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'Knock Out' by Maria Cecelia Freeman

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The Manhattan Rose Society Proudly Presents

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Gaye Hammond, ARS Master Rosarian,

“Creating a Beautiful Garden with Easy Care Roses”

Wine & Cheese Reception included

6:30 – 8:30PM

SLC Conference Center, 15 West 39th St., (between 5th & 6th Ave.)

New York, NY 10018 212-244-8888



Gaye Hammond, Past President of the Houston Rose Society, has served on the Board of Directors of that organization since 1999. She is a Life Member and Patron of American Rose Society, a Master Rosarian and has been awarded the ARS Bronze Honor Medal for Outstanding Service. Gaye is also a member of the Southampton Rose Society, the Texas Rose Rustlers and the Heritage Rose Foundation. She currently serves as Chair of the ARS Development Committee and is a member of the American Rose Center Strategic Task Force.

Qualifies for 1 CR Credit!

Saturday, April 8, 2017

**Rain Date, Sunday, April 9
MRS Annual Pruning Demonstration
10:30am to 12:30pm
Rose Garden on Roosevelt Island
Qualifies for 1 CR Credit!**

Join us for a demonstration of how to prune your roses. ARS Consulting Rosarians will be on hand to answer questions. Bring your pruners – you will have an opportunity to practice what you learn! Garden gloves are also recommended.

Directions to the Rose Garden on Roosevelt Island:

- Take the F Train to Roosevelt Island. Then, take the little Red Bus that stops in front of the subway station.
- Ask the driver to let you off at the garden stop, which is in front of the garage. Walk to the right for one block and the garden is right there!
- Check with MTA to make sure the F Train to Roosevelt Island is working in both directions. If not take the Roosevelt Island Tram at 60th and Second Ave. It is a 5 min ride. The little Red Bud has a stop there, and follow the direction for the little red bus above.
- **Coming by car:** Please email Marjorie Marcallino for directions 212-688-3209

2017 Schedule of Events – SAVE THE DATES!!

Saturday, May 20, 2017 – ARS Master Rosarian, Bill Kozemchak,
“Growing Miniature and Miniflora Roses:
9:30am – 12:00pm -
Bagels and Coffee served.
Queens Botanical Garden
43-50 Main St., Flushing, NY
Qualifies for 1 CR Credit!

Sunday, June 11, 2017 –
Road Trip to the Long Island Rose Society Rose Show, Tour of the Gardens & Lunch
Planting Fields Arboretum,
Oyster Bay, NY.
Details TBA

Saturday, July 29, 2017 –
Road Trip planned
Details – TBA

October –
Manhattan Rose Society
Annual Dinner Meeting
Date & Location – TBA

Saturday, December 9, 2017,
7pm–10pm Manhattan Rose Society Holiday Open House at Stone Cottage
with Hor'doevres, Wine & Champagne.



The American Rose Society turns 125 years old this year. It is the oldest single plant horticultural society in the United States and *a founding member of the World Federation of Rose Societies. ARS is the International Cultivar Registration Authority Rosa (ICRAR), appointed by the International Society of Horticultural Science in 1955. Our mission is education and research and we work to ensure the future of the rose. We have a rich history and a great future before us and you can be a part of it!* www.rose.org

Editor's Message – March is the time of year when we all long to be in our gardens, pruning and getting ready for the best time of all – summer and blooming roses! I have been tempted, with all the warm weather, to go out and prune, but today is 27 degrees and winter has returned, yet again.

One thing that will help with cabin fever, is to come to our first meeting of 2017 on Tuesday evening, March 14th and join us for a must see program by Gaye Hammond. Just coming together to talk roses is a great cure for too much winter. So, come and learn just how easy it is to have a beautiful garden with the latest disease tolerant varieties of roses. The evening will include a wine and cheese reception. This meeting will be held at the SLC Conference Center in Manhattan.

The date for our pruning seminar on Roosevelt Island has been changed to Saturday, April 8th. The original date was the day before Easter!

