



# *The Rose Hip* Newsletter of the *Peninsular Rose Club*

Meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month (except Dec. & Jan.) 7:30 PM Elk Lake Baptist Church Hall, 5363 Pat Bay Hwy., Victoria. Email: [peninsular@quillserv.com](mailto:peninsular@quillserv.com) Website: <http://nurserysite.com/clubs/peninsular/>

June 21, 2005

## **President's Message**

Welcome to summer!

Hope all your roses are blooming well. Mine have just started although the climbing Golden Showers is going great guns. I wish to thank Ruth Leach for the super minutes of the May meeting. Remember to return any library books at the September meeting.

The Peter Beales event organization is well underway. Remember to obtain your book of tickets for the Beales talk, and posters. Ticket books are available from Cathy at Brentwood Bay Nurseries. And at this month's meeting. Thank you to Trevor for computer work on the posters.

Audrey's talk was excellent at the May meeting, There is nothing she doesn't know about miniatures and other roses. The June meeting is on June 21 in the garden of Ruth and Rene D'Hollander 436 Grafton St in the Saxe Point area of Esquimalt. Bring a chair and a mug or thermos.

Bye for now,  
Bernard Rain, 477-5221

## **This Month's Meeting June 21 6:30 PM Rene & Ruth D'Hollander's garden 436 Grafton St., Esquimalt (note earlier starting time)**

The property is hilly, so some areas are quite accessible and some will need some walking up and down. It is near the water, so bring a sweater or jacket as it is liable to cool off or be windy as the sun sets. Tea and goodies will be served.

Parking could be a problem if everyone comes individually. With car-pooling it should be manageable. We will keep open some spaces for the physically challenged people. For those able or who can drop off others near the house, it would be best to park on Grafton or Beatty Street and to walk into the property.

**DIRECTIONS TO THE D'HOLLANDER'S** (Tel: 383-2156)  
436 Grafton St. or 1415A Beatty St. (We have 2 entrances)

From the Ferry or Airport:

Take Route 17 south towards Victoria.

As you're nearing Victoria turn Right at MacKenzie Ave. (signed for University of Victoria.)

Continue down MacKenzie. It will turn into Admirals Road when you cross Hwy 17. Keep going, across the bridge. You'll pass Craigflower Road and a shopping centre on the right (Thrifty's grocery store is there). Keep going, past a lot of undeveloped land (the Songhees Reserve), Esquimalt Graving Dock, HMCS Naden.

At Esquimalt Road (Tudor House Pub at the traffic light across the street) turn RIGHT.

Go down Esquimalt Road, pass 4 streets on your left and some apartment buildings, then St. Paul's Church (white and black) also on left.

Grafton Street is on your left where St. Paul's Church parking lot ends. Don't bother looking on the right because there is no Grafton Street on the right.

Turn left onto Grafton. Cross Lyall Street.

Keep going down the block until you think you are at the end. You'll see a boulevard in the middle of a hill in front of you. Go up the hill. At the top of the hill turn right and keep going a few more meters until you see two stone gateposts with the number 436 on one. Go through the gateposts and you're there!! (Don't be worried that #438 is before #436 – that's Esquimalt's logic.)

## **Peter Beales Talk Sunday July 10 3:00 PM at the David Lam Auditorium, University of Victoria MacLaurin Bldg.**

Tickets are \$10 at the door and at Dig This (All locations) Brentwood Bay Nurseries, Double D Nursery (Sooke) and Snapdragon Nursery (Sidney)

Please talk the seminar up among your friends and fellow gardeners.

We will have the room from 1:30 on. We plan to set up some displays of roses in the lobby, and there will be book sales before the event. The talk will be about 45 – 55 minutes, with slides, and there should be time to have some book signing afterwards.

By request of the organizers, there will be no other public events or activities booked for Mr. Beales.

**Articles from Peter Beales' website, [www.classicroses.co.uk](http://www.classicroses.co.uk) on some common problems.** Peter Beales' book *A Passion for Roses* will be on sale at the seminar on July 10

## **Balling Of Flowers**

In wet summer weather the outer petals on a freshly opening flower often become fused together, the flower is then referred to as being 'balled'. This is most often found on the many petalled varieties with naturally tight buds, particularly some of the Bourbons and the Hybrid Teas. If full sun follows prolonged rain the petals that are congealed together then dry out to become a crisp shell which will prevent the flower opening. If this happens the bloom will rot within its cocoon and fall away or remain on the plant in a revolting brown state. In larger gardens this has

to be lived with until the roses are dead headed, when the unsightly specimens can be removed, but in less time consuming smaller gardens, or where specimen roses in prominent positions are affected, the outer petals can be carefully teased away to allow the flower to open naturally.

### **Aphids**

Aphids, including the well-known greenfly will soon spoil a crop of flowers if the infestation is bad enough. They settle in large numbers and multiply rapidly on buds and young tender shoots from where they will suck the sap and cause distortion. They leave behind a secretion called honeydew, which is very sticky to touch and attracts a revolting blackish grey fungus called sooty mould.

The best control is by using a systemic fungicide on a regular basis. This works from within the plant thus preventing infestation. If this has not been used and an attack is noticed a contact spray can be used which will kill the insect immediately but this type of spray will need to be used each time there is an invasion. Many of today's insecticides are designed to kill only harmful insects and will leave the natural predator of the aphid, the ladybird, untouched.

Organic pest sprays are available that work by coating the aphids with a sticky substance, alternatively another method of control, also less damaging to the atmosphere is a solution of washing up liquid and water, although sadly neither of these seem to be as effective as chemical control.

