



Rose Lore

Mesa-East Valley Rose Society

Affiliated with the American Rose Society

Dona L. Martin, Editor

www.roses4az-mevrs.org

April 2008

**Thursday
April 10th, 7:00 p.m.**

*****Monthly Meeting*****

Special Location!!

**Kirk Student Center
Kiva Room, MCC**

**"Make Your Roses
The Best They Can Be!"**

Learn how to clean up, prepare and stage your roses, whether for home, friends or exhibition.

Bring roses from your garden, in water, and pruning shears.

Vases will be provided.

Friends and family welcome.
Refreshments will be served.

Bring your rose questions and concerns. See you there!

Garden Tour Preview!

This year's garden tour is going to be better than ever! We have two new gardens, two maturing gardens, on the tour for their second year, and three of our most popular "older" gardens. All gardens are works in progress, as they grow, change and new plants and features are added. These are no exception!

Two BONUS public gardens are included in the guidebook as well. Mike Jepsen has tended the Dobson Ranch Homeowner Association Rose Garden for several years and it has grown and prospered, just as we would expect under Mike's expert care. Located on Dobson Road just south of Baseline, it is open at any time, but we recommend you swing by as you head from Chandler to Gilbert on tour day.

The second bonus is the newly refurbished rose garden at the Gilbert Historical Museum, located on the southwest corner of Elliott and Gilbert Roads. Enter the parking lot off of Elliott, on the north side of the building. As all potted roses were used in the new plantings, they are already blooming and look great! Check out the article on this project on pages 6-7. The Museum's Annual Quilt Show is also running through May.

The first new garden on the tour, the Lowe Garden, was installed and is maintained by our members, Heidi and Terry Leavitt. It is a gem of a garden, displaying the great versatility that can be achieved in a smaller yard.

On the opposite end of the East Valley, at Recker and Baseline, is the three acre property of new members Lynn and Jean Urry. The Urrys are the couple who donated the balloons for our Christmas dinner, as well as those which will help mark the location of our tour homes. They have planted over 100 rose varieties in new beds on their property. In addition, there is an enormous vegetable garden, a cactus garden, grape and blackberry vines, a new greenhouse and assorted fruit and citrus trees. This will be a fun garden to follow as it develops, with their plans for water features and more.

Returning from last year with another year of growth under their belts are the gardens of Linda Gibson and Steve O'Brien in Tempe and Nanci and Ryan Regehr in southeast Chandler. Both gardens have new roses that were added this year, bringing the totals up to and 150+ respectively.

Last but not least are the Schoenberg and Martin gardens. The Schoenbergs are always rearranging and adding unusual plants and roses to their eclectic collection of garden art and antiques. Located a mile from the Urrys to the north and the Martins to the south, these three larger gardens will keep visitors busy! Don't forget to get your Dinner tickets for Joe's Real BBQ and the return of the Corazon de Phoenix Mariachis!

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MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

The following nurseries will give MEVRS members a 10% discount (unless otherwise indicated) on any rose-related purchase when you show your membership card. In some stores you must pay by cash or check only to receive the discount.

Be sure to get your annual Membership Card from the Membership Chairman.

Berridge Nursery
4647 E. Camelback Rd.,
Phx
Potted roses always in stock!

Gardener's World
3401 E. Baseline Rd., Phx

Harper's Nursery
Three locations:
Mesa, Scottsdale and Phx
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Potted roses still in stock

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2900 S. Country Club Dr.,
Mesa
480-497-2525

**When you patronize
these businesses,
please
remember to thank
the manager for
supporting the
MEVRS!**

President's Message by Dona Martin

Woo hoo! It's peak bloom and show time. Water water water and feed those plants and blooms. Be sure you are increasing your water accordingly, not just because of the temps, but the larger the plant gets, the more it needs.

Please join us for the **April meeting**, which is being held in the *****Kiva Room of the Student Center*****, instead of in the library Community Room. There is a Smithsonian exhibit being held for three months in the Community Room, which you are welcome to visit, but not on our meeting night!

