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President's Message:

Our West Jersey Rose Society has lost a very special member and friend, Doreen Saidman. I would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Marc Saidman and family. We will miss Doreen for she was a special member who shared her love of the rose and her talent and grace in arrangement design with all of us. She was an inspiration and mentor to many in this society and will be missed very much. In this newsletter, we pay tribute to her.

I also want to ask you to take a look at the Thank You and Acknowledgements on page three for the generous contribution of time during the Penn Jersey District Convention by our WJRS members and the generous contributions made by various companies.

As you enjoy the cool days of fall in your gardens, keep cutting roses and share with friends. Take a good look around and think about the roses that may need to be replaced and contact Brenna Bosch to place your orders early. There are many lovely roses on the list for the Spring Rose Sale.

Finally, remember that **Saturday, October 17 is the Macys Shop for a Cause, SALE EVENT in Cherry Hill and all over the nation.** So—plan to go shopping—use that discount ticket you purchased to support WJRS and take advantage of great savings just before the holidays. We will have a table at the store on Saturday, October 17, to sell more tickets—let me know if you want to help!

Happy rose gardening and see you at the meeting.

Iliana Okum

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Theodora Saidman

Our rose society, sadly, has lost one of our leading members. Theodora (Doreen) Saidman passed away on Monday, September 6, 2009. Doreen Saidman was an outstanding member and leader in the West Jersey Rose Society. Her efforts have greatly enhanced both the exhibiting and design knowledge of our members. An outstanding exhibitor, she won many awards in both design and horticulture. Her true talent blossomed after, in her own words she, “became addicted to arranging.” She had won over 30 awards at all levels. These include:

- The national “ Doctor and Mrs. Harry B. Overesch Rose Arrangement Trophy,”
- Our district’s Florence Mac Neil Perpetual Trophy,
- The Mrs. John Signaigo Challenge Trophy for arranging,
- The ARS Artists, Royalty, Oriental and ARS Court of Etiquette Awards both large and miniature.

These are just a few of her many achievements as a truly outstanding Rosarian and Designer.

Doreen was active in our society and the Penn-Jersey District. She was a Master Rosarian, Horticulture Judge and a Design Judge. She grew many beautiful roses and especially enjoyed growing Old Garden Roses. Doreen mentored many of our current members introducing them to arranging and helping them to learn about growing roses.

She had been awarded the ARS Bronze Medal, the WJRS Rosarian of the Year and recently was designated the Penn-Jersey District Outstanding Judge for 2009. Doreen will be greatly missed.

Doreen’s husband Marc has requested that there be no phone calls, sympathy cards or flowers. Marc knows how much Doreen meant to the members of the society and does not desire to discuss or be reminded of her passing. I urge you to respect his wishes and respect his privacy.



The Reluctant Arranger by Doreen Saidman

This article recently received an Award of Merit from the American Rose Society

Roses are beautiful in any shape, form or color. Why, then, should I bother to arrange them, when I can just put them in a vase with water and enjoy them?

Well, midsummer brings us smaller roses and, at the same time, we can't afford to cut long stems, as we need to preserve as many leaves as possible, so, a bunch of short stem roses would look wonderful arranged in a low container. They could brighten our dining room, or they could bring joy to a friend, while we admire and take pride in our own creation.

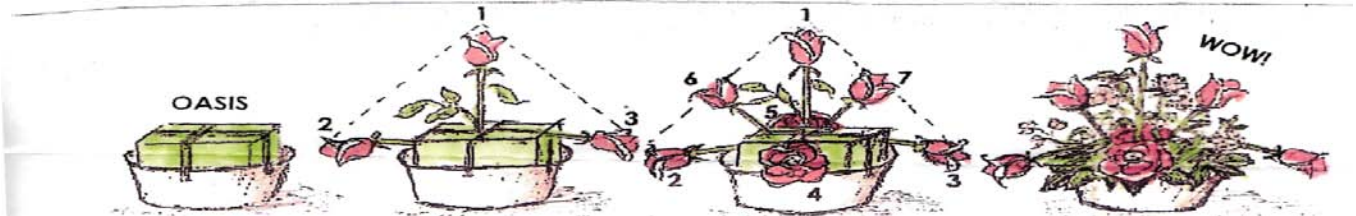
A while ago, I wrote instructions for making a table arrangement with roses and other flowers, and as I have been asked to repeat the instructions, this is as good a time as any. So, here goes. You will need a small, low container and you may use a cereal bowl, or any deli plastic container that you may have saved, and you can wrap it in foil, or any fancy paper.

