

# Queensland Rose Bulletin

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This Bulletin may suggest some controls for pests and diseases. This does not mean endorsement of a particular company's product. The suggestions are intended as a guide only and the choice or controls is yours. The information is gained from sources we deem reliable. However, we cannot guarantee its accuracy, and interested persons should rely on their own enquiries.

## Coming Events

November 12th - Wed  
**World Rose Show  
Review** - see page 3  
for more details

December 10th - Wed  
**Christmas Breakup  
Supper** at the Annerley  
Church Hall,. Starting  
at 7pm. Mini 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.

## Rose of the Month – William Morris

By Bev Fotea, Camp Hill, Qld

If you're after an easy-to-maintain rose with some serious street-appeal-splash, it's hard to go past William Morris.

A David Austin, William Morris flowers prolifically and continuously, and like many of the other Austins, its scent is one of its best features. It's tall and it's wide (allow at least 1.5 metres in each direction if not more) but its size is partly what makes it such a show-off. To give you an idea of the floriferous nature of this variety, the accompanying photo was taken one week after a dozen roses had already been raided from the bush for the Spring Rose Show.

Officially the variety is described as apricot with a touch of pink, however my experience is of pale pink with only the slightest apricot tone on the outer petals.

Black spot and powdery mildew have never been a problem which makes me very enthusiastic about this rose!

On the downside, the clusters of large rosette flowers tend to nod or droop as they are too heavy for the stems (a style which is not to everyone's taste) and these floppy heads mean it's a total nightmare to show (unless

you're into wiring in a really big way!!). However, if neither of these things bother you then William Morris is a perfect conversation starter for neighbours passing by.

*Standard Disclaimer: This is the opinion of one member only who may possibly be affected by the inhalation of too many chemical sprays. Do Your Own Research Before Planting.*



## Ask Away – Members Questions Answered

By Paul Hains – email your questions to qrssec@bigpond.com

I just had a phone call from a new member who needed to make some replacements after the hail storm a couple of weeks ago. He wanted to know my top 10 roses for a nice display in the garden

that don't get too much disease. We had a great chat and here they are (in no particular order):

Marchen Konigin, Seduction, Moonstone, Aotearoa, Hannah Gordon, City of

Newcastle, Dublin Bay (Climber), Brisbane Blush, About Face, Tineke.

Although these grow well and make a show, my favorite flower is still St Patrick, outstanding in a vase.

## Gold Coast, Queensland And Darling Downs Rose Shows

By Tony Stallwood, QRS President, Logan Village, Qld



The spring show season kicked off with Gold Coast Rose Society having to move their time earlier due to many of the key exhibitors attending the World Rose Conference in Adelaide. They would normally hold the show in early November, but moved it to September. The cold spells we had leading up to this had the members' nervous about the show, but it ended up with a lovely display and some top quality blooms.

The QRS show in October was officially opened by our gardening guru, Colin Campbell. The show was a great suc-

cess with lots of new exhibitors trying their hand for the first time. Again, we had a lovely display by Donelle's Gift Garden and Florist from Doolandella and Ruth with her arts and crafts. The large number of vases was central in the display and bordered by the widest range of roses we have had at a show.

The Darling Downs Rose Society followed the week later with a wonderful display of roses. Exhibitors from Brisbane and the Gold Coast made the trip up and again it was a testament to growing roses in drought

conditions with Toowoomba being the worst hit for rose growing with only 8% in their dam.

*See the last page for photos taken from the three rose shows. The shows are not just about the competition, but about seeing unique roses that you would pass over in a catalogue. They are also a chance to chat with the growers of these roses.*

*The full results will be published in the quarterly newsletter.*

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defence  
mechanism"*

## A Bucket of Roses

By Toni Hains, Mt Gravatt East, Qld

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 down-pour 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!

We have seen our first infestation of Red Spider Mite in the last week so keep an eye on your bushes. These critters are barely visible on the underside of the leaf and I find the best

way to spot them is to look for the characteristic leaf damage.

Our minis were the first to show signs of the mottled silvery leaf pattern and on closer inspection small webs could be seen.

The mites damage the rose bush by feeding on the chlorophyll in the leaves. Mite numbers build fastest in hot dry weather with low humidity. We also had mites in several of our potted roses. Red Spider mite can be controlled with either Predatory Mites or spraying. If you go the spraying way either use the less toxic method and smother the mites with one of the oil preparations on the market (don't use oils if temperatures are over 35°C as you will fry

your bushes) or use a chemical marked as a miticide.

When using one of the spray method be sure to cover all of the under surface of the leaves as this is where the mites will be found. The fine web they build is a defence mechanism against your chemical or contact spray so be sure to thoroughly wet any areas you see these webs.

One of the websites I was reading suggested that a very effective, organic method of control for Red Spider Mite was to vacuum the roses bushes – now that would definitely give the neighbours a laugh!!



Red Spider/Two Spotted Mite

# 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.

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

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.

## November Event – World Rose Show Wrap-up

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

Don't forget our next Rose Show and Meeting on Wednesday 12 November . Doors open at 7 pm with all exhibits to be staged by 8 pm. Please refer to "Show Schedule" on our website for all other details.

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 and we will arrange a host to meet you when you arrive and walk you through the procedure.

For those not showing roses, we anticipate the presentation will start after judging is completed at approximately 8.30 pm.

This month will be an update from some of our members who will be attending the World Federation of Rose So-

cieties 2008 Regional Convention which is being held in Adelaide in the end of October. Examples of the lectures at this year's convention are "Kordes Roses of the Future" and "The World's Finest Rose Selection". If you cannot attend the Convention yourself, this first hand report is definitely the next best thing!!

A light supper will be provided. We normally finish around 9.30-10pm

*"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 questions or requests posted here

### What Is This Rose?

Does anyone know what this rose is? A member of the public has it growing in her garden and has asked for the society's help. If you have an idea of what it is could you please email the secretary on

[qrssec@bigpond.com](mailto:qrssec@bigpond.com) and he will let them know.

If you have questions about anything to do with roses, why not post them here and see if you get a response. Maybe someone is growing that rose you have been searching everywhere for!





# Photos

Taken at the Three Rose Shows in the last month



"Dainty Bess"



Joyce Selling Roses



QRS Composite Championship-T&C Burke



Vase of "Dublin Bay"



Vase of "Ruffles"



QRS Champion - J Dale



GCRS Champion-Grace Warren



Leo, Rhonda and David enjoying the show



DDRS Champion - P&T Hains



Gold Coast Rose Society Show



Qld Rose Society Show



Floral Art



"Perfect Moment"