



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/>

September 16, 2003

Message from the President:

On behalf of the club, we offer our condolences to Audrey on the passing of her husband Bill. Bill Brisbane gave so much to our club, through organization, serving as president and newsletter production. We would not be where we are today without him. Thank you, Bill.



I hope you enjoyed our summer garden tour meetings, they were very well attended. A hearty "thank you" to our gracious hosts Edwina and John, John and (Beverly), and Patrick for opening their gardens to the club.

So we are back to the Elk Lake church hall this month for our regular format. We will have a Parlour show, and I ask you to bring at least one bloom or spray of a rose you particularly like that would be an asset to the evening program.

Just to refresh your memory, the classes for the parlour show are

- 1) Hybrid Tea HT
- 2) Floribunda F
- 3) Grandiflora Spray Gr
- 4) Gr Specimen Gr
- 5) Shrub S
- 6) Old Garden Roses OGR
- 7) Miniature specimen
- 8) Miniature spray
- 9) Blooms in Bowls, vases, cycle of bloom & other roses.

Please check for any Rose Club library books you may have at home - there are still some outstanding - and bring to the meeting.

Happy Gardening, Orma

What to do this month: September

- Keep up on the weeding between the roses.
- Keep watering, until the real rain starts, especially keep an eye on roses in containers.
- Strip off diseased foliage.
- Deadhead to prolong the fall flush
- Defoliate the bottom of the bushes for air circulation and maintain your spray program if you have one.
- Later in the Fall, strip off spent petals from the last flush of flowers, but leave the centres to develop into hips. This will signal the rose to shut down flower production for the year
- Discontinue fertilizing with Nitrogen; instead fertilize with some Sulfate of Potash, to start hardening off the growth for winter.

Remembering Bill

Bill Brisbane said what he was best at was mixing soil for Audrey, Others will argue that he did much else, besides. He and Audrey looked after hundreds of mini roses at the Hort Centre for many years - they watered, fed and pruned them at their own expense. During our Peninsular Rose Club rose shows he was always the designated coffee supply man, and Bill & Audrey often opened their garden to tours. Bill served extensively on the Executive of the Club, was President for three years, and always gave of assistance wherever it was needed. Bill will be sadly missed, and fondly remembered, by members of the Club, his many friends, and family.

This Month's Meeting September 16:

(Meetings resume at the Elk Lake Baptist Church) Robin Denning on the latest rose developments from England, plus our parlour show. Bring your mugs for coffee.

October 21: Cyril Hume, garden designer, slides from Europe - Roserie de l'Hay and Monet's garden in Giverny, parlour show (Giverny website <http://giverny.org/gardens/>)

November 18: Year end wrapup and potluck social

Last month's meeting: The August meeting was at Patrick White's new home at the end of Gordon Head Road. Formerly the home of Mary Henderson, it had been a renowned garden (it can be found in *In a Victoria Garden* by Lynn Milnes, p. 37). It had been neglected for the past 10 years. Patrick has taken on an overwhelming job in renovating both the gardens and the house itself. The views are spectacular, as the property slopes down from the house to the sea. Some plants were rescued from the original plantings, and various surprises were turned up when the overgrowth of brush was cleared. Patrick has built a rockery and waterfall in the front, seeded wildflower meadow near the shore, and is planning some hardy plantings for the wind and salt-sprayed lower slope.

Phone Committee: Peninsular Rose Club members receiving meeting notice by email will not be phoned by the phone committee. If you would like to be phoned as well, please email janicelephoto@shaw.ca

Thank you, Janice Lee, Phone committee organize

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).

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.

View Royal Fall Show

Congratulations to PRC members for winning ribbons at the View Royal Club fall show:

Joan Bryant
Vi and Bendt Caspersen
Dodie and Gary Hammond
Anastasia Spanos

(apologies if we have missed anyone). Once again the View Royal club has presented an exemplary showing.

Pickering Rose Orders

In the past, the Club has done a mass ordering of bare-root roses in September. However, Pickering Nurseries has discontinued shipping bareroot roses in the fall - they will now only ship in Jan - March. It is Garry's experience that roses that have been deep-frozen on the truck ride across the Canadian Prairies in the dead of winter have a poorer chance of surviving, so he is no longer placing a Club order with Pickering.

ARS Award of Excellence for miniature roses
2003

Baby Boomer
Doris Morgan
This Is The Day

2004

Andie MacDowell
Picotee
Salute

The Gordon Head Garden Club is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year, and to mark this occasion we are holding an open house as follows

Date: 6th Oct 2003

Time: 7.30pm

Where: Gordon Head United Church Hall 4201 Tyndell Ave

We wish to invite any of your members to this open house. Come see what the Gordon Head Garden Club is all about, see how we got started and where we are today.

We do hope you can make it come and celebrate with us, and have some birthday cake, and happy talk.

Yours Truly

Elfreda Chick, President 658 0009

Queries over the Email:

Couple in Comox had a rose perhaps called "Old Gold" which was killed, and would like to replace it - does anybody know what it might be and where to get it?