

The Queensland Rose Society Inc.

Established 1930



General Information

The annual membership fees are currently \$25 plus a \$5 joining fee for New Members.

All Annual Fees due on **July 1st** each year.
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The Queensland Rose



**Gold Medal
Toowoomba Winner May 2023
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS June 2023 to December 2023



14 th June	7pm	Rose Show Meeting Annerley Guest Speaker Brian Klezip from Neutrog speaking on all products to keep your gardens growing healthily.
21 st June	7pm	Committee Meeting McDonalds 333 Ipswich Rd Annerley
12 th July	7pm	NO Rose Meeting at Annerley
15 th July Saturday	10am	Pruning Day 10am, Kerkin Gardens, morning tea and lunch supplied \$5 a head, at Kingsholme 4208 rsvp Sue 07 55463975 by 13 th July.
19 th July	7pm	Committee Meeting TBA
16 th August	7pm	Committee Meeting TBA
27 th August Sunday	12pm	Roma Street Gardens, 10am walk around the gardens and lunch off the menu at 12pm, meet members and enjoy your day relaxing amongst the gardens.
13 th September	7pm	AGM – NO rose show - Guest Speaker Jillian Coomb from Searle Products
20 th September	7pm	Committee Meeting TBA
23 rd September 24 th September	Sat - Sunday	Annual Gold Coast Rose Society Show Robina Centre Gold Coast

Our lovely cover rose Gold Medal, Grand Champion of the QRS Toowoomba Rose Show, was exhibited by Peter Gunders.

Gold Medal bred by Jack E. Christensen (1982 USA) and registered as a Grandiflora Hybrid Tea. It bears large, glowing golden-yellow, classically-shaped blooms with coppery pink shading on the petal edges. The blooms have a mild fruity fragrance, with a hint of spice or tea, and are either borne singly or in small clusters. Photo John Keays.

Sample from Neutrog Newsletter

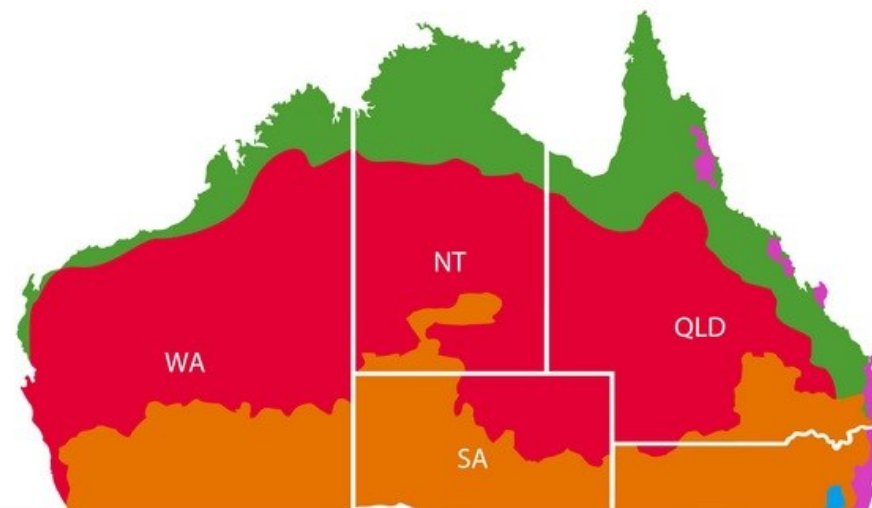
PLANTING IN JUNE

Don't forget your garden this winter, as while it seems there is very little happening above the soil, there is still plenty happening below the surface.

Equip your garden with biological products rich in seaweed, kelp and beneficial bacteria and fungi to ensure a thriving display once spring comes around. Seamungus and GOGO Juice are ideal for use in winter to help your plants resist frost, pests and disease as well as conditioning the soil and encouraging root growth.

Additionally, adding a layer of Whoflungdung to your garden at this time of the year will act as a 'blanket', protecting the plant roots while regulating soil temperature, improving soil structure with organic matter, and preventing erosion from heavy rain.

Seamungus, GOGO Juice and Whoflungdung are also our planting trifecta to give your plants the best start in their new home.