On Saturday morning, May 20th, we will bring you Bill Kozemchak, ARS Master Rosarian. Bill is an expert in growing, showing and photographing roses of all types. He will focus on Miniature and Miniflora Roses and will share his secrets of growing these beauties. This meeting will take place at Queens Botanical Garden and will include bagels and coffee.

Looking forward to a great year. See you March 14th!!

Pat Shanley



ARS Trial Membership Program.

Free 4-month trial membership All **new** local society members. New members should make sure that the society they are joining sends your contact information to Jon Corkern, ARS Membership Director, jon@rose.org. That will automatically enroll you for 4 months.

\$5.00 4-month trial membership for all **existing** local society members **and** anyone who fills out a form at a local society event. If “Joe Smith” attends an event and fills out a trial membership application, even without joining a local society, he can still take advantage of the 4-month trial membership for \$5.00.

\$10.00 4-month trial membership is available for the general public. This is on the website (www.rose.org) Interested people can sign up on the website or by calling ARS at 1-800-637-6534.

Four -Month Trial Members receive:

- **American Rose Magazine** You will receive 2 issues of this nationally acclaimed magazine as part of your membership. \$16.00 value
- **On-Line Access to ARS Quarterly Bulletins** The Mini/Miniflora Bulletin, Old Garden Roe & Shrub Journal, Roe Arrangers' Bulletin, Singular Beautiful Roes and Rose Exhibitors' Forum are available free to all ARS members \$45.00 value
- **Free advice from Consulting Rosarians**
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Basic Pruning Guidelines

By Collette Morton, collettemorton@yahoo.com, Tucson, Arizona

Reprinted from the ARS website – rose.org

To 'prune' - "to lop or cut off the superfluous parts, branches, or shoots (of a plant) for better shaped or more fruitful growth; to shape or smooth by trimming; to cut off or cut out (dead branches from a rose bush)." In colder climates the removal of dead branches may well be the prime activity, but in warmer climates the main emphasis is certainly on the opportunity to shape the bush for the Spring bloom. It is this practice of regulating the shape that can enhance the landscape ambiance of the rose garden and ensure a vigorous first bloom that makes the effort all worth while. Second, the act of pruning if approached logically can encourage new basal growth from the bud union - usually regarded as strong evidence of good health. Third, the removal of old wood and damaged or diseased parts can allow a recuperative process to take place for increased growth power.

This removal of branches and sometimes old canes serves as a form of dormancy in warm climates since it cannot be achieved naturally. Since it has been proven that it is a healthy habit to allow rose bushes a period of non-production, the act of pruning does permit a time period where the governing biochemical processes are slowed down and redirected to produce that first magnificent spring bloom. In greenhouse production, for instance, the rose bushes are never given a formal prune to allow them to rest, but are groomed continuously to produce flowers for certain special holidays and events. Within a few years they burn out or become poor performers and have to be replaced. Allowing a rest period each year prolongs the life of the bush and makes sure that bloom quality and quantity is maximized for the home garden. It is often remarked that the first bloom cycle is the most attractive and the spring rose shows certainly prove that conclusion. The growth pattern in that first bloom cycle is the beneficiary of the forced redirection of stored nutrients via proper pruning.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

Above all else, investment in a pair of high quality pruning shears is mandatory. After all the expense of buying the rose bush and the planting process, you have already invested about \$10.00 to \$20.00 per bush. A good pair of pruning shears from Felco® (Swiss Import) or Corona® (made in California) will cost between \$25.00 and \$40.00. There are other manufacturers, but these two companies have track records for providing the highest quality products. The pruning shears should be the scissor type not the Anvil type. Felco has a special hand grip designed for left-handed people, swivel handles, and even a model with removal blades for maintenance. For miniature roses, there are smaller versions of these pruning shears which rely on a smaller blade surface.

For removal of large woody canes at the bud union a pruning saw from Corona will allow access for flush removal. Attempts to use pruning shears for these jobs usually results in damage to the bud union. It is best to approach cane removal with a proper saw designed specifically for the job.

