



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, 5363 Pat Bay Hwy., Victoria. Email: peninsular@quillserv.com Website: <http://nurserysite.com/clubs/peninsular/>

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Message from the President:

Belated Happy New Year to all! It only February, but we have had some wonderful sunny days and it feels a lot like spring already. It won't be long until the roses will be coming out in force.

Membership dues are payable this month, \$10 per year. People who signed up as new members in June or later last year, and paid the full \$10, will get a \$5 discount from this year's membership.

The membership lists are not complete, and I would appreciate any information we can get on members: Up to date phone number and mailing address, email address if you have one, and your preference of email or phone notification of meetings.

Your executive met this month and are planning the coming year's speakers and events. We will repeat last year's wildly successful Garden Meetings at members' gardens in the summertime.

So we are off on a new year, and we hope that 2004 will be a good year for our rose club.

Happy Growing, Orma.

Seedy Saturday

Feb 21 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM in the Conference Centre, downtown Victoria. Please contact Diana Janse 658-5253 to volunteer for an hour or two in the booth, and to bring labelled hardwood cuttings and other rosey saleable items. Volunteers last year had a good time talking with the public – you don't need to be an expert to be at the booth – there are plenty of resources and people to ask. And you're guaranteed to learn something new!

October's meeting:

Cyril Hume presented a fascinating talk and slide show on the Roseraie de l'Hay and Monet's garden in Giverny. His photos were stunning and the narration just as good. Somewhat humbling to see the effort that went into Roseraie de l'Hay, both in the grand vision of building a garden for the ages (the iron trelliswork), and in the minute details (the twisted willow-twig "ties" for climbers). At Giverny, it was a telling comment that Monet considered himself a gardener first, and a painter second. Certainly, he painted with landscape. A huge project, to restore the garden from complete neglect to its former glory.

Giverny website <http://giverny.org/gardens/>)

There seems to be no official Web site of the Roseraie de l'Hay, however here is an excerpt from www.worldrose.org: "The world's oldest existing garden devoted exclusively to roses and a living museum, La Roseraie de l'Hay du Val de Marne celebrated its centenary in 1994. Situated at L'Hay-les-Roses, it was created by architect Eduard André and rosarian Jules Graveraux, who assembled a collection of all species and varieties known at the time. Together they created a rose garden of historical value and breathtaking beauty."

More at

<http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/harislauandmegrim/roseraiedelhay.htm>

Cyril Hume does a number of things related to gardens and gardening: he is a designer, consultant, lecturer, writer and educator. He leads garden tours, and is a vigorous advocate for eco-preservation (the saving of the Abkhazi Garden is due in no small part to his efforts)

Some members were asking for contact information for Cyril: Cyril Hume, 525 Beaufort Road Sidney, BC V8L 2K2 Phone/Fax: 250-656-1834 <humeinthegarden@shaw.ca>

November Year-end meeting

Thanks for coming to our year end meeting, a small but enthusiastic group braved the torrential rain and arrived. We raised about \$65 at the silent auction, and the food was excellent, Larry and Diana's smoked salmon was a hit. One of the members reported that one of his rose beds was under 5 inches of water.

Our Executive was wonderful to work with, and we have had a successful year. All present executive stood for re-election and were acclaimed for another year's term. Orma Longphee, President; Diana Janse, Vice President; Fran Urlacher, Treasurer; Edwina Bauer, Secretary

We purchased a screen last month and voted to go ahead with the purchase of a slide projector for the Club. Thank you to Bernard and Larry for their work locating good deals.

The Rose Hip newsletter goes via Internet to all members with email. To receive the Rose Hip by postal mail, please provide 10 self-addressed, stamped envelopes.

What to do this month: February

- Keep watering roses in containers.
- If you haven't pruned your roses, do it now. Even if there are nice new shoots, grit your teeth and prune 'em back.
- Keep beds clean of leaves, pruned stems and debris, so disease and insects don't overwinter.
- Top dress beds with mulch if desired
- Don't fertilize yet. Hold back on the Nitrogen until the roses have put on 3 - 6 inches of real growth in the Spring.