JOIN OUR NEWSLETTER

Our monthly newsletters and planting guides provide the ultimate resource for passionate gardeners to get the most out of their soils and plants.

By signing up using the QR code below, you will have access to stories about gardens across Australia, exclusive Neutrog updates and our recommendations for feeding, planting and garden maintenance each month.



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30th September 1st October	Sat - Sunday	Queensland Rose Society Show jointly with Floral Art Society Auditorium, Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha Potted Rose Bushes and other Plants for sale, raffles, honey, crafts and refreshments for sale.
14th October 15th October	Sat - Sunday	Toowoomba QRS Rose Show Rose Cottage Newtown Park
18 th October	7pm	Committee Meeting TBA
20 th October	Perth	National Rose AGM Convention in Perth, Friday to Monday or Friday to Friday. De- pending on .what you register for.
8 th November	7pm	Rose Show Meeting at Annerley Zoom Meeting starts 7.30pm with Guru Richard Walsh, Australian Rose Breeder, from NSW, about roses and other gardening hints.
12th November Sunday	11 am	Rose Garden Yandina – Car Pooling – morn- ing tea and lunch BYO. More information
15 th November	7pm	Committee Meeting TBA
December	TBA	Breakup

*** OUR SPRING SHOWS ***

**GOLD COAST ROSE SOCIETY
23-24 SEPTEMBER**

**QLD ROSE SOCIETY (BRISBANE)
30 SEPTEMBER - 1 OCTOBER**

**QRS DARLING DOWNS (TOOWOOMBA)
14-15 OCTOBER**

Editorial

Sue Keays

John and I spent a magical three weeks amongst the Autumn leaves in NSW - the colours were magical: Midas-rich golds, burnt oranges, russets, scarlet and maroon. But not many roses to explore, although we did visit an eclectic rose garden at Orange Botanical Gardens and five exquisite Open Gardens in the NSW Southern Highlands. We certainly do live in the lucky country!

You can imagine that John was not too impressed when I simply *had* to purchase a couple of bare root roses from Swanes which pricked him every time he repacked the back seat. [not to mention having to buy a plastic crate and water spray bottle at Bunnings!]

On reflection, we can have these sizzling colours in our gardens with roses such as France Libre, Pumpkin Patch, Tuscan Sun, Maurice Utrillo and a Burgundy Iceberg for contrast.

When we got home, however, not one single rose greeted us which did not auger well for our QRS Show!

I was privileged to judge at the QRS Toowoomba and QRS shows. Judging gives you the opportunity to really compare, contrast, examine and learn from the roses. As a rose enthusiast, it is a beautiful experience for me and makes me truly appreciate the expertise and skill of our exhibitors. Meanwhile I am taking Sue and Donelle's advice to be ready for September-October.

As always John and I would like to thank our contributors to the magazine. Sadly Elaine O'Donnell is no longer able to join us at our meetings but unfailingly contributes recipes for each magazine. We miss you heaps Elaine and wish you all the best. Ed.

Laurel Sommerfeld, a very knowledgeable rose grower, QRS member and award-winning rose breeder, has been a regular correspondent with intriguing articles for us to enjoy. Our members will have the opportunity to see Laurel's roses in November. Equally, we are always very appreciative of the reports and articles written by our committee members.

The President's Report Susanne Stallwood

Welcome Members! Happy Rose Growing to All!

The chilly weather has set in which means it is coming up to pruning time once again in June/July.

Keep up the fertilizer through Autumn and Spring. A pelleted form of a seaweed oil based conditioner such as Seamungus, a Neutrog product you can buy at Bunnings or via the Neutrog store, is excellent. Lightly water after application, keeping your plants healthy throughout winter.

Blooms should be coming back by September. Fill the house with vases of roses and enjoy the beautiful perfume. There is nothing better than a morning walking through the rose garden overlooking, admiring or picking the beautiful roses. Our exhibitors will start preparing to



Queensland Rose Society Inc. Membership Renewal Form

Membership is due on July 1st

Please write your first name and family name on this form so we can ensure your payment is registered. If your other details have changed please include them also.

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FAMILY NAME (s): _____

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Payment method (please tick) ☐ Cheque ☐ Cash ☐ Bank Transfer

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Note: Write your name and 'membership' in the payment referral and email receipt to Treasurer

Make cheques payable to:

The Queensland Rose Society Inc.

