



# Queensland Rose Bulletin

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## Coming Events

December 10th - Wed  
**Queensland Rose Society Christmas Breakup Supper** at the Annerley Church Hall,. Starting at 7pm. Small rose show and yearly prizes awarded. Beverages provided, please bring a plate for supper. This is a very social evening to catch up and ask questions.

## World Rose Adelaide 2008

(SEE PAGE 4 FOR PHOTOS)

Ever looked at the label attached to your rose? You may have seen names like Meilland or Kordes. At the World Rose Conference we were able to meet the legends of the rose industry from these companies. Alain Meilland, the head of the House of Meilland was there, along with Thomas Proll from Kordes, Dr Keith Zary from Jackson and Perkins in the USA. We also met Gerald Meylan, President of the World Federation, and the President of the American Rose Society. Sam McGreedy was there along with Australian breeders and experts from around the world.

Rose enthusiasts from 18 countries attended from far flung places like Romania along with Canadians, South Africans, Kiwis and Japanese

Rose Society Members.

Attending the conference provided the opportunity to meet and talk to these superstars and is one of the benefits you have from being a member of a Rose Society.

I revelled in the opportunity to ask questions on breeding techniques and to see how open everyone is to giving their "secrets." If I took just one thing away from this week it was that there are no secrets in roses. Rose growers will share information with anyone who will stand still long enough to listen.

We visited many spectacular gardens and saw how well roses grow with very little water. The South Australians spray less than us due to their low humidity. They couldn't understand why you would spray weekly.

In Germany it rains every 2 or 3 days! Thomas from Kordes knew where we were coming from! They used to spray their trial roses regularly so they always looked perfect. Then they realised that the roses must perform for gardeners at home who do not spray that much, so disease resistance became their main focus. They are now trying to combine more fragrance into roses, but disease resistance is first. All of the breeders said that people are looking for roses resembling David Austin's roses. The breeders call them "sentimental style". The French and Germans refuse to call them "English" roses.

Future Queensland Rose Society newsletters will carry information from the lectures at this event.

## Ask Away – Reader Questions Answered

email your questions to qrssec@bigpond.com by 3rd Saturday each Month

**Q.** I saw a mention of an "Exhibitor's Handbook" in *The Queensland Rose*. Is this something that can be purchased through the Queensland Rose Society, and if so how much?

**A.** This is free and available from the Secretary at meet-

ings or it can be posted or emailed in PDF format.

**Q.** Where can I purchase show supplies such as pellets for exhibiting roses?

**A.** The pellets are cut pieces of foam from Clark Rubber. You cut sheets into wedges with scissors. Wire can be

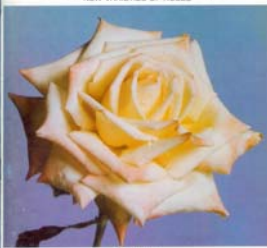
purchased in small quantities from most florists.

**Q.** Where do I buy a QRS Chambray or Polo shirt?

**A.** Tradey's at 1/109 Grand Plaza Drive, Browns Plains sell the shirts and organise embroidery. It takes around a week for them to be done.

## THE AMATEUR ROSE BREEDER'S GUIDE

COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO BREED  
NEW VARIETIES OF ROSES



by R.J. Bell

## Ron Bell – Australian Rose Breeder Passes

By Paul Hains, Mt Gravatt East, Qld

After meeting Joyce and Bruce Chapman in Adelaide I was eagerly awaiting the arrival of "The Amateur Rose Breeder's Guide" that Joyce was posting to me, written by Ron Bell.

When it arrived I was also greeted with the sad news in Joyce's accompanying letter that Ron Bell had passed away on Sunday, 9th of November. Joyce commented that he had taught so many what they now know about rose breeding. Ron was 93 years old.

Ron Bell was instrumental in the foundation of the Australian Rose Breeder's Association. He is also very active within the Rose Society of Victoria. In 1979 he received the T.A. Stewart Memorial Award.

His breeding program has concentrated on hybrid teas of exhibition type.

**April Hamer** was his 1983 Hybrid Tea. Silver to rose pink blooms, deepening with age, with a good fragrance. Of exhi-

bition standard. A free-flowering bush with good disease resistance. Toni and I have three of these in our garden, planted this year and it has already won some prizes for us.

The book is outstanding and a testament to Ron Bell's work. It is available from the Australian Rose Breeder's Association for the small fee of \$10 including postage from:

<http://www.rosesocietyvic.org.au/>

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## How to Cope with Damaging Hail

Reprinted with permission from "Talking Roses with Ludwig," South Africa

For those of you who have had **heavy hail damage**, I am adding tips on how to best make sure that the roses recover quickly.

Hail can have a devastating effect on roses. While shredded leaves and broken branches are the most immediate signs of hail, the main damage is often hidden, only becoming apparent two weeks later.

Unlike fruit trees the stem of a rose bush does not form a callus around a 'wound' that has been caused by hailstones. It takes about two weeks for bruised bark on the main stems to burst open, creating the perfect conditions for fungi to develop. As soon as

you see this happening spray with a double dose of Dithane WG or Coppercount or any fungicide with the active ingredient of copperoxychloride or mancozeb. Just the one application should suffice and then continue with your normal spraying programme to keep the remaining leaves on the bush.

It is normal wanting to clean up a bush that's been damaged by hail. By all means cut away the broken branches but leave the damaged leaves on the bush because the bush needs every bit of 'leaf power' it can get to build itself up again. Also, by cutting away too many leaves the stems become exposed to sunburn which causes stem canker.

