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'CAGED'
2008 CHAMPION FLORAL ART
SANDY ELLIOTT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT;

Hello members of the GCRS



We have just had a very good weekend at Angela and Wayne's home with their 'Open Garden'. Their garden was superb and everyone I spoke to were just astounded at the beauty of it. The GCRS made a little money as well.

Unfortunately I will be absent from the October meeting as I am attending the World Federation of Rose Societies meeting in Adelaide. I hope to bring back news and photos of the convention.

I attended QRS and Darling Downs Spring Shows during October and both had wonderful displays. It is very noticeable just how much our Gold Coast Rose Society members support both these events and how well they do at them.

Terry Burke
PRESIDENT

CHRISTMAS PARTY;

Don't forget our Christmas Party is on **SATURDAY 29th NOVEMBER** and is catered 'Spit Roast' meal free to Members.

People attending are asked to please bring:

- **YOUR OWN CHAIR**
- **YOUR OWN DRINKS**
- **ONE GIFT PER PERSON FOR THE REVOLVING RAFFLE**
(Approximate value \$10.00 ea)

PLEASE BE FAIR FOLKS; We have to book the specific number of people attending with the Catering Company, which they charge us for and cater for accordingly, so we do need you to play by the rules and return that slip to me . . .No slip . . . No food

It will be a great night, so come along to Angela & Wayne's, at 4:00pm on 29th November.

BEAUTIFUL 2009 CALENDARS FOR SALE;

We have a few copies of our beautiful 2009 Rose Calendar for sale for **only \$7.00**. See Angela or Jenny if you would like to purchase one.



QLD ROSE SOCIETY SPRING ROSE SHOW RESULTS:

Champion Exhibition Rose	John Dale
Reserve Champion Exhibition Rose	Angela Sully
Class 1: Spring Decorative H.T. Championship	Paul & Toni Hains
Class 2: Spring Composite Championship	Cheryl & Terry Burke
Class 3: Spring Floribunda Championship	John Dale
Class 4: Spring Mini-Flora Championship	John Dale
Class 5: Spring Miniature Championship	Ted Hayes
Class 6: Spring Exhibition Championship	Paul & Toni Hains
Class 7: Spring Super Six Decorative Champ.	Paul & Toni Hains
Best Exhibit of Section 2 (Class 8-10)	John Dale
Aggregate of Section 3 (Classes 11-15)	John Dale
Champ. Exhibit of Section 4 (Class 16)	Angela Sully
Best Exhibit of Section 5 (Class 17).	Ted Hayes
Best Exhibit of Section 6 (Classes 18-19)	Paul & Toni Hains
Aggregate of Section 7 (Classes 20-25),	Paul & Toni Hains
Champion Novice Section (Classes 26-30)	B Fotea
Aggregate of Novice Section	B Fotea
Best Exhibit of Section 8 (Classes 31-34)	Paul & Toni Hains
Best Exhibit of Section 9 (Classes 35-37)	Wal Stewart
Best Exhibit of Section 10 (Classes 38-41)	R Weston
Best Exhibit of Section 11,	W Stewart
Aggregate of Section 11 (Classes 42-45)	John Dale, Angela Sully,
(Tied)	W Stewart, R Warren
Best Exhibit of Sect. 1	Cheryl & Terry Burke
Aggregate of Section 12 (Classes 46-50) (tied)	C & T Burke & T Hayes
Best Exhibit of Section 13 (Classes 51-55).	Angela Sully
Aggregate of Section 13	Paul & Toni Hains
Best Exhibit of Section 14 (Classes 56-62).	W Stewart
Aggregate of Section 14	W Stewart
Best Exhibit of Section 15 (Classes 63-68).	Ted Hayes
Aggregate of Section 15	Ted Hayes
Champ Exhibit of Sec 16,	T Stallwood
Aggregate of Section 16 (Classes 69-72).	Paul & Toni Hains
Champion Vase of Secs 16, 17, 18, & 19	Paul & Toni Hains
Reserve Champ Vase of Secs 16, 17, 18, & 19	Grace Warren
Best Exhibit of Section 17 (Classes 73-75).	Grace Warren
Best Exhibit of Section 18 (Classes 76-79).	Wal Stewart
Best Exhibit of Section 19 (Classes 80-83).	Angela Sully
Best Exhibit of Section 20 (Classes 84-87)	M & B Armstrong
Best Exhibit of Section 21 (Class 88).	Paul & Toni Hains

WHAT'S GROWING IN THE 'BURKES BACKYARD'

Everything in our garden is booming and blooming. Thrips still pose the biggest problem to the rose blooms and have destroyed hundreds over the last few weeks.