Post payment with this form to:

QRS Treasurer, PO Box 475, Mt Ommaney QLD 4074

If paying by bank transfer, email a pdf copy of this form to: treasurer.qrs@gmail.com

I enclose \$25 annual subscription for membership renewal.

I understand that annual subscriptions are payable on July 1 each year.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

The Qld Rose Society and Neutrog are partners in an endorsing agreement and Neutrog would like to send you correspondence regarding the benefits of membership, special offers, and samples free of charge.

Please tick if you wish to receive these communications ☐ YES ☐ NO

<http://www.qld.rose.org.au/>

day 7am setting up and closing final day. 2pm. We need some new blood as the oldies are getting older.

If you need advice Donelle's Winter hrs are M-F 9am-5pm Sat 9am-3pm, or phone Donelle 07 3278 8540 or for gardening concerns email: shop7529@interfloraflorist.com.au

Ed:

Donelle has a stock of lovely potted roses already growing healthily in pots now, rather than the dry rooted varieties available elsewhere—and she gives members a discount. Get in early for the best selection.

Considering how hard Donelle and Kim work, it is amazing that she manages to provide so much advice and support for our QRS members. She truly is a living treasure.

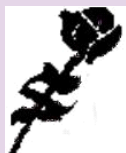
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brindabellagardens@tpg.com.au.

Brindabella Gardens Tours must be booked in advance. Cost \$11.00 per head.

DATES: 10am start on each of: Sept 8, 9, 10, 15th 16th 17th, 22, 23, 24, 29th 30th. Oct 1st, 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st..



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gauge their roses for exhibiting at our Spring Show 30th September.

Come along to our pruning day at Kingsholme this July and learn a few tips - morning tea and lunch will be provided.

We managed to hold a successful rose show on the 20th & 21st May at Mt Coot-tha, with nearly 200 blooms, which was remarkable after the weather we have had. On the preceding Tuesday, the 16th May, we had hours of storm and pelting rain that completely wrecked my garden, so I couldn't show any of my roses.

Thank You to all our exhibitors, especially from NSW, Braiden Swan and John Bennett. It wouldn't be a show without all of you!

To all the workers at the show over the weekend, all your work putting together and unpacking the show is much appreciated. We are always looking for volunteers to help.

The caterers did well with delicious scones and sandwiches - always yummy refreshments. Thank you for the people giving a hand in the kitchen over the weekend.

If you need help with your roses please contact the society.

See you in the Spring at our Spring Show to be held jointly with the Floral Art Society, 30th September - 1 October, Mt Coot-tha.

Ed.: Our next ordinary meeting and rose show is on 14 June, 7pm, at Annerley with Guest Speaker, Brian Klepzig, from Neutrog.

Secretary's Report June 2023

Shirley Brann

Welcome to Winter!

It's only the first few days, but don't we all know it. It will be 2 degrees in Ipswich this first week of Winter.

It has been a colourful few months (April to May). The QCGC Plant and Floral Spectacular was held at Mt Coot-tha Auditorium in early April. There were a large number of exhibits; including the roses, but these were outnumbered by the exhibits from the Dahlia Society who put on a spectacular show of colour. Participation numbers were up from last year but not matching the pre-COVID crowds. It was an exciting weekend. My entry in the Novice Floral Art with an "Oriental" theme earned me a First Prize which was quite a surprise.

Then in May the Rose Society held its Autumn Rose Show again at the Mt Coot-tha Auditorium. Committee members were apprehensive on the Friday night as entries started to appear, but by 9am Saturday there was a brilliant display of colour and smell delighting the senses. It was full on for the two days for me, meeting many of our members and growers; and working the kitchen (with assistance) serving the scones, jam & cream; and delicious sandwiches – thanks to Heather and Noel Prior.

Friendship Day invitations to attend other Garden Club meetings are starting to surface again. These events are always special and enjoyable. I attended a fun filled morning with the Greenpark Garden Club

on 15th May, and our President, together with Shirley and Bevan Dance will attend the Beenleigh Friendship Day, early in June.