For cutting large diameter canes a pair of lopping shears with 18" handles can facilitate the cutting without placing too much pressure on your hands. Again, attempts to cut large diameter canes with pruning shears will require a lot of extra strength in your hands. The lopping shears with long handles solve the strength problem and makes the cut clean and sharp.

Invest in a small wire brush (about 2" wide by 3" deep) to help remove loose bark away from the bud union. Such treatments can encourage basal breaks and stimulate new growth since growth often finds it impossible to break through the heavy tree-like bark encountered on older bushes.

Finally, save on profanities while pruning by buying a good strong pair of thick leather gloves that are puncture proof. There is nothing so irritating than a thorn under the nail to cause a string of words rarely heard in a rose garden!

THE ANGLE TO CUT

By far the most important technique to master in pruning roses is the correct angle and direction of the primary cut. The final pruning cut should be made at approximately a 45 degree angle, about 1/4" above a leaf axle where there is a dormant eye. (See picture at right.) If the bush has foliage present, the cut location is easy to find. However, cuts are often made further down canes where there is no foliage to guide you to the appropriate cut. Under these circumstances look for the dormant eye on such canes by locating where foliage was once connected. The eye is normally visible as a slight swelling above the surface of the cane. Making these primary cuts is the key to success in pruning. To help understand the importance of making such cuts, the following diagram illustrates five ways to perform it, but only one that is correct

The cut should be made such that the growth that will eventually emerge from that eye will naturally point away from the center of the bush. This deliberate planning of new spring growth patterns is what gives the rose bush a pleasing overall circular shape that spreads from the center outwards. Such cuts avoid the growth from being directed inward and colliding with other stems. The basic logic behind making the cut slope down and away from the eye is that the excess natural sap that will rise to seal the cut can pour down the opposing side of the cane and not interfere with the developing eye.

Master these two simple rules and the shape of your spring growth will be guaranteed to give an overall pleasing growth habit for the rest of the year.

1. The classical correct cut.
2. Cut too far above the eye.
3. Cut too steep an angle above the eye.
4. Wrong direction of angle cut.
5. Cut was badly executed, but more seriously a new pair of pruning shears is required.

GENERAL TIPS ON PRUNING

A number of general points of advice for good pruning can be outlined.

1. **Always prune cut to good healthy tissue** easily recognized by the green bark on the outside of the cane and white pith core revealed after the cut is made.
2. **To accelerate the sealing process** after the cut is made, a drop of carpenter's glue (or nail polish or black pruning sealer) can ensure a quicker recovery as well as provide an instant protective barrier against cane borers (those insects that drill several inches into the white pith core and deposit their eggs.)
3. **Prune to ensure the center of the bush is open** for maximum air circulation, i.e., canes emanate from the bud union like spokes of a wheel with no cross-overs or interferences. Imposing this type of architectural structure on the rose bush will help prevent powdery mildew in the Spring via good air circulation within the bush. Additionally the overall shape of the bush will be pleasing to the eye when blooms finally appear.
4. **Plan to remove all weak or twiggy growth on main canes** that is and not capable of sustaining a reasonable thickness of stem. Hybrid tea blooms need a stem about pencil thickness or greater for support.
5. **Remove suckers if present** (i.e. growth from the root structure below the bud union). Remove them from as close to the main root cane below the bud union as possible. Suckers can only appear on varieties that have been budded such as hybrid teas. The sucker represents the growing habits of the understock used for budding, usually Dr. Huey. If allowed to grow, the sucker will eventually take over the whole bush and suppress the variety budded onto it. Understock varieties can easily be recognized by their flowers (pink and five to twelve petals in the case of Dr. Huey).
6. **Remove old canes that appear woody** by sawing them off as close to the bud union as possible. Make this cut clean and smooth. Should any stubs from bad cuts made last year remain, saw them off cleanly. Finally, apply a wire brush to the woody epidermis of the bud union to loosen and remove any dead tissue to promote basal activity.
7. **Remove any remaining foliage** from the canes after pruning has been completed, and clean up around the bush discarding all foliage as trash.



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