



Royal Rosarians

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Royal Update

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Greetings, Rosarians and Friends,

Thank you for reading this issue of the Royal Rosarian e-newsletter first published in 2005 by Duke Peter Glazer and now published by Sir Knight Norb Murray (norbmur@comcast.net) with technical support by Sir Knight Tom Marantette.



Puyallup Daffodil Festival Parade

Saturday, April 6



The Tacoma area Daffodil Festival is no longer a member of the NorthWest Festival Hosting Group and will not be hosting a hospitality weekend at this year's festival. The Royal Rosarians will be sending a delegation to participate in the Puyallup Daffodil Festival Parade this coming Saturday, April 6.

Join Prime Minister Don Thacker, First Squire James and the Royal Rosarian traveling float to travel north for the first out-of-town parade this season. Rosarians should plan to arrive by 12:15 and the parade begins at 12:45 pm in Puyallup. The float will be on 7th Avenue SW between 7th Street SW and 13th Street SW in Puyallup for assembly.

If you signed up to ride the bus to the parade, the bus departs at 9 am sharp from

the Jantzen Beach Red Lion and returns about 7 pm. There will be a stop for dinner on the way back.

The uniform is parade dress whites. If you are a new Rosarian and do not yet have your White Uniform, your green jacket with black trousers is perfect. Contact Lord Chief Justice John Danielson (johnmdanielson@gmail.com or 503-381-2480) for information.

Royal Rosarian Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 11

Prime Minister Don and First Squire James invite you to join them and your fellow Royal Rosarians at the Membership Meeting on Thursday, April 11 at the Portland DoubleTree Hotel at the Lloyd Center.

This is an important meeting as the candidates for next year's elected council, the Green Capes, will be introduced. There are nine elected council positions including Secretary of State, who will become Prime Minister after serving in that office and as Lord High Chancellor. Nominations may be taken from the floor at this meeting and the two Membership Meetings in May. Elections will be held at the June 13 Membership Meeting.

There will be plenty of information available concerning the upcoming Rose Festival events, parades and hospitality weekend so be sure to attend and get involved.

The social hour begins at 5:30 pm with dinner being served at 6:30 pm. The price of dinner is \$39 until 8:00 am, Monday April 8. After that there will be a \$10 additional charge. The uniform is green jackets with black pants.

Member meetings are not all business. Dame Dana Nardi gets a big smile from Royal Scribe Amy Arasmith at a recent Membership Meeting.

[click here for information and to register for the April 11 Membership Meeting](#)



Blessing of the Festival

Saturday, April 13

Each year the Royal Rosarians host the Blessing of the Festival to mark the beginning of the Rose Festival season. The April 13 event will introduce the newly selected Rose Festival princesses and honor those members of the Royal Rosarians, Rose Festival Foundation, Rose Society and Navy League members who have passed away the previous year.

The Blessing will be held at the Piedmont Presbyterian Church, 5760 NE Cleveland Avenue in North Portland. Rosarians are requested to arrive at 11:30 am to be



briefed, practice and help with final preparations. The Blessing begins at 1:00 pm. The uniform is whites with hats, gloves and capes. Bring your hat. Women wear day skirts. If you don't have your whites, green jackets with black trousers is acceptable. The honor guard requires whites. The contact is Royal Chaplain Ron Fisher (ron.j.fisher@gmail.com or 503-591-9182)

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Please register for the Blessing of the Festival on the Rosarian website calendar or click the link below.

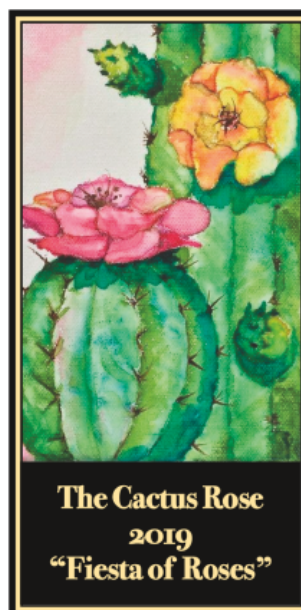
Shown above are Rosarians with the 2018 Court at the 2018 Blessing of the Festival at the Mosaic Church in Portland.