You should also need a chunk of OASIS - which is a fresh flowers floral foam (not the one used for silk flowers) - that you should place in water and let it stay there until it sinks. This foam contains so many pores that absorb a lot of water, so that the flowers will have a good supply in their container. After placing the foam (cut and fit to the container), you should secure it with water proof tape (or plumbing tape cut in narrow strips), as shown in the drawing.

For the plant material you should have 7 roses, and any smaller flowers to be used as fillers, like daisies, snapdragons, or any wild flowers that you have available. You will also need any foliage to cover the oasis, after all the flowers have been placed. How you have to place the flowers, and I will tell you by numbers, the order to place them.

Place the first rose in the middle of the Oasis (1), and another two roses (2 and 3), in horizontal position on both sides of the container, as shown in the second drawing. These roses are important because they will give you the height and the width of your arrangement. Also, if you look at the position of these roses (1, 2 and 3), they seem to form a triangle. Next, add a bigger, more open rose in the middle of the container, close to the rim of the container (4), and another similar one on the opposite side, also close to the rim of the container (5), as shown in the third drawing. To reinforce the shape of a triangle, place also two shorter roses (6 and 7), somewhat leaning between the rose in the middle (1) and the two roses in horizontal position (2 and 3).

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Finally, you may use any other small flowers as fillers, to complete the arrangement, as shown in the last drawing, and you should also cover the Oasis with any kind of foliage. It is not pleasant to look at the "mechanics" (in our case, the floral foam), so we should always conceal it with small flowers, or foliage. If you want a taller arrangement, at this time, just raise your container with flowers on top of an inverted tumbler, or on top of a tin can covered with the same foil or paper as your container. A bit of floral clay will secure the top container in place. Next time, you may use a real nice, tall container, or learn how to make your own container, using a spray paint to cover nicely a modest "contrived" one.

I think with these "easy to do" instructions, you may consider yourself an arranger (and no more a reluctant one)

And you didn't think you could be artistic and create a beautiful flower arrangement! Enjoy it on your dining table, or in your favorite room, and have an easy, pleasant summer!

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS & PROGRAM NEWS

By Brenna Bosch

October	<p>“Roses that Climb”. An American Rose Society PowerPoint Presentation prepared by Steve Jones, then the Chairman of the ARS Program Services Committee, will be shown. Currently Steve Jones is ARS President. Clicking to bring up the next slide and narration will be provided by Brenna Bosch.</p> <p>Climbing Rose Display. Please share a bloom with us of your climbing roses. One bloom or a spray of each variety would be perfect! Bring your own container for display and label each container/rose with its name.</p>
November	<p>Organic Products for your Roses and Garden. Kevin Johnson from Organica will be talking about rose organic products including the innovative Organica products. Check out the testimonial by John Smith, a rose exhibitor from Maryland, on the Organica website (go to www.organica.net – click on heading “Why Organica”, click on “Testimonials”, page down to the last testimonial.)</p>
November 11-15	2009 ARS Fall National Conference, Palm Springs, CA
December	<p>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.</p>
<p>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!</p>	

Thanks to Dee Bosch for coordinating the refreshments for the past 4 months. We welcome Laura Livingston as our Hospitality Coordinator for the next several months.

Thanks also to the refreshment volunteers for the October 21st meeting are: June Hament, Rosemary Livingston, Dinah Vaughn, Dee & Brenna Bosch, and Iliana Okum.

The West Jersey Rose Society Welcomes
New Member:

Ramesh Kajaria, Marlton, NJ

Consulting Rosarian Report
By
Sue Gebelein

October in the Rose Garden

October is a great time to “ready” your garden for winter and next spring. If you want to expand your beds, or raise them or even move the garden to a sunnier spot, now is the time. You’re in good shape from the summer’s toil and it is not too hot.

Alas, I will not be expanding my garden but I am going to make the most of the room I do have. I have three bushes spade pruned. I will augment the found space throughout the fall ready for the spring arrivals. Thanks to WJRS hybrid tea sale.

I clean my garden, remove all dead leaves, get rid of any weeds, and remove dead canes from the bushes.

I continue to WATER through the fall as dictated by rain, wind and temperature. I keep my soaker –hoses in place. If the winter is very dry with no snow cover, I will give my gardens a good drink in early February. I have discontinued use of Bayer’s Three and One product in September. Remember Nitrogen promotes upward growth. I will SPRAY for fungus and disease until the first hard, killing frost.

I want my roses to go dormant naturally. I do not cut blooms or deadhead. I allow my bushes to produce rose hips; the hips are fruits of the rose. The seeds are protected inside, much like an apple. Hybridizers plant these seeds in hopes of a new variety. The hips turn reddish orange and turn the winter garden into a thing of beauty. There have been years that I have blooms well into December. But November is the usual end of the season.

