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President's Message

December begins a season that brings Joy, when we embrace the simple gifts that are ours for the taking. The gifts of laughter, love and peace come to us from being with family and friends, celebrating and sharing. Our gardens in December also provide beautiful color, foliage and line materials that can make a simple table look elegant.

Just last week, my daughter and I had a chance to do just that ---by taking a walk through the garden, we quickly gathered the makings for a vibrant and lovely arrangement. What a simple thing to do---and yet it brought us both great joy.

I wish for all our WJRS friends many moments of joy and peace. I also hope that this season will bring renewed energy and good health to all our members and especially for those who cannot be with us—you remain in our hearts and in our thoughts.

So, I urge you to come to our December meeting and bring a friend. We have planned time to enjoy lovely photos of member gardens. So,

- remember to send your photos via email to Brenna Bosch
- **bring some home- made cookies and treats to be eaten and exchanged**
- You will have an opportunity **to bid upon some baskets full of garden goodies**.

This will be a way of contributing to the society while at the same time giving you an opportunity to take home a lovely gift for a friend or even for yourself.

So plan to be there—**December 16**--- and wear a holiday shirt and tinsel in your hair---it will be a fun and relaxing time for all WJRS members, family and friends.

Iliana Okum

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS & PROGRAM NEWS

By Brenna Bosch

December One of Bill Kozemchak's rose beds 5/31/09	**Holiday Party and Photographic Gallery of Member Rose Gardens** Attention WJRS Members! Please forward hard copy photos or electronic files of your rose gardens to Brenna Bosch (brennabosch@att.net). We love all seasons of rose gardens – blooming, tucked in for the winter, spring unveiling, roses in snow, before and after, watering day, rose plants in pots, rose plants on fences, etc. All submitted photos and files will be included in a PowerPoint presentation and presented at the December meeting.
January	**No meeting. Enjoy the winter weather.**
If anyone has a lecture topic or a speaker they would like to hear at one of our meetings, let me know at our next meeting or send me an e-mail at brennabosch@att.net. I would be happy to send out an invitation to a speaker or find a speaker for a particular topic. We want to hear from you!	

Tom Mayhew's
Best of Show Photo
of the hybrid tea rose ***Moonstone*** shown at the
Palm Springs International Rose Photography Show
held at the
2009 American Rose Society Fall National Conference & Rose Show

WJRS Rose Sale

The annual West Jersey Rose Sale has begun! We have **11** orders so far! Keep those orders coming! Remember the "Target Date" for returning forms is the beginning of December, 2009. Ordering early helps ensure that your rose selections will be available.

New Varieties Available:
We have enough orders to now include the following varieties in the Rose Sale:

Rainbow Knockout: Shrub, coral pink and yellow, sweet juniper fragrance, not yet rated - $14 each.

Blushing Knockout: Shrub, light pink blooms that fade to shell pink, no fragrance, 8.1 rating - $14.00 each.

If you have not forwarded your order to **Brenna Bosch** yet and you would like to order these varieties, please write them in on your order form. If you have already ordered and would like to order these varieties also, please contact me.

Possible Additional Varieties
We have interest in the following varieties but not enough orders. Medford Nursery requires that we order any variety in quantities of 5. Please contact me if you are interested in any of the varieties below.

Fragrant Plum : Gr, lavender, fruity fragrance, 8.1 rating

Granada: HT, gold, peach & pink, strong rose and spice fragrance, 7.9 rating

Neptune: HT, lavender, strong sweet rose fragrance, 7.5 rating

Royal Amethyst: HT, lavender, strong fruity fragrance, 7.4 rating

Angel Face: F, silvery lavender, strong perfume of sweet citrus, 7.7 rating

Burgundy Iceberg: F, deep purple-red burgundy and cream, nearly thornless stems, not yet rated

Ebb Tide: F, deep purple opening to velvet-plum, strong, spicy clove scent, 7.6 rating

Hot Cocoa: F, chocolate orange, moderate old-rose fragrance, 7.9 rating

Check out Medford Nursery's website, www.medfordnursery.com for more roses. If you find some other varieties on their website and you do not wish to order five of them, e-mail or call me with your request.

Spread the Word
See if your neighbors, friends, relatives, etc. need some rose bushes for their yard! Maybe, we will even get some new members!

Any questions, please e-mail brennabosch@att.net or call me at (609) 268-2392.

Brenna Bosch, Rose Sale Coordinator

Rose Bed at Bill Kozemchak's home
5/31/09

Bring photos of your rose beds to the December 16th meeting.

Winter Protection for Roses
Consulting Rosarian Report
By: Gus Banks

As we move further into fall and closer to winter we have to consider what to do for our roses if anything. We have several options to consider. The first option is to do nothing more than to try and insure your roses are healthy as they go into winter. If they are healthy they should survive the winter with no extra work on your part. The second option is to provide some level of protection to some bushes. A third option is to provide very high level of protection to all of your bushes.