Plan to visit *at least* one of our rose shows this month. See page 10 for locations. These are great showS, fun times and you learn just by watching and walking the show. We will be there to answer questions and bring a pad and paper to make a list of "must haves" for planting next fall.

In conjunction with the **Pacific Southwest District Conference and Rose Show, April 19th**, we will have our **Annual Rose Garden Tour and Dinner on Sunday the 20th**. Conference attendees will be here from Southern California, Las Vegas, New Mexico and El Paso and many have expressed a desire to join our tour! While the Conference is being sponsored as a cooperative effort of the All Az Rose Societies group, the tour will be our responsibility. It will include seven private gardens and end with a BBQ at the our home in Gilbert. Please set that weekend aside for two days full of rosy fun and friends! **BBQ tickets are still available**. Entertainment will be provided by the Corazon de Phoenix Mariachi Band! These great musicians were here two years ago and were outstanding! They are students in the ASU Mariachi program, many who have studied this art from childhood.

April is election time for the **2008-2009 Officers and Board of Directors**. The slate prepared by the Nominating Committee is:

President - LeRoy Brady
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Corresponding Secty - Marylou Coffman
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Alta Russell
Donna Dibble
Pam Thuillez

Nominations can also be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

We have a new **Refreshment Chairman!!! Sally Crofford** has volunteered for this position and will be taking signups at the meeting for the balance of the year. We appreciate her help with this.

And, a big thanks all the others who have given so much to our society, especially in helping to make our Spring Events successful!

See you Thursday!

Rose Shows of the Past! From 1888...

ROSES AT ROME.

Rome Letter to the London Queen

The Roman Rose Show is becoming more important every year; so much so that the Casina on the Pincian is no longer adequate to the requirements of space either of the flowers themselves or of the fashionable crowd which annually assembles to admire them. The Marquis di Casteldelfino, who is President of the Roman Horticultural Society, delivered on the opening day an interesting address, taking the rose for his text, which was much applauded, and the applause was enthusiastically renewed when the Marchese proposed naming two beautiful new roses grown under glass King Humbert and Queen Margaret. Signor Giuseppe Balestra exhibited 766 varieties of roses grown at his villa on Monte Parioli, including almost all the known varieties of tea roses for which he is famous. Prince Doria-Pamfili showed 440 varieties of cut roses, including some new ones, all remarkable for splendor of color, and two other especially varied and beautiful collections of cut roses were shown by the Duchess of Sermoneta and the Marchesa Medici del Vascello (formerly Mrs. Ingham.) The display was, on the whole, so fine that considerable difficulty was found in awarding the various prizes and medals.

The New York Times

Published: June 16, 1888

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Notice how many entries were presented by two of the exhibitors mentioned in this article! One individual at modern shows, without additional help, rarely enters more than about 25 entries. Two people, which is much more fun, who can work together (not always easy!), can enter as many as 50 specimens. The average number of entries is ten.

Once you know what to do to prepare ahead of time, like organizing, cleaning the leaves and having everything ready to load up EARLY on the morning of the show, you will be less stressed and have more fun. Arrive early and join the excitement. You'll be glad you did. I promise!

What to put in your Rose grooming kit:

- Pruning shears
- Q-tips
- Cotton balls
- Tweezers
- Small, fine point paintbrush or two
- Ballpoint pen
- Hand towel or paper towels
- Cuticle scissors
- Show schedule or print out of it
- List of roses you are bringing
- Entry tags - get some at the meeting
- Turkey baster



- Cut up pieces of nylon stocking, about 3" long, 1 - 2 (for cleaning leaves)

Do you need all these things? You might. Or not. But if you do, you want to have them handy. Put them in a small carry box.

Then, come with your roses and we'll show you how to use these things to groom your blooms!