QCGC will be hosting a Friendship Day on 28th June at the Mt Coot-tha Auditorium, and Qld Rose Society members are most welcome to attend. Bring a plate of food to share and RSVP to :

secretary2@qcg.net by the 21st June.

These venues are a great resource to let others know about our Club, and our activities while socialising with like-minded gardeners.

The events for Winter are very few, but these pick up for Autumn. Events are as follow :

Garden events :

June 10 & 11 Cactus & Succulent Show, Belmont Shooting Complex, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont. Plant sales, cultural advice; competitions; displays. Admission \$5.

June 17th Esk Garden Show. Plant sales, workshops, fun and colour all day through-out the township. Entry : gold coin.

September 8th & 9th Laidley Spring Gardening Fair. Floral Art displays, workshop demonstrations, food trucks. Laidley Cultural Centre. Entry : Gold coin.

October 6th & 7th Stanthorpe Gardenfest & Trade Fair. Exhibition Centre Showgrounds, 8 High Street, Stanthorpe. Free Admission. Plant Displays and Sales, garden and home decor ; trade displays, landscaping supplies; craft sales.

Contact me if you have any further en-

quiries. Happy gardening, once the sun is warm. Email : secretary.qrs@gmail.com.
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Membership Report

Anne Munro

Current membership is 257 members. Welcome to the 12 new members who joined up at our 2023 Autumn Rose Show. We look forward to seeing you at a meeting soon .

The renewal notice for the next financial year is included in this magazine. The annual subscription runs from the 1st of July 2023 to 30 June 2024 and entitles you to the quarterly magazines. Payment is via electronic banking. Please make payment as soon as possible to minimise our administration. If you change your profile/address just send QRS an email with the details.

Meetings are held at the Annerley Church Hall (Downstairs) 459 Annerley Road, Annerley Junction, Brisbane at 7pm normally on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

NB Please carefully check page. 2 and 3 in this magazine for calendar details for the rest of the year.

Any queries regarding your membership please email.

Treasurer & Membership Secretary

Treasurer.qrs@gmail.com

Neutrog Orders Important Information

Neutrog have advised that the online store is now “never closed” Instead as each season’s orders are closed off, the dates

Donelle’s Tips Things to do for June, July and August

June

Winter is approaching quite quickly, thrips seem to be still active around Brisbane. The best treatment for these horrible pests is a natural remedy.

- Mix 3 tsps Cold Power washing detergent in 9 litres of warm water in a watering can. Give a good shake and spray - apply to top and under leaves.

For Hand Spraying use:

Conguard or a lime sulphur spray (must use late-in-the-day - check application rate - after 5pm with no wind drift, or see Donelle for recommendations of products). Repeat in 7 days.

- **For White Louse Scale and Mealy Bugs** about on stems of roses (normally caused by moisture and cold weather), SPRAY WITH WHITE OIL, leave for 1/2 day, then scrub rose stems with an old toothbrush.
- Last chance to fertilize for a flush of flowers before pruning

July-to Mid August Pruning .

Tools and Sprays Needed:

Secateurs Felco no 2 or similar , white oil aerosol, pruning paint or aerosol for sealing stems or use Vaseline to seal for moisture repellent, hand saw, hand loppers, tarp or sheet to put cuttings

and scraps into rubbish bin.

General Instructions:

Normally for Qld, don’t prune below knee height, and always to an out ward pointing bud (i.e. where leaf emerges) pruning on a slight angle. Make sure to prune deadwood off stems with a clean cut and seal the cuts.

For larger bushes 1.5 metres prune to hip height.

For HT’s, floribunda varieties, and climbers under 2 years no pruning for the first 2 years or only 1/3 off.

Climbers prefer a full sun position .

Miniature Roses

Trim back low to 15cm .They come back bushy. And feed them .with a good slow release Osmocote, Troforte Fertilizer. You can give Sudden Impact liquid, each 2 weeks to boost along quicker

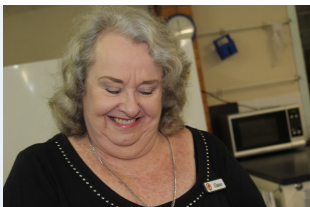
August after Pruning.

Mulch and fertilize your Roses ready for summer! Whoflungdung or pea straw, or sugar cane are all good mulches They should all be shooting with new growth by now !