But why is protection needed at all since the rose bush should be strong enough to survive winter. By protecting your rose bushes you try to accomplish two things. The first is that it will make you feel better. You are doing something positive to protect your roses from the harsh winter. The second is to protect your financial investment. As roses continue to get more expensive you don't want to have to replace a lot of bushes in the spring. One year one of our members didn't get his bushes protected before winter hit and he lost over 50 bushes. But then some consider this is a good opportunity allowing room to add new varieties while removing weaker bushes.

The first option is easiest to implement. Continue to spray and water your bushes. When spraying focus on preventing the fungal diseases of Black Spot and Mildew. These can hurt your plants most as we move into winter. Try to remove any dead leaves from under the bush. Then cover the bud union with soil or mulch.

The second option provides a level of protection that has been successful in our area. When we protect we are not trying to keep the roses warm. We are trying to prevent the bud union and the lower part of the canes from experiencing the freeze-thaw-freeze cycle. This happens on warm winter days when the sun warms and thaws the canes and then the night time drop in temperature freezes them again. This often causes the cells in the cane to rupture and die. In the spring when you see canes that have turned thin and black this is the cause.

If you don't want to protect all of your roses select those bushes that need protection the most. Experience has shown that these are the lighter colored rose bushes. Your white, pink, pink blend and yellow hybrid teas are the ones that seem to experience the most damage in the winter. To go one step further always protect newly planted roses for the first two years regardless of what kind they are. This is a good way to help your newly planted roses through winter until they become fully established.

Save newspapers and make them into paper collars. Take two full sheets, four pages, folded along the seam. Staple three or four of these sets together top to bottom. Make a set for each bush you plan to protect. Then gather lots of oak leaves. Usually several leaf bags full will be needed. Each bag will take care of two to five bushes depending on their size. Oak leaves stay dryer than maple or other leaves. Because oak leaves don't mat the air space between the leaves provide more insulation. Maple leaves hold water and tend to turn soggy after a rain. In late fall cut your very tall hybrid teas back to shoulder height. This helps to keep them from being blown back and forth exposing the roots to freezing weather. Place the newspaper collars around the bushes with the seam up and the open part down stapling the open end together to close the collar. The paper collars will last all winter. Fill the collars with the oak leaves. With miniatures use the same technique but be careful not to fill the collars. Too many leaves can smother your miniatures. After finishing putting the collars around the bushes then consider placing a burlap wind break around the more exposed beds. Then hope it turns cold and we get about six inches of snow. Snow provides great protection and water to the roses as it melts.

There are several alternatives to use instead of newspaper. In place of the paper you can use chicken wire, plastic or roofing paper. Instead of oak leaves pine needles, mushroom soil, dirt or straw may be used. If you use dirt don't take it from your rose beds. It will expose their roots. Whatever you use you want to insure that the bud union and the first six to twelve inches of the canes are covered. In the spring you need to remove all of the protection. You can spread the oak leaves to use as mulch and let it decompose in the beds. This will add lots of organic manner to the beds. Or the leaves can be moved to a compost pile

The conventional timing to put protection in place is to wait until after the first hard frost. Usually this is around the middle of December. But that is occasionally a little late and winter may have already arrived. Watch the long range forecasts and try to have the protection in place before it turns cold. You will also find it is easier

for you to protect your rose bushes while it is warmer. There are usually no problems experienced by putting the protection on a few weeks early

For those of you that want to provide more protection to their bushes there are several ways to do this. There is Styrofoam rose cones that fit over the entire bush after they have been cut back. Some rosarians build entire protective boxes around their beds. But they live further north than we do. There is also a disadvantage to them that small rodents find them to be wonderful warm and dry hotels in the winter. They also have to be checked regularly in the spring to prevent disease from starting. Another method is the Minnesota tip where you in effect tip the bush over and bury it until spring. This is accomplished by digging a trench starting at the bush in the direction you will lay the bush. Then on the opposite side of the bush dig out the roots. Gently bend the entire bush over into the trench leaving half the roots in place. Cover the entire bush with several inches of dirt. In the spring you have to reverse the process.

There are many different views on how to provide care for your roses in the winter. Talk to different rosarians at our meeting and apply the information you feel will best suit your situation and roses.

Winter Rose Get-A-Way Weekend

Our **2010 Winter Rose Get-A-Way** Weekend will meet on **February 12, 13 and 14** at the **Eden Resort Inn in Lancaster, 717-569-6444**. Please make your reservation before **January 12th**.

This year we will have a number of very good programs. Our new **Director, Kevin Glaes**, will present a program on our member's gardens. Please send him pictures of your gardens so he can include them to share with our members. **Pat Bilson** will host another of her outstanding winter arrangement workshops. Please see her article for a description of this year's workshop. **Bill Kozemchak** will talk on climbing roses and **Mary Peterson** will talk about quilts and roses.

Our own **Frank Benardella** will be our banquet speaker Saturday evening. He will tell us about his life with roses.

Our District meeting on Sunday will discuss the plans to date for our fall convention.

Please take the time to make your reservations with Eden now. We often fill our room block so if you can't get a room early, contact me and I'll try and get the room block increased if it is not to close to our meeting.

I am looking forward to this weekend of rose fellowship. I hope that you will attend this great rose weekend.

