



## Heritage Roses in Australia

Perth Region

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We do hope that you like our 'revamped' August meeting. Something to brighten up life and lift our spirits during our cold wet winter!

**FRENCH PERFUME, CHINA TEA  
And a Really Good Book**

**AGENDA**

9.45 am – Library Open

10am – Morning Tea

10.30am - Welcome

10.40-11.30am – Ailsa Allen  
“Portland Roses”

11.40-12.30 – Di Durston  
“Tea Roses”

12.40-1.30pm  
Lunch/Gift Store/Library

1.40-2.20pm - Lynne Chapman  
“Tea Roses, Old Roses for Warm Gardens”

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Call Jan Eastman for more details 0400013885

We need to know ***before the meeting*** who is attending as only 50 people are allowed in the hall at one time. You are welcome to bring a friend.

We would appreciate it if you would wear your name badge.

Could you please either phone Jan (m) 0400 013 885 or email [janeastman2@yahoo.com.au](mailto:janeastman2@yahoo.com.au) and let her know ASAP if you'll be joining us. We have kept the price at \$5.00, the same as our normal meetings.

Everyone is requested to bring a plate of savoury, fruit or cheese platter to share at lunchtime – all to be finger food please. Morning tea will be provided on arrival.

Our next meeting is –

## PRUNING AND SOUP DAY (LUNCH)

**SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JULY from 9.30am onwards**

One of our most popular days!! It would be great to have some of you who are not too experienced or who know nothing about pruning heritage roses to come along and join in the camaraderie on the day. It really is full of fun, at the same time achieving a 'must do' task without hassle. There is someone always on hand to help if you don't know how to prune a rose. It's wonderful practice because then you can tackle your own roses with greater knowledge! Remember these are heritage roses and therefore are not pruned in the same style as a hybrid tea. Watch someone who is experienced first and then give it a go. Ask as many questions as needed as it's better than going ahead unaware.

The roses last spring looked absolutely beautiful after we were able to prune all the roses in winter.

What to bring:

Your lovely clean and ever so sharp secateurs and hardy gloves (a broom or rake can also come in handy) and you're ready to go. If you really don't want to prune (and some of us don't), 'roustabouts' are always most welcome to rake up and dispose of the prunings and do a little weeding along the way.

Also don't forget your sunhat and suntan lotion (it may be winter but the sun can still have an affect on the skin).

After all that exhausting work, it's time for our SOUP LUNCH.

Tina is a wonderful lady in charge of organizing our Soup lunch. She would very much appreciate it if you could contact her and let her know if you are bringing a soup (and what type) or something to go with it.

**Tina Mercado:** (e) [tinamercado49@hotmail.com](mailto:tinamercado49@hotmail.com) (t) 6102 2834 (m) 0437 125 747

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## NEUTROG

Bob Henley would like to know if anybody has ordered any Neutrog recently. If you have, could you please contact him € [boobjos89@westnet.com.au](mailto:boobjos89@westnet.com.au) or (t) 9291 7272 and advise him you have ordered.

Bob has just received the following from Neutrog -

I have received some further info from Neutrog, if members want to order Neutrog they will have to enter <https://neutrogshop.com.au> into their search bar then click on LOGIN, at the top right of the page. This will then take them to a box where they will have to enter their email address and password. Some may be told they have to click on FORGOTTEN PASSWORD and enter a new password, they can then enter the online shop and place and pay for their order.

## 'HERITAGE ROSES IN OUR GARDENS' BOOK

We have now received copies of the above book produced by some members of HRiA which are available at Falls Farm at a cost of \$10.00. It is a well-produced book with good quality photos, full of colour plus some information on beautiful heritage roses of all types. An ideal 'coffee table' book and a must for all heritage roses lovers.

## CUTTING-GROWN ROSES FOR SALE

Lynne Chapman has some cutting-grown roses for sale. The cost is \$10.00 each, with the proceeds going towards the purchase of a memorial seat for Hillary Merrifield.

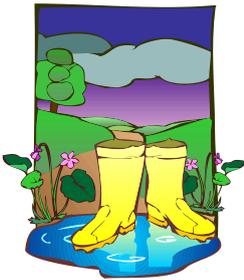
G. Nabonnand, Tea x 3  
Barcelona, H.T. x 2 (see David Martin's No. 41 on HMF for details)  
Cornelia, Hybrid Musk x 1  
"Bird Children Pink", Tea x 1

Contact Lynne at: [safano.rose@gmail.com](mailto:safano.rose@gmail.com) if you are interested in any of these roses and she will bring to the August meeting.

## TREVOR NOTTLE

We have been informed and congratulate Trevor Nottle, who has been awarded **HMAA Gold Laurel Award**, the highest award offered by the Horticultural Media Association in Australia. Trevor was one of the founder members of HRiA in 1979. Further details will be in the Spring Journal.