September start using sprays for aphids, and liquid feed with high potash soluble liquid.

Be ready for the QRS October Show on last Sat of September 30th Sept. and first Sun of October 1st Oct. We need more new exhibitors to learn and exhibit. Give it a go! Members are here to help if you’re not sure what to do.

Plus we need more volunteers to set up tables and lend a general hand on the Fri-



CHIPOTLE MAPLE GLAZE

Chef Elaine O'Donnell

"FOR MEATS OR GRILLED CORN "

Ingredients

- ½ cup pure maple syrup (don't substitute)
- ¼ cup unsalted butter
- 2 garlic cloves - minced
- 4 tsp Chipotle powder or to taste
- 1/tsp salt

Method

- Add all ingredients to a small heavy saucepan
- Simmer over a medium heat
- Stirring occasionally
- Reduce heat to low
- Simmer until glaze is reduced to ¾ cup stirring occasionally – approximately 10 minutes
- Remove from heat
- Cover and refrigerate
- The glaze can be mad 1 day in advance

NOTES

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<https://neutrogshop.com.au/>

QRS Website/Facebook

John Keays

John Keays updates qld.rose.org.au. The webpage constantly changes to reflect the on going activities of the Queensland Rose Society. The web provides a knowledge base for growing roses, a list of rose varieties, contact details and a list of local rose experts.

John is also webmaster for QCGC .

<https://www.qcgc.net>

Lookup the QCGC calendar to see the upcoming gardening events in SE Queensland.

The flyers for all the rose shows appears on the Qld rose web site and the QCGC websites. The rose schedules appear on the Qld rose website for all the upcoming Toowoomba and Brisbane rose shows.

Facebook. Anne Munro has been taking the lead in posting events on the QRS Facebook page. To look at roses join the Facebook group and get reminder of upcoming events.

Badges

Metallic badges either magnetic or clip-on are available. If you would like to order one, please contact Sue Stallwood, Ph 5546 3975.

susanne.stallwood@bigpond.com

QRS Rose Show Mt Coot-tha



Concentrating on judging—Judges Leo Cooper and Sue Keays at Mt Coot-tha



Time out for a cuppa, Shirley Brann and Heather Prior.



Grace Warrens vase of Magic Carousel miniature roses above and Reserve Champion vase of Tineke HTs.

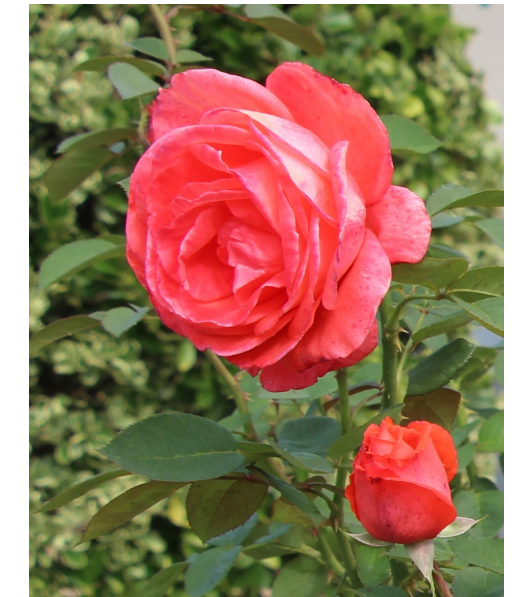


Braidan Swan is chuffed by his Champion HT exhibit Veterans Honour



Best Rose Division 2, Veterans Honour, by Novice exhibitor Catalina Milenkovic

Autumn trees at Tenterfield and Orange with Autumn Roses from the top: Garden Delight, Super Star, and hips from a Rugosa rose.



Congratulations Tom and Lorraine, Noel and Heather for doing QRS proud –Ed.



Tom and Lorraine admiring their winning trophy and their championship cards



The Honourable Governor Jeanette Young opening the show



QRS Autumn Rose Show, 20-21 May

Sue Keays

Although the number of entries was somewhat less than usual, with the support of the QRS Darling Downs and the Gold Coast Rose Society members, we managed to fill the Mt Coot-tha auditorium with colour and beautiful blooms for the public and our members to enjoy. I felt the six perfectly matched Moonstone

HT's exhibited by Ted Hayes was an outstanding exhibit in every way - not just one but six exquisite blooms!. They were a delight to the senses and a tribute to Ted's expertise and skill in the art of rose-growing. Congratulations Ted!