Pacific Southwest District Conference

Saturday, April 19th, 2008

In collaboration with The Arizona Rose Societies

Mesa Community College

1833 W Southern Avenue, Mesa, AZ

SE Corner of Southern and Dobson

Conference Weekend Agenda

Saturday, April 19th:

- Phoenix Rose Society and Pacific Southwest District Rose Show
at the Mesa Community College in the Student Union building
Entries received: 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Judging
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Luncheon and Meetings on 3rd floor of the Library
 - 12:30-1:30 Lunch on the 3rd floor of the Library
 - 1:30-3:30 PSWD Business Meeting on the 3rd floor of the Library
 - 3:30-4:00 Judges Horticulture meeting on the 3rd floor of Library
 - 4:00-4:30 Judges Arrangement meeting on the 3rd floor of Library
 - 5:00-5:30 Raffle at the Student Union
 - 5:30-6:30 Awards at the Student Union

**Join Conference Attendees and MEVRS for
our Annual Rose Garden Tour and BBQ!**

Sunday, April 20th ~ 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

7 Private Rose Gardens

Tour Only \$10 pp ~ Tour + Full Dinner \$20 pp

**Reservations are already coming in for the
dinner, which will be provided by Joe's Real BBQ
of Gilbert. Reserve your tickets ASAP by sending
check to:**

**MEVRS Treasurer, P.O. Box 40394, Mesa AZ
85274**

**or by purchasing them at our March or April
meetings. Entertainment? You bet...**

**Our favorite professional Mariachi Band,
Corazon de Phoenix!**

No reservations required for Tour Only tickets ~ May be purchased at the MCC Rose Garden



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SE Corner of Southern and Dobson

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____

E-Mail _____

Any donations made to offset the cost of the trophies and show expenses would be greatly appreciated.

Registration cost \$10.00 per person \$ _____

Lunch \$25.00 per person \$ _____

Donation to Trophy/General Fund \$ _____

Total Cost \$ _____

Make Check Payable to: PSWD Rose Convention
Mail to: Bill Sheperd
13159 N 82nd Ave., Peoria, AZ 85381

Registrations for Lunch must be received by Friday, April 11, 2008

Questions email Helen Baird at hbbaird@gmail.com
or Gerry Mahoney at xrose@cox.net

A Rose Garden Is New Again!

**By Cammie Sammartino,
ASU Journalism Student**

Near the entrance of the Gilbert Historical Museum, the rose garden that greeted visitors as they approached the museum wasn't doing so well.

Lack of water, dwindling attention and poor soil conditions were the culprits. Alex English, a sophomore at Mesa High School, decided to rejuvenate the garden for his Eagle Scout project after Libby Allen, a volunteer working on the rose garden, contacted his mother, Dona Martin, the president of the Mesa-East Valley Rose Society for advice.

English, along with some of his family and the boys in his troop, planted new roses in the garden as well as replaced the sprinkler heads so the roses could get the right amount of water they need to thrive.

The Gilbert Historical Museum, according to Kayla Kolar, the executive director of the museum, was built in 1913 as a Gilbert Elementary school and then purchased by the Gilbert Historical Society in 1982 to be turned into a museum.

"The museum is the only building that is on the National Register of Historic Places in Gilbert," Kolar said. "The building is a part of history itself. We want to connect the past to the present to the future."

The rose garden, which is located near the entrance of the museum, was created as an Eagle Scout project around ten or eleven years ago and was dedicated to Rose Divelbess, a Historical Society member who passed away during the time the rose garden was being planted, Kolar said.

"Over time, as with any volunteer project, you have to get new volunteers to maintain the rose garden properly," Martin said. "Roses grow well in Arizona, but they need the right amount of water and fertilizer. I knew Alex needed a project and thought this would be a good one for him."

English, who participates in Boy Scouts through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints ward he attends, had his required amount of merit badges and needed to complete an Eagle Scout project as his final task in Boy Scouts.

Martin, who said the Mesa-East Valley Rose Society developed and maintains the large rose garden at Mesa Community College, knew a project could be put together to help the roses at the museum and to help her son as well.

"Because of being involved in the big garden at MCC, we knew who might donate roses and mulch," Martin said. "We knew we could put together a project and change the watering system and decide which roses to plant."