Maldison is the recommended spray twice a week but they get down into the petal folds and cannot be contacted with the spray. Dimethoate will be my next spray. My determination is never give up on them.

We have replaced four of our 'Signature' Roses. We have persevered for years with them but rarely get a bloom that is not marked. The thrips love this rose as much as the white ones. In the beginning we would not have waited this long before removing them. I can only remember once over six years ever exhibiting just one of them. They have been replaced with another 'Precious Michelle', 'Glorious', 'Perfume Perfection' and 'Ebb Tide'.

More wildlife has moved in. Two small bats have taken up residency under our patio roof. We have no idea what type except that they are very small. They leave each night at dusk and return just before the sun rises. Whether they are good or bad we don't know yet but so far there ap-

pears to be no problems. They may even play a part in eating all our bugs.

Until next time

Terry & Cheryll Burke

'A BUCKET OF ROSES'

Another month and 2 more Spring Rose Shows have past. The QRS Show was held on the weekend of the 4/5 of October with the DDRS Show following on the next weekend. Our fridges are now breathing a collective sigh of relief that they not longer need to display their ability to have elastic sides so that we can squeeze in "just one more bucket of roses!!"



Members of the GCRS did very well at the QRS Show claiming several of the Championship Categories and (pictured here) the Reserve Champion of the Show, Tineke by Angela Sully. The support for the Shows by members from the GCRS is greatly appreciated by the QRS and I am sure that the

DDRS would agree.

Well, the Gardening Australia saga continues. The latest Magazine is out with a short profile of each of the finalists inside. There seems to be 2 from most of the states, a total of 8. There are some lovely looking gardens that are a great credit to their creators and some of the gardeners seem like real characters.

Paul feels very privileged to be amongst such a select group. The good old QRS even got a very small plug in the write-up on Paul. The runner-up and winner will be announced in the next magazine. I guess the actual runner-up and winner will know before this stage. We are not holding much hope of progressing any further but are very happy to be a finalist.

We have had the first infestation of Red Spider Mite for the season. Just in a couple of minis and a couple of potted roses so, keep a look out people! We gave these few roses a treatment of O-Mite which seems to have hit them on the head. Apart from these few mite critters the roses have been so far unscathed by crawlies and we seem to be keeping the Black Spot and Mildew at bay with our spraying program.

We have been very fortunate to have had 30mm of rain at our place over the past week or so. This means I have been keeping the neighbours entertained as I struggle through the rose



bushes in a heavy downpour lugging a 10kg bucket of Sudden Impact with me. As I stagger back into the house wringing wet and smelling like the bottom of a chicken's laying box I can't help but smile at how good the roses are going to look in a couple of weeks after a good feed!

Speaking of keeping neighbours entertained, one of the websites I was recently on suggested that a good organic method of controlling Red Spider would be to vacuum your rose bushes. Now that would definitely give the neighbours a laugh!

Until next time

Toni Hains



ROSES ON THE HILL;

As much as I love the rain, it was disappointing to have it appear on our Open Garden weekend. But none the less, its was a good weekend all in all.

The Agapanthus lining the driveway back planted with Seduction Roses in full bloom, with the Jacaranda's blooming in the distance was a welcoming sight for garden visitors .



Roses in full bloom, arches laden with honeysuckle, Hippeastrums, Day lilies, David Austin's and many other annuals and perennials in bloom around the garden left much for visitors to view and exclaim over.



Many thanks to those hardworking dozen or so Rose Society members who are always there when they are needed, working to raise funds which benefit all members of GCRS.

Most of the new release roses planted this year have bloomed. My very favourites are Mitsouko a beautiful Delbard Rose from the Painters Collection, large Lemon blooms with slight pink edging

Jenny Brown is a very pretty open Rose with only five petals, very similar to Dainty Bess

Elina has grown to produce massive lemon blooms, she truly is a magnificent rose.



Other recent favourites are Jardin De Bagatelle, Knockout, Bee Bop, Fire & ice and Tanya (my daughters name),

Some of what I class the best in the garden are Perfect Moment, Tineke, Signature, City of Newcastle, Grand Amore, Brigadoon, Mothers Love, Happy Anniversary (and a few more!)

Some Roses I am disappointed with which will probably be 'wheelie binned' next year are Poetry, which fails to bloom without being quite marked, and Oliva Newton John, a very weak growing rose with insignificant flowers .



