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Coming Events

9th-10th May
**Qld Rose Society
Autumn Rose Show**
at Mt-Coot-tha Botanic Gardens Auditorium. Opens 11.30 on Saturday.
7-11.30 Saturday for competitors only please to set up their displays.

17th May - Sunday
Roselovers' Show at
Ashgrove Bowls Club

Lessons for Queensland Rose Growing

There are so many similarities between growing roses in Queensland and growing in other parts of the world.

I have had feedback from other countries, particularly the USA, that they face similar challenges to us, especially in battling the humidity. They do have other challenges in places such as snow which we never see.

I have been including articles and information from overseas for some time now for

your reading pleasure. Last month South Africa and Texas published articles from this Bulletin. This reciprocal arrangement will work well where they are similar climates.

This month Baxter Williams from Houston in the USA has sent me an article on how to build a quick and easy garden bed. The rose catalogues are out so it's time to start building if you want to plant your new garden this winter.

The ideal planting time in Queensland is June through to the end of July.

I have now set up a website to enable you to download all of the Bulletin issues.

There is a plan to put a members' section into the Queensland Rose Society website to enable you to download past editions of The Queensland Rose, the quarterly newsletter of the society. I will keep you updated.

Combating Scale

Paul Hains, Mt Gravatt East, Qld

"They belong to that order of insects whose nourishment is derived from the sap they suck from the plants. The females are protected by a covering shield (scale), under which they raise their progeny. The white or rose scale is usually seen on old neglected roses from which it spreads all round. Their protecting shield is white and hard and adheres fast to the wood. When unchecked they breed so fast that they give the roses the appearance of having been whitewashed with a thick coating of lime."

"Modern Roses in Australasia", BV Rossi

The best method of eliminating scale is to seal the scales preventing the insects from breathing. This is achieved with an oil based



spray. **Pest oil** can be used when shade temperatures are less than 32° C. This covers red, white, pink, black and soft brown scale.

Malathon (maldison) is also an effective pesticide against scale and should be mixed with an oil product to maximise the impact.

Small infestations can be scrubbed with a soft toothbrush and some soapy water before spraying with your pest oil mix. Oils can be purchased in prepackaged aerosols if you have only a small amount to control.



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Quick 12-Rose Bed

By Baxter Williams, Houston, USA

"With materials and soil on-hand, it is possible to construct this bed in about an hour. It could even be planted in just two hours"

That's it! No more Mr. Niceguy! When Neighbor Bob built his Wife-Jane a rose bed last Winter you expected that you would have to listen to Bob talk about his flowers. But now this! There are a dozen of the most-beautiful roses you have even seen, and Bob is standing in your kitchen explaining his satisfaction at such floricultural perfection. You can't just do nothing. But where to begin? How soon can you match Bob's successes? The answer--right away!

A very simply-constructed bed for a dozen large (not miniature) roses is shown below. With materials and soil on-hand, it is possible to construct this bed in about an hour. It could even be planted in just two hours, although it would be better to let the soil age for a week or two, if it is not already pre-aged.

Framing is simplified greatly by using landscape timbers of only three lengths: full 8-feet, 5-feet + two timber widths, and 5-feet. And fastening of the timbers is made easy by drilling half of the holes' depth and then driving nails the rest

of the way.

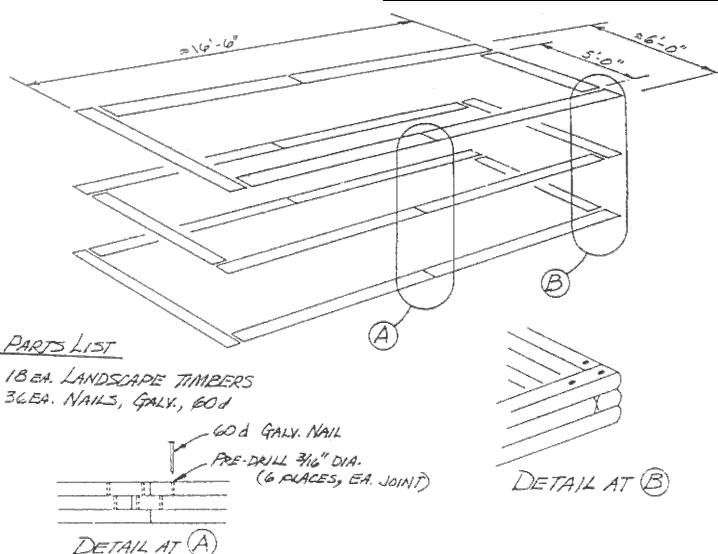
Construction and placement comments:

1. **Ideally** the bed will be placed in full, all day sunlight; and north-south orientation is best.
2. Timbers should be **pressure-treated**, rather than just dipped or sprayed.
3. Level the ground underneath the **timbers only** using sand. Do not strip up the grass; do not run the tiller; do not dig any holes; do not spend any time at the chiropractor's office. Place newsprint 8 sheets thick inside frame to kill grass.
4. Bed dimensions allow cutting of only end timbers. Cut the 5-ft pieces first; three are required. The other three end pieces are cut to be 5-ft + two timber widths (almost 6-ft in length).
5. Using a **long** 3/16 in. dia. drillbit, predrill the top two layers of timbers, and then drive "60d" galvanized nails into the timbers below. A heavy hammer works best.
6. Load the bed with 2.63 cu. yds (71 cu ft) of rose-growing soil mix. It should be heaped into the bed to about 4 in. above the top of the timbers; it will settle after planting and watering. 13 cu. ft of mulch is necessary.
7. Plant your roses 30-in. apart across the bed, and 31-in. apart length-wise.
8. A soil mix can be made of one-third by volume of sharp sand, and top soil, and rotted manure (or other composted material).
9. Note: A **single-row** bed for 12 roses uses 27 timbers that are 36-in. apart (only three timbers are necessary to make both ends). 48 nails would be required. 3.31 cu yds (89.4 cu. ft) of soil would be used, and 16 cu. ft of mulch.

Houston Rose Society is the USA's largest, with about 850 members and associates. And this is the 50th Anniversary Year. The Society was "born" in August of 1959, and still meets on the 2nd Thursday evening of the month.



A section of Baxter & Patsy's Garden in Houston



Go to <http://www.worldwidemetric.com/metcal.htm> to convert these dimensions into metric.

The Queensland Rose Society Logo

Bill Allen, Macgregor, Qld

The logo was produced by myself by scanning the nice A4 size drawing of an exhibition rose by one of our late Presidents, Roly Kent, probably in the late '80s.

In the process of making the logo about the year 2000, I had to use 4 different programs to achieve the final result.

First, I had to colour the black and white drawing – red for the flower petals and green for the foliage. That was with Corel's Paintshop Pro – an old but handy program.

Secondly, as the edges of the petals were depicted in black and I wanted to do these and

the lettering to be added later in yellow/gold, I had to open the graphic in MS Paint and change the black to the desired shade at single pixel level (a pixel is the smallest component of a graphic on computers and is a little square). This took some time and eye strain, as you can imagine. Some rough edges in the drawing lines were smoothed or rounded during this process also and the result saved to a .jpg file.

Thirdly, this final graphic was then inserted into a blank page of MS Publisher 98, adjusted for size to allow room for the outer circle of the title

and this was added by using the Publisher 'Word Art' feature.

Fourthly, the next step was to use the Print to Picture feature of a special print program on my computer, which saved the whole page as a graphic file. Paintshop Pro was then used to crop the graphic page to the edges of the actual logo and again the result was saved as a .jpg file – ready to be used for any purpose.

So, that's the history of the current QRS logo.