Once you have sprayed and trimmed the main task is to build up the bush by encouraging new basal shoots. Keep all remaining foliage, pinch out tips to encourage basal growth and the sprouting of lower eyes. Once the basal shoots reach knee height pinch out the tip to encourage bushy growth. **Only fertilise when the new growth is well on its way.** Fertilising after a hail-storm hurts rather than helps a rose. The damaged stems should keep going for the rest of the season and in winter they can be cut out if the bush has developed enough new basal growth.

- Ludwig

<http://www.ludwigsroses.co.za/>



# Peter Frankenfeld.... "The Leader"

By Roy Grant, Margate, Qld

The Hunter Valley Rose Spectacular was held from October 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Hunter Valley Gardens, and this humble member of the Queensland Rose Society was lucky enough to attend. The roses at the formal gardens were a week or two from full bloom, but nonetheless spectacular. I'm not sure if they had the "over 2 million blooms" but it was going to be close to it.

It was after a day at the formal gardens, that I strolled in a dis-used grape growing paddock, not far from my accommodation. There he stood, with a dozen choice show standard blooms, well advanced of

those on nearby Queen Elizabeth and four other strong growing bushes. Standing tall, and alone at the end of a long since forgotten line of grapes, was the best rose of the day. With a healthy butt equal to a three litre container, encased in grass.

Non other than the tried and true Peter Frankenfeld.

Peter Frankenfeld unattended to, by anyone other than Mother Nature, was the true showstopper, and a proven top noted performer for every garden.



## December Event – QRS Christmas Break-up

Meeting at the Church Hall, 459 Annerley Rd, Annerley Junction

Don't forget the QRS Christmas Rose Show and Break-up Meeting on Wednesday 10 December. Doors open at 7 pm for the staging of exhibits and chatting before the meeting.

Please refer to "December Show Schedule" in the December edition of *The Queensland Rose* for all entry details.

This meeting will include presentation of awards for the best totals in each class for monthly

shows during the year. It is more of an opportunity to catch up on the year that was with members.

As always, it is a great chance to pick the brains of members on what they do in their gardens, what new roses have been successful this year.

If you can, please bring a plate of something light to share for supper.

If you ordered Neutrog in the

September TQR, and arranged to pick it up at this show, please make sure you come along as we may not be able to store it for you.

New members are encouraged to attend (with or without their roses!!) If this is your first time showing roses, you are welcome to contact Paul on [qrssec@bigpond.com](mailto:qrssec@bigpond.com) or on 3420 6777 for assistance.

*"The monthly meetings are a place to catch up with rose growers who have from one rose bush to hundreds. Come for some advice or just a chat."*

## Bulletin Board

Your monthly rose notice board - Email by 3rd Saturday each Month

Just a note to let you know, Donelle's has the new release this month called Lil' Romeo (new floribunda). Height is 125mm, disease resistance is good, with a flower size of 90mm; colour is apricot, orange and pink; petal count is 25.

Another new release rose is

Cherries n Cream. Colour is cherry to maroon red with hand painted highlights in the centre to edge. Height 135cm and disease resistance is good. It opens like seduction. Regards Donelle. 07 3278 8540

Only 10 of each in stock. (*I bought 2 Lil' Romeo – Paul*)



Lil' Romeo



Cherries n Cream



# Photos

Taken at the World Rose Convention in Adelaide, October 2008



Love's Gift, G Thomson



QRS, GCRS & DDRS Attendees



Golden Wings



Alain Meilland



Toni at Chateau Barrosa



Old Master, McGreedy



George Thomson sharing his knowledge



Walter & Kay Duncan's



Grant Burge Winery



Catching Coaches



Valda and Vida



National Dinner



David Ruston's private garden



# Queensland Rose Society Membership Application Form

If you know anyone wishing to Join the Queensland Rose Society, or wish to give it to someone as a gift

Please enrol me/us as a member of The Queensland Rose Society Incorporated. A household is regarded as a single membership.

<b>First Name (s)</b>			
<b>Surname</b>			
<b>Email Address</b>			
<b>Postal Address</b>		<b>Post Code</b>	
<b>Town/Suburb</b>			
<b>Home Phone</b>			

I enclose \$30 (\$25 annual subscription + \$5 joining fee), I understand annual subscriptions are payable annually on July 1.

**Signed .....**

**Please post to QRS, GPO Box 1866, Brisbane Q 4001.** Note: New members joining after the 21st Jan 2009 are deemed to have joined starting on July 1 and are therefore paid up until the June 30, 2010. They do not receive this year's Australian Rose Annual.

## Know anyone who would like this bulletin?

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If you, or your friends, would like to be on the mailing list simply email Paul Hains at [qrssec@bigpond.com](mailto:qrssec@bigpond.com) to receive it each month.

*The Queensland Rose* is being printed at the moment. This quarter there are cultural notes, two member's gardens, a starter guide for breeding roses from the President of

the Breeder's Association, full results of the Spring shows for every Rose Society in Qld and many more articles. If you are not already a member, the Queensland Rose Society sends this paper newsletter out quarterly to all members. Due to illness Bill Allen has stepped down as editor and Toni Hains has stepped in to complete the December edition.

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## Rose of the Month – Flemington Racecourse

AUSTRALIAN BRED ROSE WINS NSW CHAMPIONSHIP

For the first time in many years an Australian bred rose has won the Grand Champion Unit award in a Rose Society of NSW Regional Show.

The regional show in question being the Sydney Regional held at Swanes Nursery on Saturday 18th October.

The rose is the magnificent cerise coloured floribunda, Flemington Racecourse, exhibited by C Graders siblings Robyn and Greg East of Merrylands. This is the first time the Easts have won an award of this magnitude and to say they were over the moon would be an understatement.

Flemington Racecourse was hybridized by Dr Bruce Chapman. For years our Aussie bred roses have played second fiddle to imported roses on the show bench but hopefully that is all changing.

For more information phone Doug Hayne (02) 4735 1730.