### **Black Spot**

This must be the most common rose disease and there are very few cultivars totally resistant to it, although some fair better than others. Peter Beales is often quoted as asking, when pressed on the subject, "what are a few black spots among friends?" A few black spots are not that unsightly and the fact that a rose may get black spot should not be a reason for not growing it. The disease is usually most noticeable from mid summer onwards although the odd variety may succumb badly before this, especially after a mild winter Black spot spores can be airborne and are occasionally carried from one plant to another on the blades of secateurs.

When they find a suitable leaf to settle on they will not be seen until small round-ish patches of black or dark brown appear, these will soon multiply; the areas not spotted will become yellow and eventually the leaf will fall. Fallen leaves should be collected and burnt where possible, as the spores will over-winter in shallow soil where they will lay ready to begin their destruction the following year. In bad cases the spores will infect branches and unless tackled this is when the whole plant is at risk. Cut away what you can and apply a winter wash with a mild sterilant, there are now several available that will successfully deal with fungal diseases such a black spot. Some say that black spot can be deterred by spraying the plant with a solution of skimmed milk, but I have never tried doing so.

### **Cuckoo-spit (Spit-bugs)**

Cuckoo-spit is the unsightly foamy white substance sometimes found nestling in leaf joints or around flower buds. It is actually enclosing a young froghopper beetle, which when fully grown will hop around roses dining on the sap found in young shoots and buds. It is unlikely to cause any great amount of devastation other than the occasional wilting bud and seldom is they to be found in great number. The best method of control is to give the cuckoo spit a blast from the hosepipe before the young froghopper becomes mature.

## **The Peninsular Rose Club**

**PURPOSE:** To bring together people with a common interest in roses for the purpose of sharing knowledge & assisting in rose care.

**MEMBER ROSARIANS:** Audrey Brisbane 652-4071  
Joan Dobell 656-8666 Vi. Heaslip 652-6935  
Orma Longphee 656-0407 Dr. Patrick White 592-6640

Member Rosarians are available to members for personal advice and to present workshops and participate in discussions.

**WEB SITE:** [www.nurserysite.com/clubs/peninsular/](http://www.nurserysite.com/clubs/peninsular/) has photos and articles by Club members, pruning and rose care tips, and issues of The Rose Hip in PDF form as they are published. Send photos and articles to Trevor at [peninsular@quillserv.com](mailto:peninsular@quillserv.com) or 386-6227 (phone/fax)

### **Canadian Rose Society 50th Anniversary:**

The 50th Anniversary Conference of the C.R.S. is at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington, Ontario on July 1st, 2nd and July 3rd, 2005. More information at [www.canadianrosesociety.org](http://www.canadianrosesociety.org)

### **To Do in June/July**

- Watch for aphids on tender new growth, especially on the undersides of leaves - pinch and squish them or use a water spray to wash them off.
- Continue your anti-fungal spray program if you use it. Alternate treatments between Funginex and another formula, or try alternating a Cornell formula (baking soda, soap and horticultural oil) with the fungicide.
- Manually strip blackspot infected leaves and garbage them.
- Water the roses, especially the ones in containers and under the house's eaves. Watering in the morning is best, to ensure that the leaves dry quickly. Don't be deceived by a summer rain - remember that half an hour of light rain doesn't even penetrate the soil, it is lost to foliage and to evaporation.
- Fertilize to replenish the energy that the rose has put into the first flush of blooms
- Deadhead roses, use the opportunity to prune back to a strong bud of 5 leaf cluster.
- Take pictures of your beauties in full bloom

### **Upcoming program schedule & rose events**

**June 18th:** 1:00 PM View Royal Garden Club Rose Show, All Saints Church, 294 Stewart Ave corner of Palliser Ave. \$5.00 admission includes strawberries & ice cream. Judged rose show. Garden Items and Baked Goods for Sale. Information: 727-6804 or 744-3131

**June 21st:** 6:30 PM Garden meeting @ D'Hollander's in Esquimalt - rose identification and identifying characteristics. Rene and Ruth have a mature rose garden that they are restoring and we will work on identifying the roses.

**June 26th:** Vancouver Rose Show, Van Dusen Botanical Gardens

**July 2nd:** The Victoria Lily Society "Summer Scentsation" Garden Show & Plant Sale, Saturday July 2 10 am to 3:30 pm at Cadboro Bay United Church Hall, 2655 Arbutus Road. Display of garden flowers and ornamental lilies, flower arranging demonstrations & plant sale including potted lilies. Entries welcome for both judged competitions & non-judged displays. Admission by donation. Tea with scones & marionberry jam will be available. Free parking. Contact 652-5316 for more information.

**Sunday July 10th - 3:00 PM** David Lam Theatre UVic  
Public presentation by **Peter Beales**, Author, Nurseryman, Rosarian and President of the Royal National Rose Society

**July 19th:** 6:30 PM Garden meeting, Tentatively scheduled for the Government House rose garden

**August 16th:** Garden meeting, Location TBA

**September 20th:** Heritage Roses + what to do this month

**October 18th:** Using roses in landscaping + what to do this month

**November 15th:** Year end wrap up and social

**ARS Rose of the Month:** [www.ars.org/ROM/rose\\_month.htm](http://www.ars.org/ROM/rose_month.htm)  
**Tuscany Superb** aka 'Superb Tuscan', known since 1837, England. Gallica, deep purple-red, many petalled



Tuscany Superb in the garden of John and Jackie Wrinch  
photo © 2003 Trevor Inkpen

We are having a spectacular first flush of bloom here in Victoria. Here are some photos from Ilean Spanos' garden.



Graham Thomas - dy English Rose (Shrub) 1983  
photo © 2005 Trevor Inkpen



Parade- dp Large Flowered Climber 1953  
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Boule de Neige - w Bourbon, 1867 - note the red buds  
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Meg - ab Cl. Hybrid Tea, 1954  
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