Remember to email your entries in for the National Logo Competition to qrssec@bigpond.com



Darling Downs New Trailer from Gambling Grant

Rhonda Weston, Toowoomba, Qld

President of the DDRS Doug Hudson and trailer committee member David Weston at the official hand over of the trailer from Toowoomba North Member Kerry Shine. The trailer was purpose made in Toowoomba, and funded by a grant received from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund. It is used to store and

transport our equipment to and from our Spring and Autumn Rose Shows. It was trialled at the recent Autumn show and proved to be a very labour and timesaving tool.

The DDRS is grateful to all of the members who assisted in achieving this long dreamt of goal.



Doug Hudson, Kerry Shine and David Weston.

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Hibiscus Beetles

Paul Hains, Mt Gravatt East, Qld

Have you noticed little holes in your rose buds or your white roses looking dirty? Chances are you have noticed a little black beetle scurrying around in the petals. The beetles are satin black, oval and are tapered at each end to give them easy access under the folds of petals.

Hibiscus beetles are particularly attracted to lighter coloured roses such as whites, pinks and yellows. You will rarely find them in reds and darker col-

ours.

Hibiscus beetles are pollen and nectar feeders which is why they hide deep within the petals they can be difficult to control without damaging the flowers.

The Hibiscus Society recommends placing a white ice cream container (must be white) under your rose bush. You then half fill it with water and add a little dishwashing liquid. Place the container un-

der the roses in question and it will begin collecting beetles for you. Empty it every few days.

The chemical control is Confidor. It is a systemic pesticide in that it is absorbed through the foliage and buds. Because of the cost of this product it is best to use it on its own and just spray the flowers/buds. This will not eliminate them, but will give you more control.



Darling Downs Rose Society Autumn Show

May 2-4, by Paul Hains, Mt Gravatt East, Qld



Above: Ted Hayes' Troilus



Above: Peter Gunders' Gemini

Last weekend I got out of bed at 1.15am to begin the task of taking roses from our fridge and placing them in foam boxes with some gel freezer bricks. They then were carefully slotted into the back of our SUV to prepare for the 2 hour drive to Toowoomba for their Autumn Rose Show. Toni woke at 2am and came out to the garage to investigate. We headed off just after 3am, stopping at McDonald for Breakfast an hour later at our half way mark.

We attended our first Toowoomba show in my old RX-8 sports car with a couple of foam boxes on the tiny back seats and a cut-down box in the tiny boot. That weekend we won our first champion exhibit with Green Ice, a 1971 mini. Hence, we sold the RX-8 and have a SUV instead now to allow 6 double size boxes and a few buckets.

The Darling Downs Rose Society are such a fantastic group and are always supportive of other societies, so it was great to see Terry and Cheryl, and Ted and Jan there from the Gold Coast Rose Society to

support them with a lot of entries too.

The show was in a new venue within the Garden Fest site at the TAFE and there was a magnificent display of flowers. Rod Hultgren had also initiated a display to commemorate Queensland's 150 years anniversary with 150 years of roses. The other members of DDRS ensured that his vision was realised and it was a great display with the varieties all named and dated.

Ted Hayes had a magnificent display of Troilus, a honey buff David Austin, that took out the champion vase of the show. As soon as I saw Ted walking through the room to display it my mouth dropped as it had that "wow" factor.

Ted also picked up Reserve Champion with Troilis. DDRS allow the Champion and Reserve Champions to come from any exhibit except vases and floral art.

The Champion Bloom was Moonstone exhibited by Toni and Me. Rod and Maureen Hultgren won the Mini Championship with Irresistible, al-

ways a favourite mini. Terry Burke won the Super Six with a display headed by Double Delight. Peter Gunders won the Champion Novice with a lovely Gemini he presented well enough to challenge in the open classes. This is a tip for novices—you can also win the major prizes, so don't just limit yourself to novice entries. Don't forget the QRS Show this weekend. There is still time to cut some roses.....



Floribunda Championship—Seduction, Hannah Gordon, Daybreaker: T&P Hains



Left: Champion—Moonstone, P&T Hains; Reserve Champion—Troilus, T Hayes.

Above: The Show