[Click here to register for the Blessing of the Festival](#)

New Member Knighting

Saturday, April 20

The Royal Rosarians are known and respected worldwide as the Official Greeters and Ambassadors of Goodwill for the City of Portland. That recognition is a result of the amazing amount of time, effort and dedication by our membership. We must continue to bring in new members, not only to replace those Rosarians we lose each year, but for their ideas, energy and standing in the community.



**ROYAL
ROSARIAN
NEW MEMBER
KNIGHTING
CEREMONY**

**Save the Date
April 20, 2019**

Sheraton Hotel

Invitation to Follow

The Royal Rosarian Class of 2019 will be formally knighted at the New Member Knighting on Saturday, April 20 at the Sheraton Airport Hotel. The black-tie event is full of tradition and is always a moving ceremony and evening. The cost is \$68 per person. For information and to register click the link below or go to the Rosarian website calendar.

Any new applications for membership submitted from now on will be considered for next year's Class of 2020. Questions concerning membership should be addressed to Lord High Sheriff Craig Dirksen (503-310-3659 or craigdirksen@hotmail.com) with their name and contact information.

[Click here to register for the New Member Knighting](#)

Washington State Apple Blossom Festival

Wenatchee, May 3-5



The festival hosting season kicks off with the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival in Wenatchee. With the theme "The Party Never Ends," the Apple Blossom Festival is celebrating its centennial anniversary this year. Sir Knight Morris Westlund, who claims to have been there for the first festival, is the chair for the Royal Rosarian visit and is looking for 98 Rosarians to join him and Prime Minister Don to help Wenatchee celebrate the 100 years with 100 Rosarians. It will

be a special one-time gala.

The Washington State Apple Blossom Festival, originally called "Blossom Days", was founded as a one-day festival in 1919 to celebrate the importance of the apple industry to the region. Following World War II, the festival was renamed the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival to more accurately reflect the importance of the apple industry in North Central Washington. Held during the last days of April and early May, the festival has grown to eleven days.

The Wenatchee Applarians is the hosting and goodwill organization for the community and host for the hospitality weekend, May 3-5. The hospitality packet is \$300 for a couple and \$175 for a single. The packet covers access to the hospitality suite, the Queen's Ball on Friday, breakfast on Saturday, seating for the parade if not marching and the "100th Jubilee Derby" Saturday night. The registration deadline is April 5. There will be a rose planting by the Royal Rosarians on Saturday morning.

The Hospitality packet is a mail-in registration and is available from Sir Knight Morris or from the Appalarian web site through the link below. If you have sent in your hospitality registration to the host Appalarians please email Morris (MorrisWestlund@gmail.com or 503-781-1981 (cell & text)) and let him know.

The host hotel is the Coast Wenatchee Center Hotel and has a festival special room rate of \$119 per night. Ask for the "Applarian Block" when booking. Hotel reservations are not included in festival packets so hotel reservations must be made separately. The hotel number is (509) 662-1234.

[Click here for the Apple Blossom Festival Hospitality Package](#)

Spokane Lilac Festival

Spokane, May 17-19

Spokane and the Lilac Festival is the destination for the second out-of-town trek. The Lilac Festival's mission statement is "Honoring Our Military, Empowering Our Youth, and Showcasing Our Region." Started in 1938 by the Associated Garden Clubs and Spokane Floral Society to showcase the area's beautiful spring flowers and the area's youth, the festival is now a week of festivities in May combining the city's famous lilacs with events that culminate in the nation's largest Armed Forces Torchlight Parade.