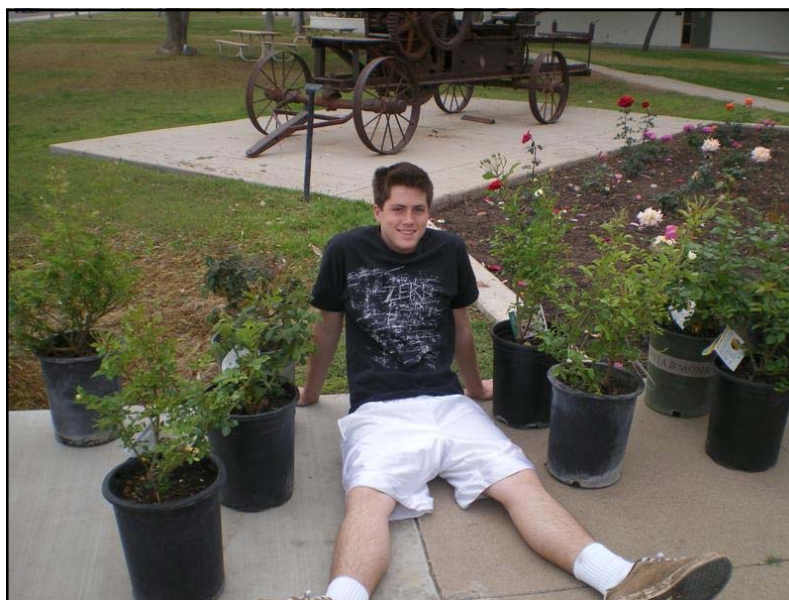
Roses for the Gilbert Historical Museum project were donated by both V & P Wholesale Nursery and Jay Harper of Harper's Nurseries.

The rose garden has been completed, with a total of 78 new roses. Visitors can expect to see the best roses during April and May, as well as late October through December, which is the peak bloom for area roses.

"They are hoping to put a volunteer group together in an on-going effort to help support the garden and keep up with the maintenance," Martin said.

Martin indicated there is now a Volunteer Coordinator for this garden, Elizabeth Allen, who is a fairly new resident of Gilbert. Allen is working with the Museum Board and Martin to put together this group with an eye toward long term care and improvement. Anyone interested in joining this group can contact Ms. Allen at 480-406-0917.

For more information about our local public rose gardens and growing roses in the Desert Southwest, visit www.roses4az-mevrs.org.



Photos: Above, Alex English. Top right clockwise: Original Gilbert Elementary, now Historical Museum: ready to plant; Directing traffic, adult "shadow" leader; What it's all about...boys discover their roots; Work for all sizes of scouts; Soil needs lots of added mulch; First bloom!; Last batch of roses, from Harper's Nursery, goes around the flagpole. Photos by Dona Martin and Libby Allen

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Blind Shoots - Why isn't there a bloom on the end?

By Robert B. Martin, Jr.

Blind shoots are formed on roses when flower buds do not develop because of abortion of the flower organs. The result is a stem with no flower at the end.

The reason that blind shoots develop is not fully understood. Climatological factors, especially those affecting the presence of light, are thought to have an effect. Temperature factors may also be implicated. And others, such as myself, tend to think that they occur because the rose is throwing more stems than it can support with corresponding blooms. This view is supported by the recent experience of Southern California rosarians who reported a large number of blind shoots this last spring, a spring that was unusually mild and which supported ample foliage growth.

But the purpose of this article is not to explore the reasons for the development of blind shoots nor how their incidence can be reduced. Instead, its purpose is to address the typical questions which arise after blind shoots are observed. These include "What do you do with a blind shoot?", "Does a blind shoot represent a genetically defective branch?", "Should it be removed in its entirety?". And if not, "How and when should a blind shoot be pruned?"

In my years of reading the rose literature, I have not seen much attention addressed to these questions. Certainly there has been some lore here and there but seemingly without scientific basis. It was therefore with interest that I learned of the publication in late 1995 of an article in *Scientia Horticulturae* by Niels Bredmose and Jurgen Hansen of Denmark titled "Regeneration, Growth and Flowering of Cut Rose Cultivars as Affected by Propagation Material and Method." And through the gracious assistance of Dr. David Richardson, Dean of Science at St. Mary's University in Nova Scotia, I was able to obtain a copy of the article.