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. Send photos and articles to Trevor at peninsular@quillserv.com or 386-6227 (phone/fax).

Website questions:

Some of the emailed queries that we have received:

"I saw this beautiful rose that opened up completely. Most roses I've seen lose their petals or wilt, but this one was perfect from start to finish. It was pink, but I've also seen a very-light almost-pink bunch. Can you tell me the name of this type of rose?"

"I bought a rose at Safeway, it cost ten dollars. I put it in my kitchen two months ago and it was fine but now the leaves are all dry and crumbly. When it had flowers, they were red. Can you tell me what its name is and what is wrong with it?"

"I bought some cascading roses last year which I have in a pot on my patio. Please can you tell me the best time to prune them?"

"My rose tree was broke. will it regrow?"

"We have recently lost our do after 13 years and we are wanting to put a rose in the garden in her name. We wanted to know if there is a rose called "Gemma" and what colour it would be and the habitat it would require."

"I am seeking a rose once called the "rockefeller rose". Any information would be helpful."

"Vorrei sapere se avete un catalogo oppure se potete indicarmi un vivaio che abbia la rosa MRS. BOSANQUET?"

"Why is it that it is now almost impossible to find roses that still possess their beautiful fragrance? A florist told me that roses (and many other flowers) have been genetically altered for allergy-suf-ferers."

"I live in Peoria, AZ, a suburb of Phoenix and need to know how to order a bare root Mr. Lincoln."

"Rose Hips. Can you plant them? Or do they really have no value at all?"

"Donna Darlin Rose [Windonna] Can you advise - where can I purchase the above rose in the UK?"

"Hi I am looking for the name of a certain type of rose. You have so many options on your site that I was completely lost. Can you help me find the type of roses that are yellow with orange/red at the very tips of the petals."

"I would appreciate your helping find a recipe for traditional 'Rose Hip Tea'"

"My Grandfather has assigned me the task of finding a new type of Rose. He claims that a news paper article was published and described a "winter proof" rose. These roses were introduced in the state of Minnesota? During 2003? Or very recently."

" I am asking for your help, in finding this rose "Molly McGredy".I will to any length to find this Rose. It is for a friend that just lost her Irish Setter and her name was "Molly"."

Your Webmaster has answered these and many others to the best of his ability. But some of them... we just have to email back and say "Sorry, we're not psychic. There's just no way..."

What is it that compels people to share with a total stranger their story of how their relative, or their dog, or their relative's dog, passed away? Perhaps they feel that if someone feels enough pity for them they'll help locate a rose faster?

Canadian Rose Society Newsletter:

The Comm-Poster, newsletter of the Canadian Rose Society, is available by email as an Adobe Acrobat .pdf file. Send a request to grabber@sympatico.ca if you want to receive it.

Library:

The following books have been suggested for consideration for purchase. Please feel free to look them up and see if you can find any more info on them. Please call Joan Dobell 656-8666 with comments or suggestions:

S. Macoby & P. Wiley. **The Ultimate Rose Book**, June 2002, hard cover, given 4 1/2 stars,81093207, \$34.65 Can. from Barnes & Noble.

Barb Wilde, **Growing Roses Organically** -easy care, fragrance and beauty. Hard cover, May 2002, 5 stars. \$36.40. (cannot find where!)

Jeff Cox & Jerry Pavia, **Landscape with Roses: Gardens, Walkways, Arbors, Containers** paper back, 15615832, Taunton Press, 5 stars, Practical and useful, \$30.45.

Wayne Winterrowd, **Roses- A Celebration**, hard cover, 2003 \$28.32, no review found.

Janette Oke, **Roses for Mama**, hard cover, 2002, 5 stars, %37.70.

Madonna, **The English Roses**, paperback, 2003, 670036781, Penguin U.S \$11.58 (B & N)

Nancy & J. Onda **Taylor's Guide to Roses**-select, grow, enjoy. 380 roses, hard cover, 2003, 5 stars, \$25.70.