



# Western Reserve Rose Society The Rose Petal

Glowing Peace in Snow  
Grown and Photographed by Patti Jacko

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**OUR NEXT MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 23rd, 2010**  
Meetings are at 7:00 p.m.  
At the Parma-South Branch Public Library  
7335 Ridge Rd.

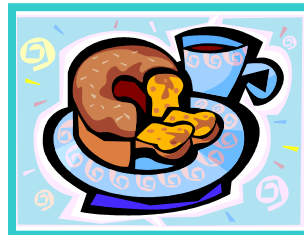
**It's time to think about Rose Pruning!**  
We're showing a DVD from Ashdown Roses on Rose Pruning. We've resolved our technical difficulties from last year. It features David Stone, head gardener from Mottifont Abbey in England. It is fun to watch him prune some of the roses that are really a mess and come out with a beautiful bush. We hope to have some question and answer time after the DVD.

### **Bad Weather Advisory**

In case we have to cancel a meeting due to bad weather please do one of three things:

- > **Check your email.** We are using the emails that you gave to us on the roster. If the email on the roster is wrong please correct it. If you don't check your email very often, do so if the weather is bad.
- > **Check your phone messages.** Even if you have email, we will leave a phone message. If the only way to reach you during the day is at work, please make sure we can contact you there or give us your cell

phone number on the roster. We will only call you at work in an emergency.  
> **Call Patti Jacko 330-220-2213.**  
We will make every effort to get in touch with you if the meeting is cancelled.



### **\*Bakery Corner\***

Jerry Michalski, our hospitality chair, has been doing a great job. We've had all

kinds of goodies at

our meetings. **Please** consider signing up for at least one meeting to help out. To sign up to bake for an upcoming meeting, contact Jerry by email at [gerardmichalski@cox.net](mailto:gerardmichalski@cox.net) or by phone 440-842-3105.



***A Note from Our President (and Newsletter Editor and Web Site Master!)***  
**Patti Jacko**

Well, I just thought I'd combine columns for 2010. The rose photo in our Newsletter banner is by me. Our website, [www.westernreserverosesociety.org](http://www.westernreserverosesociety.org) is all updated for 2010. Please have a look and offer any suggestions you may have.

Spring Pruning will be fast upon us. I've tried to include two sessions on Spring Cleanup. We'll discuss pruning issues in February and have more discussion at our April Spring Panel discussion.

One thing I would like to discuss with all of you is helping out our society. There many opportunities to serve our group that don't take that much time such as baking for a meeting, being a phone call contact. We could also use some suggestions on speakers for the later half of 2010. We are full up through June but we need some help in this area. Please feel free to offer your suggestions.

Also, take a look at the officers for 2010. Is there a position that you might like to try? We never leave anyone stranded and are more than happy to mentor anyone in a new position. Now, is a good time to train someone to take over in 2011. Please give this serious consideration as it is a goal of mine to have new people help out.

And finally, thank you for your support. My new position as President of our society will provide some new challenges. Let's work together on them.

### **Last call for Membership Dues**

This is the last call for the 2010 dues ... if you have not paid your 2010 dues (check the address label to see if you have a red star), please pay at the February 23rd meeting or mail to **Lori Hilfer, 10550 Tudor Circle, North Royalton, OH 44133.** Checks should be made payable to the Western Reserve Rose Society for \$10/single or \$15/family membership. You may use the membership form at the end of the newsletter for renewal if you would like.

## **Our WRRS Meetings and Speakers for February, March and April**

**We have a wonderful group of people presenting at our late winter/early spring monthly meetings.**

**Tuesday, February 23rd** We're showing a DVD from Ashdown Roses on Rose Pruning again. We had some technical difficulties which I have now worked out. It features David Stone, head gardener from Mottifont Abbey in England.

**Tuesday, March 23rd** Dr. James Hering will be coming to talk to us about current happenings in Miniature and Miniflora roses.

**Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** Our Spring Rose Panel will convene where we talk about opening the garden for the 2010 growing season. Bring your questions!

### **Our 2010 Officers**

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## Roses - How and When to Prune Roses

By Patti Jacko

### Tools You'll Need

- By-pass Pruners
- Long-handled Loppers
- Thick Gloves (preferably long ones)
- A fresh bottle of Elmer's Wood Glue or any good brand.

If you don't know what these are or are not sure, we'll be discussing tools at the Spring Rose Care Panel in April.

Make all your cuts at a 45 degree angle and check to see where the outward facing bud union is.

### When to Prune Roses in Northeast Ohio

It is a good rule of thumb that after you pay your taxes on April 15<sup>th</sup>, it's time to prune the roses. The blooming of the forsythia as a signal is also a good guide post. If you don't have forsythia, watch for when the leaf buds begin to swell on your rose plants, meaning the bumps on the canes get larger and reddish in color.

I am a brutal i.e. hard pruner. I didn't use to be but I've developed the habit over the last 2 years and it has really paid off.

The goal is to remove dead canes, spindly growth and other unsightly growths to open up the inner part or "open vase" of the plant to sun.

### Modern Ever-Blooming Roses &

**Floribunda:** Prune hard (1/2 to 2/3 the plant's height) in the spring and remove old woody stems. Leave 3-5 healthy canes evenly spaced around the plant.

**Hybrid Teas & Grandiflora:** I also prune my Hybrid teas and grandifloras hard.

These also bloom on new wood and should be pruned in early spring. Remove dead and weak wood. Create an "open vase shape" with the remaining canes by removing the center stems and any branches crossing inwards. Then reduce the length of the remaining stems by about 1/2 or down to 18 - 24 inches. The goal here is to prune the remaining canes to the first appearance of a good healthy center of cane. This should be greenish yellow in appearance.