The article reports on an experiment conducted over a period of twenty months by the authors in which they compared the effects of propagating flowering versus blind shoots by cutting and grafting on the growth of two different rose cultivars. To the knowledge of the authors, blind shoots had not previously been studied as material for propagation and subsequent cultivation of rose plants.

The two cultivars used were the roses KORflapei (Frisco®) and Bergme (Gabriella®). Both are floribundas available in Denmark, but not well known in

the U.S. There were differences in the data between the two roses but this appeared to the authors to reflect the normal difference in the growth behavior of two roses and did not affect their overall conclusions.

At the beginning of the experiment plant material for cutting and grafting was selected by taking material above the first basal five leaflet leaves of both first grade flowering shoots and blind shoots. The plants were then propagated both by cuttings and grafting. The propagated plants were then compared by percentage of survival, bud growth and the length of the shoots developed.

The results are particularly interesting to those who fear that blind shoots are useless. The authors concluded that there was no significant difference in rooting percentage for cuttings and scions from blind shoots compared with flowering shoots. Bud growth, initial shoot growth and survival from flowering shoots were somewhat better with one cultivar whereas for the other cultivar the bud growth, initial shoot growth and survival from the blind shoots was slightly higher but not thought to be a significant difference. In non-scientific terms it thus appears that as far as resultant growth is concerned it doesn't appear to matter whether the plant was propagated from a flowering shoot or a blind shoot.

Continuing, the authors analyzed the resulting blooms over a period of time and this is where the surprising result occurred. Compared with flowering shoots as propagating material, the use of blind shoots resulted in significant increases in the number of both saleable and second grade blooms. Put again in non-scientific terms this means that the plants propagated from blind shoots produced better blooms.

The reason for this result is not known but the authors speculate that the larger yield of blooms from blind shoots could be due to the greater number of side buds that develop in blind shoots than in flowering shoots. Roses are known for what is called "apical dominance" which means that the main buds at the tip suppress development of the buds down the shoot. A blind shoot, lacking the terminal bud, does not produce this effect and the authors surmise that the side buds are thus left to more freely develop.

Of additional interest the authors observed that the number of blind shoots produced by the plants was the same as plants originating from blind or flowering shoots. This is to say the blind shoots do not neces-

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sarily beget more blind shoots.

So what does this research tell us as rosarians about dealing with blind shoots? Well, first of all, it calls into question the article of faith that the best propagating material for a cutting is a stem from a flowering shoot that has just finished flowering. And for those adept at grafting roses, it indicates that it makes no particular difference if the bud is selected from a flowering shoot rather than a blind shoot.

The results of the research also give an indication of how we should prune blind shoots. There is no reason it appears to remove the entire shoot, in fact the results on flowering suggests that there is great potential in the side buds of a blind shoot.

So what to do? I had years concluded prior to reading this article, based solely on experience, that the proper way to treat a blind shoot is to prune or deadhead it as if there had been a small bloom there. And now it appears that there is a scientific basis to support this conclusion.

I still don't know what causes blind shoots and it is somewhat disappointing to grow a stem that fails to produce a bloom. But it appears that the lack of a bloom is about all that distinguishes a blind shoot from a flowering shoot. Indeed the news that the failure of bloom encourages better blooms from the side buds the next few times around is encouraging and removes much of the disappointment. A blind shoot then is simply the stem of the bloom you never saw and is probably not much to worry about.

Reprinted from the October 1996 issue of The Rose Parade, bulletin of the Los Angeles Rose Society.



Cutting below the blind shoot encourages productive growth from lower buds.

April Rose Care

By Dona Martin

Make it easy this month! Feed and water a lot. Maybe spray of few bugs with your water wand or Bayer Advanced Rose and Flower Insect Killer.

It's time to enjoy those blooms! This is what we have been waiting for! Many of you have new plants, so just remember they have to get a good start. Don't cut really long stems off new plants because they need the leaves to promote growth. Next year and the year after, their sizes will greatly increase and so will the number of blooms.

