



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

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month (except Dec. & Jan.) 7:30 PM Elk Lake Baptist Church Hall,  
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Feb 18, 2003

## **10th Annual Seed and Garden Show (Seedy Saturday) at the Victoria Conference Centre**

The Club had a table at the "Seedy Saturday" event put on by the James Bay Market Society on Saturday Feb. 15. The attendance was beyond all expectations (this was the first year at the Conference Centre, a much larger venue than in previous years). At opening, the line stretched from the inside of the Conference centre lobby, out the doors and down Douglas St. Our Rose crew was busy nonstop from 10:00 AM 'til 4:00 PM telling people about the Peninsular Rose Club, selling hardwood cuttings, potted roses and memberships, and answering general rose questions.

Our club grew by 10 members who signed up on the spot, and we cleared approx. \$90 in cutting and plant sales after the table rental and expenses.

Thank you to Anastasia & Ilean Spanos and Trevor Inkpen for preparing signs and booth material, cuttings, setup and pack-up, David & Crenagh Elliot for transportation and cuttings, Brentwood Bay Nurseries for providing potted roses at wholesale, Cathy Johnson for pack-up, and to Bev Dobell, Larry & Diana Janse, Edwina Bauer, Garry Brust, David, Crenagh, Cathy, Anastasia, Ilean and Trevor for serving in the booth. Apologies if I have missed anyone.



*Garry Brust & Bev Dobell in a rare quiet moment at the booth*

**New Members:** Welcome to Dawn Henson, Beverly Gulbrandsen, Robin Feldman, Judy Wayte, Geordie Hobart, Lisa Kendall, Patricia Calveley, Sandy Reber, Sarah J. Webb and Helene Bell.

**This month's meeting is on Tuesday February 18 7:30 PM** at the Elk Lake Baptist Church. We'll have a planning session for what the Club hopes to accomplish in the next year.

**Hardwood cuttings** that were not sold on Saturday will be available to members at the meeting for a nominal price - bring your quarters!

## **What to do this month: February**

- You should plan to finish your dormant-season pruning, and should have planted any new bareroot roses by the time the forsythia blooms sometime in March.
- Once your roses have put on a couple of inches of new growth and we're past any chance of freezing, you can start fertilizing.
- If you mulched over the roses for Winter, remove the mulch, being careful not to knock off any developing buds on the rose.
- Even though the weather seems unseasonably warm, keep your pots and cold-frame grown plants in shelter for a few more weeks. One or two late freezes could still damage the tender new growth - remember our one-day snowstorm last March.
- Keep a close eye on soil moisture levels and water whenever necessary. You don't want your roses going into Spring drought-stressed, that's an open invitation to aphids and fungus to set up housekeeping.
- Do a sanitation check - clean any remaining fallen leaves or prunings from the ground around the roses.
- If you spray, begin your spraying programme in March with an antifungal spray.

## **The Peninsular Rose Club Web site**

<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. Please contribute photos and articles to Trevor at [peninsular@quillserv.com](mailto:peninsular@quillserv.com) or 386-6227 (phone/fax).

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**June 19 - 25, 2003 10th International Heritage Rose Conference** in conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of Sangerhausen Rosarium in Germany  
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