Gus Banks

Member's Garden Program

AT THE GET-A-WAY WEEKEND:

Members who would like to show slides of their garden may contact **Kevin Glaes** kevyg@frontiernet.net.

- You don't have to have a lot of photos as long as they show how you have your garden laid out and anything special about your garden that you want to share with other members.
- Kevin will work with you to convert your photos into a Powerpoint presentation. We want to see how everybody gardens!

Arrangement Program

Attention: Arrangers and interested persons.

Traditional designs are a large part of our home decorating and our rose shows. We will discuss what makes a design a traditional design, what containers would be appropriate, and a few of the general things to look for in a traditional design. The workshop will be making a design using a candle stick as a container. A special candle adaptor and oasis will be provided as a part of the workshop for you to use and take home. Flowers and greens will be provided, but you must bring a taper candle holder about 3 to 5 inches tall, clippers and newspaper for the table and easy clean up.

If you are staying for dinner, we would like to use the finished designs as table decorations. Be sure to put your name on the bottom of the candle stick so you get your design back after dinner.
See registration form.
Fee: $10 which will cover the adapter, oasis, greens and flowers.

All are welcome to attend, if you wish not to do a design, you can just watch.

Plan Now for the Rose Get-a-Way Weekend Photo Contest

If you haven't already done so, prepare your color picture prints for the Penn-Jersey District Rose Get-A-Way Weekend Photo Contest so that you can enter them next January. The contest rules are the same as last year. The rules include a **Novice Class**, which is open to those who have never won a blue ribbon in a rose photo contest.

Each photo entry must be a 5x7 color print photo. Mail your entry with your name, the entry Class number and the name of rose or other photo identification attached to the back of the photo to: Bruce Monroe, 3030 Maple Shade Lane, Wilmington, DE 19810-3424. **All entries must be received by Jan 15, 2010. Exhibitors are limited to three entries per class.**

All roses and activities must be correctly identified. Photos will be evaluated on 50% rose form and 50% photo quality. All photos entered will be on display and final judging and awards will be made at the Penn-Jersey District Winter Rose Get-a-Way Weekend. The judges' decision is final. Ribbons will be given in each class and awards to the top three photos overall. By entering the contest, you agree to allow the Penn-Jersey District of the American Rose Society to exhibit your photo at the 2010 Winter Rose Get-a-Way Weekend and publish your photo in the District Newsletter the **Rose Vine**.

The photo contest is open to any amateur photographer who is either a member of the Penn-Jersey District or who has registered for the 2010 Winter Rose Get-a-Way Weekend. You do not have to attend the Winter Rose Get-a-Way Weekend to enter the competition and you need not be present to win. The Novice class is open only to those who have never won a blue ribbon in a rose photo contest.

Class 1 – Novice Class – One photo, appropriate for any of Classes 2-11.

Class 2 – One Exhibition Bloom, Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, or Floribunda

Class 3 – One Exhibition Bloom, Miniature or Miniflora

Class 4 – One Open Bloom, Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, or Floribunda

Class 5 – One Open Bloom, Miniature or Miniflora

Class 6 – One Spray, Hybrid Tea, Grandiflora, Floribunda, Polyantha, Miniature or Miniflora

Class 7 – One Exhibition Bloom or Spray, Species or Old Garden Rose

Class 8 – One Exhibition Bloom or Spray, Shrub or Climber

Class 9 – A Rose Arrangement

Class 10 – A Rose Garden

Class 11 – A Rose Society Activity

WINTER ROSE GET-A-WAY WEEKEND REGISTRATION:

Reserve rooms directly with **Eden Resort Inn, 222 Eden Road, Lancaster, PA 17601**.
Phone **717-569-6444**. Rates are **$105.95**/room/night (up to four people per room).
Mention **the PA/NJ District America Rose Society** meeting to get the special room rates.
Reserve rooms by Jan 12, 2010!!!
Registration – Winter Rose Get-A-Way Weekend on **Feb 12– 14, 2010**
Name(s): _____Phone:_____

Address:_____

City:_____State_____ZIP_____

E-mail: _____

Registration		$10.00 each	$_____
Arrangement workshop		$10.00 each	$_____
Dinner:	Pork Loin (Saturday)	$28.00 each	$_____
	Chicken Marsala	$28.00 each	$_____
Total Amount Enclosed			$_____

Make check payable to **Penn-Jersey District** and mail to **Pat Bilson, 127 Gable Road, Paoli, PA 19301.**

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at:	
Medford Leas Community Meeting Hall,	
1 Medford Leas, Route 70, Medford, NJ.	

Consulting Rosarians

The following members are Consulting Rosarians, accredited by the American Rose Society. They have had extensive experience in the cultivation of roses and are available to help members and non-members with rose problems:

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Refreshments for December Meeting:

Dee Bosch & Betsy O'Brien

All Members Remember to Bring: Cookies to exchange and to enjoy and/or other treats of your choice!

Attention Members:

<u>Until a new Membership Chairperson is appointed</u>, you may mail your membership renewal check made out to WJRS in the amount of $15 to:
Terry Palise, 24 Hopkins Drive, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. Our By-Laws state: "Yearly membership is from January 1 through December 31."