - Diane Sommers and Chris VanCleave. The election will be held this summer via computer voting. All ARS "Regular" members are eligible to vote. Plan to be there to hear their plans for our organization going forward.

NOTE: If you plan to exhibit at the District Show - be sure to bring your own vases. IRS does NOT have a supply of vases.

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NATIONAL DISTRICT NEWS

The next ARS National event will be the National Miniature Conference and Rose Show to be held in Jacksonville, Florida. The Conference dates are May 4, 5, and 6. For more information, you can go to the website below.

<http://www.jacksonvillerosesociety.org/national%20miniature%20conference%20and%20rose%20show%202018.html>

The thing that always confused me was why it is called the "National Miniature Conference and Rose Show." I thought maybe only miniature roses were in the show. NO. It is a full rose show. They say "Miniature" in the title and here is the reason: ARS has national trophies given at their rose national shows. They have been divided into two groups - Miniature and Large Roses. Thus, the spring show is called a "Miniature" conference and show because the trophies for miniature species are given at the spring show, and the other trophies are given at the fall show.

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A ROSE WITH A STORY

Mme. Isaac Pereire
Bourbon rose, introduced 1881, 8.4

Sometimes, a rose's name does double duty – especially when the woman it commemorates has a famous husband. Fanny Pereire (1825-1910) was clearly proud of her marriage to Isaac Pereire, one of nineteenth century France's most successful financiers. Rather than asserting her independence the year after he died, she honored him, and herself as well, by paying the nurserymen Jules and Charles Margottin to introduce this rose as "Mme. Isaac Pereire".

Or perhaps Fanny simply wanted to differentiate her maiden and married names. You see, Isaac was the brother of her father, Emile Pereire. Today, such a marriage would raise eyebrows. But in the speculative, super competitive heyday of France's Second Empire, inseparable brothers Emile and Isaac apparently liked to keep it all in the family.

Although the Pereires worked for the Rothschilds early in their careers, animosities developed between the two families after the Pereires built their own railroad, the Paris-Saint-Germain line. Major contributors to the modernization of France, they also developed hotels and other opulent buildings in Paris's seventeenth arrondissement; built the first French steamship company to offer regular service to New York; and created a seaside resort at Achachon. It's said that the Pereire-Rothschild tensions ran so

deep that the stationmaster at Gretz-Armainvilliers, where both families had country estates, booked train times so that the business magnates didn't cross paths.

For all of their high style, the Pereires didn't live in a glamorous bubble. They helped lead the Saint-Simonian movement, which supported the rights of laborers. Isaac, who was awarded the Legion of Honor for his philanthropy, promoted his ideas through his own daily newspaper, *La Liberté*; he also established a generous prize for writing on social economics.



Madame Isaac Pereire, born in 1824, France.

In a photograph taken during her later years, Mme. Isaac Pereire, sumptuously attired in silk, with her silver hair loosely atop her head, appears to be a good-natured grandmotherly sort. Her namesake rose, in contrast, suggests her family's audacious nature. Its powerful scent, cherished as one of the most fragrant among Old Roses, comes at you with all the subtlety of, appropriately enough, an oncoming train.



Mme. Isaac Pereire.
photo from *Pink Ladies and Crimson Gents*.

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FEATURED ROSE

Mister Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln said, "We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorny bushes have roses." Mister Lincoln, the hybrid tea rose, gives us a reason to rejoice that thorny bushes have roses.

Mister Lincoln has dark red blooms that have enough fragrance to knock your socks off. One bloom can fill an entire room with its heady aroma. Each large bloom has 35 to 40 petals. The bloom form varies from high-centered exhibition form to a cupped bloom. The leathery foliage is dark green with a matte finish.



Photo: Jackson and Perkins Catalog

Mister Lincoln was bred by Swim & Weeks in 1964 and commercially introduced by Conrad-Pyle (Star Roses) in 1965. It has remained popular to this day.

This vigorous plant likes to grow tall with an upright form. It can be susceptible to black spot, mildew and occasionally rust, but we don't have much of that here in Southern California.

Mister Lincoln is a splendid addition to any rose garden. Giving a Mister Lincoln rosebush to a sweetheart is a perfect way to say I love you. It will keep on giving.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Diana

DIANA KILMER, MR AND PPRS PRESIDENT



Mother's Day Tea

May 5th, 2018 serving at 11 am tea ending at 1 pm
Pikes Peak Christian Church, The Peak Room, 4955 Bradley Rd., COS 80911

You are invited!