I test the soil pH. Because of the natural drop in pH, there is such emphasis on adding lime. Adding lime reduces acidity, increases pH, binds the fine particles of clay into larger particles and so helps aerate and drain the soil and helps to retain moisture and plant food in sandy soils. It also balances the additions of acidic fertilizers. Correct pH makes nitrogen available by stimulating the micro-organism that decomposes organic matter. Lime is a good source of calcium and magnesium. Earthworms love a pH of 6.5.

Take soil samples from several areas in your garden. Even a slight grade can make a big difference in pH. Get soil sample kits from you local extension service. Roses like a pH from 6 to 6.5. Add lime to increase pH. Lime can be added at any time of the year but it does take time to take effect.

The three types of lime are ground limestone, HYDRATED LIME, and burnt lime. Ground limestone is the slowest adding. Burnt lime is fast acting but must be handled carefully. Hydrated lime may take effect in two or three months. Sandy soils take less time for an equivalent pH change than heavy clay but will not hold the pH change as long. In other words, if you have sandy soil or you are an organic gardener, you may need to check soil more often.

I use palletized lime and hardwood ashes from the fireplace. I have had to lower pH every time I check the soil. I guess I should check annually. Lime is still available at Home Depot. The amount of lime needed to raise a spade’s depth of topsoil by 1pH is 5 1/2 oz. of hydrated lime. Rose bush roots are at least 18 inches down so approximately 11 oz. of hydrated lime is needed. READ the directions on your bags of lime and do the calculations.

The best way to reduce pH is to use compost, pasteurized manure, or mushroom soil. Many of the mulches we use will increase the pH over the winter. The proper pH allows nutrients like nitrogen, potassium, potash, and the trace elements to be absorbed.

I do NO PRUNING of my hybrid teas or shrub roses until we have had two consecutive nights below freezing. A hard freeze (4 to 5 hours of below freezing) is usually around Thanksgiving. I do not prune hard. I trim the high canes to about 45 inches. I keep all healthy canes. Do not prune OGRs or climbers until after spring bloom.

October is the time to decide about winter protection. For the first time I am going to use ground up oak leaves. My garden is for the most part protected from the wind and I am hoping for a snow blanket. We will see. Other years I have used hardwood mulch and removed all the mulch to another garden in the spring. Just too much work for me now. In years that I just ran out of time, I winterized only white and yellow varieties. Never, ever, use colored or treated wood mulch. You will be putting chemicals like formaldehyde into your garden. Don't get mulch right up tight to house or foundation. Leave a buffer of 4 or 5 inches; you do not want to create a termite heaven.

I go shopping since this is a great time of year to pick up things on sale: soaker hoses, gloves, clippers, fungus and disease sprays. Lime and mulch are still available. If you wait too long, you will find Christmas trees instead. I cut up my Christmas tree and add it to my rose garden for added protection.

One last thing. A couple of years ago at the WJRS April or May meeting held at the Cherry Hill Council Room, a member showed Tom Mayhew and me a specimen that he thought was Rose Rosetta. We did not think it was. But we did not know what could have disfigured the leaves to elongated whips.

Well, I got the same foliage on one branch of a mini this year. I believe that the malformation was caused by an overdose of liquid fertilizer, Miracle Grow. Just one more example of following the manufacturer's directions. More is not better!

WJRS Rose Sale

The Annual West Jersey Rose Sale has begun! The order form for the 2009-2010 West Jersey Rose Society Rose Sale will be sent for those getting e-mail as a separate PDF file along with the newsletter. For those members getting the paper copy of the newsletter it will be attached.

Once again, Medford Nursery will be our supplier. The rose bushes are No. 1 Quality and will arrive in #3 containers, as usual. Cindy Scalf has graciously agreed to let WJRS use her yard again as the rose distribution point (Hainesport). Thank you Cindy! All ordered roses will be delivered to Cindy's house on the morning of **May 1, 2010** and pickup time will be from **9:30 AM to Noon**.

Please fill out the order form noting your rose choices and enclose a check for the total amount made out to **West Jersey Rose Society**. Then mail the form and check to:

WJRS Rose Sale Order, c/o Brenna Bosch, 106 Nanticoke Trail, Shamong, NJ 08088.

Roses Not Listed on the Order Form

Check out Medford Nursery's website www.medfordnursery.com for more roses. Medford Nursery requires that we order any variety in quantities of 5. If you find some other varieties on their website, e-mail or call me with your request. If you do not want 5 of a variety we can ask the Rose Society if anyone else is interested in that variety.

Target Date for Returning Forms = Beginning of December 2009

Order forms will be accepted starting today until the week before May 1, 2010. Ordering early (December 2009) helps ensure that your rose selections will be available.

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 or call me.

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Rose Sale Coordinator



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