Take pictures. You want to remember blooms that blow you away! Then you can look at them again when it is 110 or 35 degrees. Take pictures to enter in a rose photo contest or to give to Corinne Geertsen for the website. She also wants pictures of your gardens. Try to take them in early morning or late afternoon light so the sun isn't too bright. Email them to c8geertsen@cox.net.

Don't forget the names of your roses! Write out a list of your plants and their locations before the tags get lost. If you do enter a show, you need to know the names. If it turns out to be a crummy bush, you need to know the name so you don't buy it again. If it is great, you may want another. If you don't know the name, bring a bloom to the meeting and maybe we can identify it for you. And you're supposed to bring blooms to the meeting this month anyway!

And here's another radical idea! You can bring blooms from you garden to our meetings ANYTIME! Just for decorations. We don't do this often enough, but we love roses and enjoy seeing them, so please bring your favorites to share with us.

Can't make it to the garden tour or rose show? Wanna see some gardens anyway? Ask around at the meeting or call a Consulting Rosarian. We ALL love to share our gardens and there are many members with gardens large and small who would be happy to have you come by!
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Rosy Events Coming Up

April 5th - Glendale Rose Show, Saquaro Ranch Park, Glendale

April 12th - Scottsdale Rose Show, Scottsdale Community College

April 19, 2008 Pacific Southwest District Rose Show and Conference
Hosted by the combined AZ Rose Societies
At Mesa Community College, Mesa, AZ

April 20th - Annual Rose Garden Tour and BBQ, hosting our Conference attendees, visiting 7 gardens and the Martins' for BBQ! Get your tickets!

May 30 - June 1, 2008
2008 ARS National All-Mini Convention and Rose Show
Oklahoma City, OK
Info: Bert Wheeler, Chair, 405-282-2495
berkat@worldnet.att.net
Jeanette Davis, okjdavis@prodigy.net

June 26 - 30, 2008
ARS Spring National Convention and Rose Show
Four Points Sheraton, SE, Denver, CO
Info: Peg Williams, Chair, 303-691-2790
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www.2008arsdenver.com

November 15th, 2008 Mesa-East Valley Rose and Arrangement Show
MCC Campus, Kirk Student Center

November 22, 2008 West Valley Rose Society Annual Rose and Arrangement Show
ASU West Campus

***Put these dates on your calendars!
and join us for special rose events!***

Mesa—East Valley Rose Society

You or your recipient will receive our monthly 8-12 page newsletter, local nursery discounts and more. **Membership is \$25, due June 1 of each year.** This is for a single or family unit living at the same address. New members joining after September pay \$5 per quarter, from quarter joining through the following May, payable in full at month of joining. Please bring your completed application and payment (please make check payable to **MEVRS**) to a meeting or mail to:

MEVRS/Membership, P.O. Box 40394, Mesa, AZ 85274-0394

Date _____ New _____ ***Gift*** _____ Renewal _____ Amount Paid _____
 Cash _____ Check# _____

Names: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-mail address _____

Yes! I would also like to join the national organization with which we are affiliated, the American Rose Society, for which I will receive the bi-monthly *American Rose* magazine, the December *American Rose Annual*, the "Handbook For Selecting Roses" and more! I am including in my check an additional amount of \$49.00 (Seniors \$46.00) for a one year membership.

As a new member of the American Rose Society, you will also receive a FREE miniature rose from Nor'East Miniatures!

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*ARS Judge

Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at

Mesa Community College:

***** Special location April 2008 *****

Kirk Student Center - Kiva Room

1833 W. Southern Ave., Mesa, AZ
New Member Orientation at 6:30 pm

Calendar of Events

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Community College. Info: Mary Van Vlack, 480-945-8114**

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Show open to public 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. - See inside page 4!**

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MCC and visit private gardens at your own pace. Then join us
for the BBQ and entertainment at the Martin garden. Get your
tickets now!**

**May 8th - Monthly Meeting-Annual Potluck & Installation of Board
6 p.m. in the Rose Garden**



*The Rose:
Our National
Floral Emblem*

All articles for the newsletter must be submitted to the Editor by the 20th of each month.

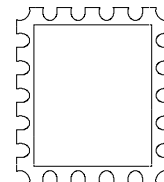
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