Tickets pre sold only, \$15.00 ea. contact: Diana Kilmer, originalsbydiana42@verizon.net
Seating is limited to only the first 80 people

Menu: Sandwich of egg salad, chicken salad, cucumber & cress; scone with lemon curd
brownie with whipped cream, strawberry dipped in chocolate and all the tea you would like.

Don't forget that when you make your purchase of a ticket you are helping PPRS with the only fund raiser this year and your donation is a tax deduction for we are a 501c3 non profit organization affiliated with the American Rose Society and you do not have to be a member of Pikes Peak Rose Society to join in the fun.



CR LETTER

Where Should We Buy Our Roses

As avid rose growers we all need to know where to buy the roses that will do best in our private gardens. There are several reasons we need to support our local nurseries and get the best roses possible.

- 1) The roses our local nurseries bring in to sell are roses that will survive the growing conditions here in Colorado Springs, we are zone 4 to 5.
- 2) Roses are already potted up, growing and ready to go into the ground so they take off and the plants are healthy giving us plenty of rose blooms through out summer.
- 3) Most of our local nurseries give you a guarantee on the plants, 30 days or more when planted as instructed.
- 4) Have a person with experience and knowledge of companion plants for roses.

The following is a list of nurseries that carry a good selection of roses to choose from:



Rick's Nursery & Garden Center,
1827 W. Uintah St, Colo. Springs,
M - S 9 am - 5 pm, closed Sundays.
Rose list available later in March.



High Country Roses,
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Phelan Gardens, 4955 Austin Bluffs Parkway, Colo. Springs,
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Most of the nurseries mentioned above carry some organic type products that will help us stay safe while in our gardens whether feeding or spraying.

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Rosa Mundi (OGR)

CALENDAR

2018 calendar for our Pikes Peak Rose Society:

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February 17th, Saturday meeting from 10 am to 12 noon at Fire Station #8, 3737 Airport Road, Colorado Springs Program "Waking Roses from Their Winter Nap"

March 9th, 10th & 11th, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Spencer's Garden event & Membership Drive
4720 Center Valley Drive, Fountain CO

March 12th, Meeting, 6 pm to 8:30 pm -- Firestation #8
"New Roses 2018" by Mike Ingram

April 9th, Meeting, 6 pm to 8:30 pm -- Firestation #8
"Mile Hi Rose Feed", pick up your orders of additives

April 14th, Free Pruning Demo TBD, by Walt & Diana
Location to be announced

April 21st, Pick up roses you ordered, 8 to 12 noon at Walt & Diana's 7481 Bonterra Lane, CS



May 5h, Saturday Mother's Day Tea, 11 am to 1 pm
Pikes Peak Christian Church, 4955 Bradley Rd., COS 80911

May 19th, Saturday meeting from 10 to 12-- Firestation #8
"Macro Photography" by Chris Gillbert

June 11th, Meeting, 6 pm to 8:30 pm -- Firestation #8
"Dry Wrapping Roses for Rose Show" by Mike Eckley

June 23rd, ANNUAL ROSE SHOW, Walt Kilmer Chr.
6650 Omaha Blvd., 6 am to 5:00 pm

June 30th, DENVER ROSE SHOW, Dave Ingram
Denver Botanical Gardens., 6 am to 5:00 pm

July Garden Tour & Potluck- Godfredson's home

August, garden tour & Potluck- TBD

September, 10th, Monday, 6 pm to 9 pm

October 8th, meeting, 6 pm to 8:30 pm -- Firestation #8
Morticia Addams Show and election of officers

November, Holiday Party & installation of new board members, date TBA later.



WINTER GARDEN TIPS

FEBRUARY: WATER AND PLAN YOUR GARDEN

- Check your mulches to be sure the winter winds have not blown them away, and replace as necessary.
- Check your soil at least once a month by digging down a few inches to see what's happening! If it is dry, water by hand or by sprinklers. Water only when the soil is thawed and can allow the water to penetrate before refreezing in evening. Water pooling and freezing around the canes can damage them.
- Winter is a good time to check your soil's pH at the root level. An ideal pH is from 6.0 to 7.5.
- This is great time to plan for Spring! When soil is workable you could start digging a new rose bed or relocating a bush. This will give you a jump on spring duties. Remember that roses need at least 6 hours of sunshine a day.
- Enjoy the gardening catalogs that have been coming in your mail! Pick out some new varieties and order soon while they are still in stock. Bare-root roses can be planted in March when the soil is workable. Wait for the warm days of late May and June to plant potted & leafed roses, to avoid damage from a late spring frost.



YOU MAY JOIN THE PIKES PEAK ROSE SOCIETY BY CONTACTING:
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2018 Membership Dues

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