**Ramblers:** Prune to remove winter damage and dead wood or to shape and keep size in check. Ramblers bloom only once and can be pruned right after flowering, all the way back to 2-3 inches if you wish.

**Modern Shrub Roses:** This group is repeat bloomers, blooming on mature, but not old, woody stems. Each year remove one-third of the oldest canes in addition to any dead, diseased or dying canes.

**Climbers:** Climbers may repeat bloom. Prune early to remove winter damage and dead wood. Prune after flowering to shape and keep their size in check. Remember, though, they grow and bloom on the existing wood so just clean these up. Don't hard prune these.

**Bourbons and Portlands:** These will repeat bloom, blooming on both new and old wood. Prune to remove dead wood before flowering. A harder pruning and shaping can be done after the first flowering.

### Alba, Centifolia, Damasks, Gallica, and

**Mosses:** This group blooms only once, producing flowers on old wood and don't require much pruning at all. Prune only to remove dead or thin wood and to shape the plants and prune after flowering.

**Miniature Roses:** Prune only to shape. Cut back to an outward facing bud after blooming.

Now, after you prune, do put a drop of Elmer's Wood Glue, which I think works the best, on the fresh cut. This will keep out the cane borer, a nasty pest that just loves fresh cut rose canes.

## Help with Spring Pruning?

Its snowy outside now but it won't be long before we're out there getting ready for spring pruning. Now is a great time to sharpen your pruners and loppers. If you need help with your tool sharpening or with your spring pruning contact John Jameson 440-843-7195 or Patti Jacko 330-220-2213. We'll help you or find someone who can help.



## Our Deepest Sympathy

A rose has blossomed in heaven,  
its fragrance fills the air -  
it grows in God's own garden,  
it's nurtured by His care...

A rose has bloomed in heaven -  
and whenever loved ones part,  
they blossom forth in memories  
in the gardens of the heart.

Sadly, on Sunday, January 10, **Aldo Francescangeli** passed away. Aldo was a member of the Parma/Western Reserve Rose Society since 1963 and was our membership chairman for over 40 years. He loved his roses and grew absolutely beautiful prize-winning roses, whether it was in his garden in Parma or Seven Hills. Aldo opened both of his yards to be on display on garden/picnic tours. Over the years, Aldo volunteered at our Petitti Garden Center rose weekends to dispense advice to customers wanting to learn about roses. When Lori Hilfer visited Aldo in the hospital on New Year's Eve, Aldo asked about several of our members and of course, talked about roses too. Aldo will be greatly missed by our rose society. Aldo was also a member of the Forest City and American Rose Society.

Our prayers and sympathy go out to his family and friends.

One of our members asked for prayers for Aldo from Fr. Joachim, OFM. Besides prayers, his response was "**May the Lord kindly receive him amid all the roses of paradise in glory with a warm embrace and a gentle 'Benvenuto!'.**"

## Cash For Critters Program

Save those empty printer cartridges & used cell phones...AND help save a life! SOS is a participant in the Cash for Critters fundraising program and we need your help. Simply save your empty ink jet printer cartridges (except Epson), laser printer cartridges and digital cell phones and give them to me, Patti Jacko 330-220-2213.

**Please keep your adapters as I can not recycle those.** I'll drop them off at SOS. Please ask family, friends and co-workers to help. Thank you in advance for your support!

## Buckeye District Spring Meeting

Buckeye District Spring Meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2010 in the Terrace Room of Willow Brook Christian Village in Delaware, OH. Willow Brook is located directly across from Bob Evan's Restaurant on US 23 just south of the City of Delaware.

Immediately following the conclusion of the Spring Meeting, there will be a Horticulture Judging Seminar from 4:00 – 8:00PM in the Delaware Room of Willow Brook Christian Village. Pizza and soft drinks will be available for \$5.00. Registration for both events can be accomplished with the one form. We have included it with the newsletter.

## **Consulting Rosarian School for 2010**

A CR School is planned for Saturday, **April 24, 2010 in the John Knox Presbyterian Church, 5200 Lorain Rd., N. Olmsted, OH.** Please contact Bill and Anita Solarz at [curre\\_bell@wowway.com](mailto:curre_bell@wowway.com) or 440-779-5712 if you are interested in being certified as a Consulting Rosarian in the State of Ohio or you need recertification.

# Registration Form

Buckeye District Spring Meeting, April 10,  
2010

(Please mail before April 1, 2010)

Cost - \$25.00 per person includes an excellent hot buffet lunch and breaks.

(Please Print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Number of persons \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$25.00  
each = \_\_\_\_\_

Buckeye District Horticulture Judges  
Seminar

Cost - \$5.00/person, includes pizza and soft drinks

Number of persons \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$5.00  
each = \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your check made out to Buckeye District and this form to:

Elton Smith  
7520 Home Rd.  
Delaware, OH 43015-8598

The Western Reserve Rose Society will be publishing the newsletter **only 3 times for the 2010 calendar year, February, May and September.**

Our meetings are at Parma South Branch Library, 7335 Ridge Road, Parma, OH beginning at 7:00 p.m. We will start our meetings with our program/guest speaker for approximately 45-60 minutes, followed by refreshments for 15 minutes and then a discussion about 15-30 minutes long, of what you should be doing in your rose gardens in the current month.

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### **2010 Membership Dues**

Remember it is \$10.00 for a single membership and \$15.00 for families...

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE : WHERE YOU CAN BE REACHED NORMALLY. Please let us know if this is home, work (include extension) or cell phone and include an EMAIL IF YOU HAVE ONE.

**You can also mail the above application with your check payable to the Western Reserve Rose Society to**

**Lori Hilfer, Treasurer WRRS  
10550 Tudor Circle  
North Royalton, OH 44133**

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