Congratulations to both Braidan Swan and John Bennett for bringing along their outstanding roses all the way from NSW – did I hear mention of State of Origin roses? Fortunately, Leo Cooper, Grace War-



ren and Ted Hayes held our side up. Congratulations also to Caterlina Mileokovic, who has not been exhibiting that long and achieved the Novice Champion Hybrid Tea Rose with 'Veterans Honour'.

Sadly, not one rose could be found in the Keays garden but Laurel Sommerfeld generously filled a bucket of roses from her farm at Yandina for me to bring along for display purposes. Three of Laurel's roses, 'Garden Delight', caught the eye of many visitors who asked for their name. [Our dearth of roses was due to being away for a month prior to the show, on top of rain, hail and wind damage.]

Despite the less than ideal weather conditions, our exhibitors managed to put on an excellent show including older-style perfumed David Austin roses, minifloras and miniatures - although there were a number of empty classes.

There were some lovely entries in the heritage section. Those old-style, often heavily-cupped, delicately-coloured, romantic roses are the precursors of all modern roses but are often under-rated on our local show benches - except in Too-woomba where Bonita Cattell and HRIA members regularly put together a magnificent display.

Rose shows can teach us a lot about the roses themselves. It is worthwhile taking a close look at the form, perfume and growth habit the various categories of roses.

Holding a rose show represents a great deal of behind-the-scenes work. Our committee members, judges, stewards, special helpers and members worked hard to make the show a success. Noel Prior put

a great deal of work into the planning and schedules. Tables and chairs had to be set in place, Heather's team of helpers in the kitchen provided refreshments for members, judges, and visitors all weekend. Shirley Dance seemed to be helping out everywhere!



Bevan Dance, Bill O'Donnell & Peter Gambell

Donelle and Kim's garden stall offered an array of potted, healthy, tried 'n tested' roses, as well as pots of chrysanthemums, and indoor plants. Anne Munro and helpers manned the entry bench all weekend, whilst Bevan Dance, Peter Gambell and Bill O'Donnell moved a mountain of fertilisers, Juliet and Jenny manned a bric-a-brac stall, and Noelene and Steve sold pure honey from their apiaries at Walloon (evidenced by its weight). On behalf of the QRS committee I'd like to thank everyone who helped and or exhibited over the weekend.



QCGC Plant and Floral Spectacular Shirley Dance



Sue and Bevan at the QRS display table

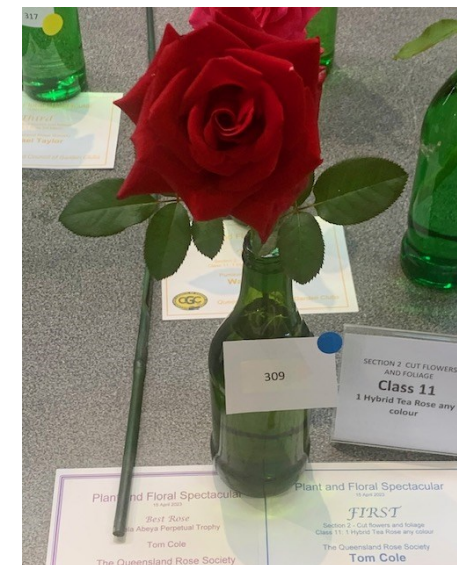
The Queensland Council of Garden Clubs (QCGC) invited Qld Garden Clubs to set up a display at their Plant and Floral Spectacular at the Brisbane Botanic Gardens Auditorium, Mt. Coot-tha, on the 15th and 16th April. The Queensland Rose Society took up the challenge.

A highlight of the weekend was the official opening of the show by the Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency the Honorable Dr. Jeannette Young AC PSM.

The Auditorium show benches were filled with a wide variety of plants, flowers and beautiful floral art, the judging of which was a massive job. There were also several plant sale tables supplied by different garden clubs and displays by the Queensland Herb Society, Native Plants Queensland, the Dahlia Society, the International Cordyline Society and the Queensland Rose Society. The International Cordyline Society won the Best Display of the Show with a wide range of spectacular coloured cordylines, followed by the Queensland

Herb Society, a close second.