Hosting weekend is May 17-19. The hosting group is a committee of the festival's managing organization. Planned is the Queen's Luncheon and Lilac Festival Gala on Friday. Saturday has the Rosarian Rose Planting Ceremony and the Armed Forces

Torchlight Parade that evening. There is a farewell breakfast on Sunday. The hospitality room will be open on Friday and Saturday. The guest package is \$280 for a couple and \$140 for singles. The host hotel is the Davenport Hotel with a rate of \$165 for Lilac Festival guests.

You can register for the Lilac Festival hosting on the Royal Rosarian calendar or directly by the link below.

[Click here for the Lilac Festival Hospitality Package](#)



Royal Rosarian Traveling Float

by Sir
Knight
Marv
Schlabs

A work of love and persistence



Rosarians are making final touches to the traveling float in order to get it ready for its first parade, the Daffodil Festival in Puyallup this Saturday. The Royal Rosarians have only had a traveling float for less than ten years and the path was a bit rocky getting here. Sir Knight Marv Schlabs has provided the *Update* with the background of how the traveling float came to be.

Pictured is an artist rendition of this year's Royal Rosarian traveling float.

As mentioned in the Northwest Festival Hosting edition of the Update in February, member festivals will send a delegation to the other member festivals. Visiting delegations participate in that festival's parade with a float, marching unit or other entry. Representing the Portland Rose Festival, the Royal Rosarians have been a member of the Northwest Festival Hosting Group (NWFHG) since its creation in 1981, however, only participated in parades with a marching unit in the early years. A traveling float had been considered for several years.

After years of discussion, in 2008, during Prime Minister Peter Glazer's year, a traveling float was approved and funded. It was the brainchild of Peter and 2009 Prime Minister Denny Baker, who decided in May 2007 that the Rosarians needed to recreate the legendary traveling float they had heard of.

Rosarians hard at work working on this year's float.

The float committee was primarily composed of Marv Schlabs, Gary Stenberg,

Wayne Bingham, Pat and Dave Hufford, John Creegan, Sue and Larry Klobertanz, Gordon Walker, James Brennan, Bob Kronquist, and many others. After several committee meetings, Wayne Bingham submitted a drawing of the design. Gary Stenberg went out to the Portland Auto Auction and bought a Chevrolet S10 pickup and stripped it down to the frame in his driveway. The design was pretty, but unbuildable, so Gary Cornell took charge and built a frame on the P/U chassis. When we arrived at his place of business, there it was! He had created the basic frame and layout within the dimensions to fit into the trailer.



We proceeded with the Rose Festival theme of "Bridge across Communities", which led us to the very basic but very recognizable St. John's Bridge idea. It was a work in progress each day, with many restarts, but the finished product was very satisfying. A friend wired the electrical. Gordon Walker did the sound system including the music play list. Larry Klobertanz spent hours welding and securing the frame to the pickup. Gary Stenberg was essential with the engine power plant, air conditioning, steering cockpit and all mechanical issues.



We had much input from our NW Hosting partners- Wenatchee, Astoria and Tacoma. They were very excited that we would finally be meeting the NW Hosting requirement of providing a float with a marching group. When the Astoria people commented on our wooden frame, saying "it would be pile of toothpicks by the time we get to an out of town parade." Gary Cornell went back to work, it's built "hell for stout" and it is still

going after ten years. We had dozens of members contribute with painting and decorating. A travel trailer was purchased from Lady Peggy Walker for transportation. We had drivers and transporters assigned to each event.

2015 Prime Minister Marilyn Schultz rides the traveling float in the Hillsboro 4th of July Parade in 2015.

It was a very close friendship of the committee that made it all come together. It was a true product of determination and love. It wasn't easy to convince those who didn't see the value of out of town trips and some eventual "burn out", but it has been a very visible positive project for the organization. We frugally came in under \$10,000, well below budget. Lots of time, energy, and TLC made it work.