My miniatures continue to astound me with their incredible growth since moving them to their new home along the driveway. Many peoples comments to me last weekend were "we thought Miniatures were supposed to be small" Some of them are reaching three to four foot! Must be the lime leaching from the concrete, or perhaps they just love their new sunny spot.

QRS SPING SHOW;

The Qld Rose Society recently held another successful Spring Show, with Colin Campbell opening the Show and making the Official Presentations.

There were many Rose Society members taking away prizes and ribbons for the day with the Champion Hybrid Tea won by John Dale with beautiful Bianca.



Hot Chocolate was a real eye catcher, with its unusual burnt orange blooms.



There were many other stunning blooms on display, many of which I have added to my 2009 wish list.

Congratulations to the real winners, all those Rose Society members who take the time to cut and exhibit their Roses at the Shows. Isn't it wonderful sharing our beautiful Roses with members of the public.

Angela Sully

THE CHEROKEE ROSE;

'It is Spring. The leaves are on the trees. I am playing with my friends when white men in uniform ride up to our home. My mother calls me. I can tell by her voice that something is wrong. Some of the men ride off. My mother tells me to gather my things, but the men don't allow us time to gather anything. They enter our home and begin knocking over pottery and looking into everything. My mother and I are taken by several men to where their horses are and are held there by gunpoint. The men ride off and return with my father, Elijah. They have taken his rifle and he is walking towards us'...
(Michael Rutledge 1995)

So began the story handed down through generations to Michael Rutledge, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma by Samuel Cloud, his great-great grandfather. Samuel was then only 9 years old. This was the winter of 1839 and the beginning of the forced march west from Georgia by the Cherokee Nation under the guard of the American soldiers. The 14,000 Cherokees travelled west for over a thousand miles and by the end of their journey they had lost 4000 of their men, women and children.

'When I went to sleep last night, my mother was hot and coughing worse



than usual. When I woke up she was cold. I tried to wake her up but she just lay there. The soft warmth she once was, she is no more. I kept touching her, as hot tears stream down my face. She couldn't leave me. She wouldn't leave me. I hear myself call her name, softly then louder. She does not answer'....
(Michael Rutledge 1995)

Out of the pain and suffering on that journey came the legend of the Cherokee rose;

"The mothers of the Cherokee grieved so much that the chiefs asked for a sign to lift their mother's spirits and give them strength to care for their children. From that day forward a beautiful new flower, a rose grew wherever a mothers tear fell to the ground. The rose is white for the mothers tears. It has a gold centre for the gold taken from the Cherokee lands and seven leaves on each stem represent the seven Cherokee tribes that made the journey".

The journey took them from Georgia, North Carolina through Kentucky, Tennessee and to Oklahoma.

To this day the Cherokee rose grows along the route known as the 'Trail of Tears'. It is now the official flower of the state of Georgia. To you and me it is also known as *Rosa laevigata*. It is found from North Carolina south into Florida and west into Texas. It is native to China and introduced into America around 1759. It is an old garden rose that remains behind in abandoned settlements throughout southern United States to testify where a colonial gardener once lived. Apart from its official status, some would consider this rose nothing but a pest.

It is so robust and adaptable that it has turned fertile lands into useless places for crops and pasture. It is said that no one with any garden sense would ever plant this rose on purpose. It has vicious thorns that curl downwards and even the hips have prickles. All it ever offers on its long arching canes is its beautiful flowers that appear for only 20 days of the year.

But to Samuel Cloud's people and the rest of the Cherokee Nation it is remembrance.

Terry Burke

WHAT TO DO IN NOVEMBER;

The Spring flush continues, helped along with welcome fairly regular rain. As there is much new growth on the Roses at the moment, it is imperative that you keep up with your spray programme every 7 to 10 days. Aphids just love new growth, so make sure you are using a good broad spectrum Insecticide such as Dictate Duo which will keep them away. If you sprayed your Roses with Lime Sulphur after Pruning, many of the pests and diseases will take much longer to appear.

Spring is the right time to apply fertiliser, so if you haven't already applied a good organic fertiliser to your Roses, do so now. Make sure you have a good layer of mulch over your Rose beds to retain moisture in your garden as the Summer heat is just around the corner.

Good garden hygiene is a must over the hot humid Summer months. Black Spot is the worst disease of Roses in our hot humid climate. In addition to spraying with a good fungicide such as Mancozeb there are other factors you can employ to help control this disease. Dispose of infected leaves - collect them and bin them. Water directly onto the soil - wet the leaves as little as possible. Covering the soil with a good layer of mulch will prevent infected soil splashing onto leaves.

Angela



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