The rose classes were won by several of our QRS Members, with the overall winners being Tom and Lorraine Cole, QRS members from Pine Mountain. Tom and Lorraine won the Noela Abeya Perpetual Trophy for the Best Rose of the Show with a beautiful perfumed red HT rose called Fire Fighter.



Our QRS Vice-President Noel Prior OAM and Heather Prior OAM (President of the Floral Art Society of Queensland), both of whom are long-serving QRS members as well as members of several other garden clubs, took out a number of awards - Heather with her artistic floral art and Noel with his prized plant collection.

All in all, it was a very enjoyable weekend promoting the Qld Rose Society, meeting members of the public and spending time with the dedicated members of other Garden Clubs.

Toowoomba Rose Show



Historic Newtown Park home of the Rose Cottage. Always worth a visit. Opposite: Judith Hudson, cutting the cake in memory of husband Doug.



Judges morning tea



Judges' morning tea



Peter Gunder's champion Gold Medal rose

Bonita Cattell's Heritage Rose display at the Toowoomba Rose show. Leo Cooper putting the final touch to his entry just before judging.



WINNERS QRS AUTUMN ROSE SHOW Mt COOT-THA MAY 2023

Grand Champion of the Show – Ted Hayes with Moonstone
Champion Vase – Grace Warren with Magic Carousel
Reserve Champion Vase – Grace Warren with Tineke
Champion HT Exhibition – Ted Hayes with Moonstone
Best Rose Div 11 – Braiden Swan with Veterans Honour
Champion Miniature – Robert Warren with Magic Carousel
Champion Miniflora – Robert Warren with Princess
Champion Novice – Catalina Milenkovic
Champion Decorative – Tom & Lorraine Cole with LimeLight
Champion Floribunda – John Bennett
Champion Miscellaneous – John Bennett with The Fairy
Best Exhibit Seedling – Ted Hayes Unknown parentage



The Fairy



Veterans Honour

The Rose Valley of Morocco by Louise Marchal

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The Rose Valley is the nickname given to the Valley of Dadès which unfolds at the bottom of the High Atlas Mountains between the town of Kelâat M’Gouna and the village of Bou Tharar, in the south-east of the country. It is usually entered by Imas-sine, where there is a congestion of large boulders of rounded rocks that sometimes seem to stand in equilibrium on the ground. This is followed by a series of small peasant communities with earthen houses off the roads, that cultivate various kinds of crops (maize, barley and other cereals, potatoes.).

The nickname of the valley comes from the rose hedges originally created to prevent goats from entering the fields. Pilgrims returning from Mecca are said to have brought the rose of Damascus (*Rosa Damascena*) to the region in the 10th century. Today, the flower has become an emblem of the territory. It is consumed locally in the form of rose water and exported to the perfume industry market in the form of rose concrete or essence.

What literally gives life to the Valley of Roses are its flowers. Every year in April and May, thousands of tons of roses colour the landscape. The spectacle is short-

lived, as local women soon pick them up and send them to the nearby Kalaat M’Gouna processing plants. Every spring morning, the scent of roses invades the trails into the villages. Once harvested and sorted, the petals are shipped to local plants for distillation. The essence is then used to make a variety of products.

The Dadès Valley Rose “Moussem”, the Rose Festival, is held in the town of Kalaat M’Gouna after the harvest. On this occasion, thousands of Moroccans from nearby towns and even remote provinces come to the place to feast and do business with the inhabitants. Dressed in their finest attire, the locals stroll through the streets and sprinkle each other with petals and rose water. The traditional dances embellish the parade: the dance of the bee or the dance of the sword. Then, the time will come to elect the “Roses Miss” among the young single women, and to expose her to the public on a beautiful flowered and decorated float.

The festivities usually last three days. Throughout the festival, stalls offer visitors a variety of perfumes, cosmetics and culinary products based on rose petals and essential oils. The Rose festival is one of the best eco-tourism events to discover in the Atlas, a traditional annual event where you will feel like you are in a fairy tale.

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Thanks Laurel and Louise for this interesting article Ed