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Now that it is winter-time and there has had some lovely soaking rain to refresh the ground, it's a very good time to plant new roses so they can be well established and ready to shoot away with the first warm weather in spring.

It is also an enjoyable time of the year when it is not too hot, to spend a morning or afternoon to wander around the rose nurseries that grow heritage and old roses, so please support our local nurseries when purchasing your roses

Swiss Nursery has about five bushes of Complicata a beautiful Gallica rose that they would love to see leave their nursery. They will not be budding anymore of this rose. They are big bushes and Jan purchased one for her garden and can't wait until Spring. Swiss would love to see you.



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## LIBRARY

Don't forget – the Library will be open **half an hour** before the start of each meeting as well as after meetings. There are a number of new books in our Library which does carry a very varied supply of books on heritage roses and the likes. A list of the books with authors' names is on the door of the cupboard for quick reference. Please limit yourself to 2 books at a time of borrowing. If you have a book/s out could you please return it at the July meeting as another member may like to borrow it and you can also borrow another book!

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### **A REVIEW OF OUR JUNE MEETING** **A talk on "DAMASK, BOURBONS, CENTIFOLIA AND GALLICAS"** **By JAN EASTMAN** **A BOOK REVIEW by DI DURSTON**

It may be winter-time, but that did not stop members from coming to our meeting on the talk of 'Damask, Bourbons, Centifolia and Gallica Roses', a very interesting and informative talk given by Jan.

She gave us an insight into these different types of roses that grow in her garden with examples in photos and where was most suitable place to plant, such as background, centre or front of the garden or best in pots.

Some suggestions from the different types:

Bourbon – 'Souvenir de la Malmaison – background, Souvenir de St Anne's (a sport of the former) – a good container and a sweet little rose, 'Mme Ernst Calvert' – a 'must' for your garden, 'Mme Isaac Periere – vigorous, but with a beautiful perfume. These two need support along a fence etc.

Centifolias – which equals 100 petals (a good quiz question!). They are best in cold European gardens like the Netherlands. They do not repeat and are all shades of pink. There were around 180 varieties but few are now in existence. A good example is the 'Everywhere Rose' a soft pink that does sucker and 'Cristata' which is very prickly.

Damask – This rose is the best for 'Pot Pouri'

These roses have the most amazing perfume, but also a lot of Gallica in their make-up with their vicious fine prickles. Among them are 'Quatre Saisons' (4 seasons) a pink, 'Kazanlik-Trigintipetala' from the middle-east used for perfume oil, 'Isphan' a pink, 'Madame Hardy' pure white with a lovely strong scent and very upright, just to name a few of these glorious roses that do very well in Perth climate

Gallicas – from France. There were over 2,000 listed but most are lost today and they are very prickly and twiggy. These plants do struggle in Perth's hot summers. Most are deep magenta/purple in colour. Amongst this section in Jan's garden is 'Cardinal de Richelieu', 'La Belle Sultane' and 'Orpheline de Juillet'.

Di followed with 'a chat' on a couple of books from the Library which related to Jan's talk.

"Historical Roses" by Hella Brummer and Eilike Vemmer (No. 43 in the Library) – Roses from 'Sangerhausen' in Germany. A really good book full of photos of the different types of heritage roses.

“The Graham Stuart Thomas Rose Book” by Graham Stuart Thomas (No.30 in the Library) – a must read for the story of a man and his love of old roses. He was the man behind the restoration of Montisfont Gardens in England.

Di finished by mentioning that the Library was not used enough which is a shame as it’s a very good Library on heritage roses, people and places.

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Roses from Jan’s garden



Bourbon 'Variegata di Bologna'



Damask 'Quatre Saison'



Centifolia 'The Everywhere Rose'



Gallica 'Cardinal de Richelieu'

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## FUTURE EVENTS AND MEETINGS

Events and meetings that are to follow in the coming months and for you to write in your diary now. All meetings at Falls Farm will begin at 11.00am unless otherwise stated.

- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 10.00am**      **Please see information on Page 1 of the newsletter**
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September**      Garden Clubs & Societies Fair. We would like members to assist on our stall (please keep in mind to volunteer)  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>: 8.30am to 4.30pm  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>: 9.00am to 2.00pm  
Entry: \$5.00
- A Friday in late September/early October**      Proposed Day Trip to Northam
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>, October**      WA Rose Society Fair in South Perth. We would appreciate it if you are able to assist on our stall  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>: 1.00pm to 5.00pm  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>: 10.00am to 4.00pm  
Entry: \$?
- Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 2.00pm**      Afternoon Tea in Jan's Garden in Thornlie
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 11.00am**      Talk on "Falls Farm History" by Pauline Tonkin
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00pm**      Our 'Christmas Sundowner' – Yet to be decided

Happy gardening,

The Committee



'The organization was formed to bring together people who love and collect old roses, the roses of antiquity and the survivors from Australian colonial gardens'