The float takes the time, effort, skills and dedication of many. In particular, Lord High Chamberlain Mike Ware has provided the space for the float construction at the MyBinding warehouse and Sir Knight Brent Barnett has been the key with his time, vision and skills. Minister of Foreign Affairs Jacquie Janulis and Master of Ceremonies Barb Brennan have provided council leadership. Many others have stepped up and have been on hand to help out in Hillsboro. The results will be on display this Saturday in Puyallup.

Prime Minister Don wakes the sleeping dragon by "dotting the eye" at the dragon boat Eye Dotting Ceremony on March 30.

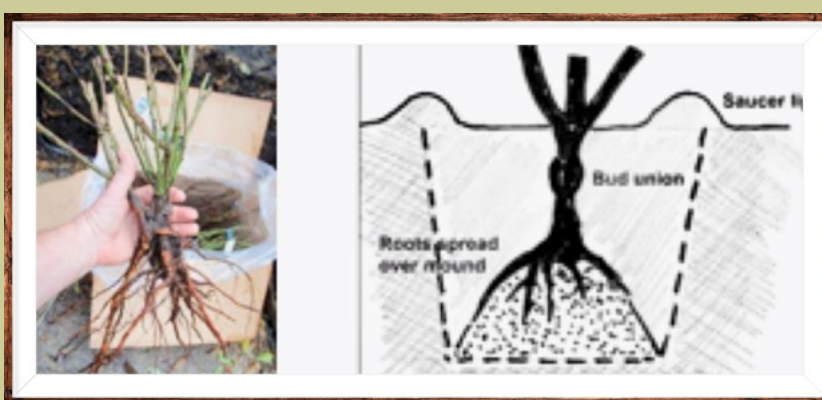


Rosarians show a bit of green marching in the Northwest Neighborhood St. Paddy's Day Parade.

Royal Chaplain Ron Fisher, Master of Ceremonies Barb Brennan and Minister of Foreign Affairs Jacquie Janulis present a check on behalf of the Royal Rosarian Foundation to Free Orchard Elementary School principal Karen Murphy for the field trip program. The school is located in Cornelius.



All about roses

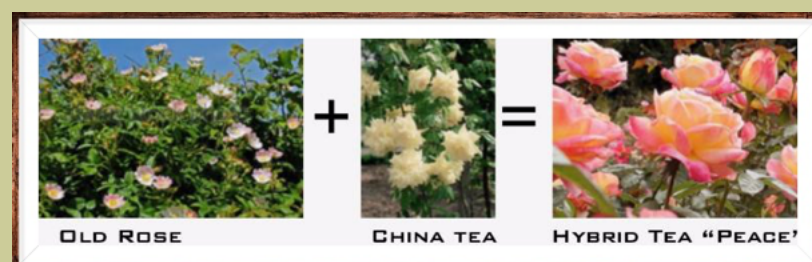


Rose Buds will take a break from the history of roses as it is the time for planting roses, and our own Master Gardener and Lord High Chancellor, Kimberly Bown has some timely information on the subject.

Selecting an optimal location is critical -- choose the right place for the right plant. Roses need at least 6 hours of sun a day. Additionally, roses need spacing of 2-3' between plants to allow air circulation and easier access for care.

Bare root stock is in most nurseries now and they will have just been potted, so the soil will fall away when you remove them from the pot. Roses like to be planted deep and then surface dressed with mulch. Be sure to water them in well. Once established, roses like to receive 1-2" of water a week, or 2-4 times for 30 minutes, offering a deep soak. Water from below to minimize splash.

When choosing rose varieties, it helps to know the difference between rose styles. The modern roses of today were first hybridized around 1867 from crossing hardy old rose varieties, known as briar or dog roses, with the tender but ever-blooming and multi-colored China Tea rose - and the Hybrid Tea rose bush was born. They typically grow one bloom to a stem or cane, are quite tall, and predictably win the coveted Queen award at Rose Shows.



The family of modern roses were then expanded to include the floribunda and grandiflora rose. The floribunda style grows with an abundance of roses on one cane - a bouquet available with just one cut. They are short in stature relative to the hybrid tea. The Grandiflora has characteristics of both the hybrid tea and floribunda, growing very tall with multiple blooms per cane.

Other categories are becoming popular, many identified as shrub roses, low to the ground and not needing much attention in order to repeat bloom. Not the best cut flower but fabulous in the garden. English roses are marvelous - distinctive with a flat faced bloom and always fragrant. And of course, there are climbers, a vigorous plant which needs to be trained to encourage blooms along the entire cane - a lot of extra work, but worth the effort.

Pruning is the greatest gift to roses! It's not too late to spring prune your roses! Take all canes down to 20", leaving all healthy canes larger than a pencil. Avoid crossing or damaged canes and aim to clear out the middle of the rose bush. When pruning a shrub or landscape rose, just prune to shape the bush to a reduced size. As Royal Gardner eloquently put it; "prune to below the knee and anything smaller than a pencil."



Calendar

Rosarian Membership Meetings - The membership meetings for the 2018-2019 Rosarian year will be held on April 11, May 2 & 23 (Court & SOS, Spouses) and June 13 (elections). All meetings will be held at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center.

Rosarian Council Meetings - The Council Meetings for the 2018-19 Rosarian year will be held at 7:00 pm on April 15, May 20, August 19, and September 16 at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel.

Rosarian Foundation Meetings - Will be held at 6:00 pm on April 24, May 22, July 24, August 21 and September 25 at the DoubleTree Lloyd Center Hotel.



Puyallup Daffodil Festival Parade - April 6, Puyallup, WA

Blessing of the Festival - April 13, Piedmont Presbyterian Church, Portland

New Member Reception April 16, Sheraton Airport Hotel, Portland

New Member Knighting - April 20, Sheraton Airport Hotel, Portland

82nd Avenue Parade - April 27, Eastport Plaza, Portland

Rip City Race for the Roses - April 28, Portland

Washington State Apple Blossom Festival - May 3-5, Wenatchee, WA

St. Johns' Parade - May 11, St. Johns

Lilac Festival - May 17-19, Spokane, WA.

Hyack Festival - May 24-26, New Westminster, B.C.

Powell Valley Rose Planting - June 1, Powell Valley Assisted Living, Gresham

Hosting by Starlight - June 1, Hotel DeLuxe, Portland

Starlight Parade - June 1, Portland

Kiwanis Breakfast - June 5, Benson Hotel, Portland

Rose Festival Children's Parade, - June 5, Hollywood District, Portland

Hospitality Room opens - June 6, Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel, Portland

Honorary Knighting - June 7, Portland

Queens' Garden Party - June 7, Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel, Portland

Hospitality Fun Night - June 7, Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel, Portland

Queen's Coronation - June 8, Veterans Memorial Coliseum, Portland

Grand Floral Parade - June 8, Portland

Grand Floral Ball - June 8, Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel, Portland

Hospitality Farewell Breakfast - June 9, Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel, Portland

Queen's Plaque Laying - June 9, Washington Park International Rose Test Garden, Portland

Prime Minister's Ball - September 14, Sentinel Hotel, Portland

Detailed information for each event can be found online in the calendar section of the Royal Rosarian website. Click the link below.

[Click here to view the Royal Rosarian website.](#)

Jim Nielson's Truisms



This Issue's "Truism"

"I am fond of pigs. Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals."

- Winston Churchill

(The late Jim Nielson, Prime Minister in 1979, was famous for his "truisms" which he happily shared in each issue of the Royal Update from its launch in 2005 until his death in 2011. Jim was knighted under the rose Sutter's Gold, pictured. Truisms now are either from Jim's archives or are quotations Duke Peter thinks Jim would like. If you'd like to suggest a quotation please email it to Peter.)

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