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President's Message

Bob Parker

My term as your president is coming to an end. It has happened many times before. I was president of Shasta Rose Society for the first eight or ten years and have served many times since then. My dream when I started the society was to have the society continue beyond my leadership. We seem to have come to a point where we just have a carousel of the same few officers just changing places where we serve. We do have Lesa Lane who has agreed to be our President for 2019. We will elect her at the meeting this month. I am hopeful she will have some new ideas to get new members and get those members involved in the leadership of the society. I think part of the problem is the fact that if we do things the same way, it is easier as the planning has already been done. But people get bored doing the same thing year after year and stop coming. Along these lines, our program for November will be a discussion about the future of Shasta Rose Society. Come join in the discussion and most importantly bring some new ideas.

We will have our installation dinner at Riverview Country Club again. It is the first Friday in December. It's such a nice place, the food is good, the company is great, and it's such a good way to start the Christmas season. The place is decorated so nicely. Hope to see everyone there.

Looking back on 2018, it was a very different year for Shasta Rose Society. The year started with our annual pruning of the City Hall Rose Garden and chili feed afterward. It was well attended, the weather was good, and we all enjoyed a great meal later. We decided not to have a garden event because we didn't have someone offer a garden and everyone just wanted to take a little rest this year. We do need gardens for 2019 though. We don't want this to die out. The summer picnic was sched-

uled and it looked like our garden was going to be in good shape for that. Then the disastrous Carr Fire happened. The smoke was so bad even up here in the mountains so we decided to cancel. Shortly after that it was time to start planning and working on the fall Rose Show. No one was in the mood to think about a rose show. I polled the society to get opinions from everyone. It was a decision I didn't want to make on my own. The vote came back overwhelmingly in favor of cancelling.

There you have it, we held no events in 2018 due to circumstances we had no control over. I know I write above about getting bored doing the same thing all the time but it's also boring doing nothing as a society. Let's get revitalized and have a great year in 2019. We will start by pruning the City Hall rose Garden on Saturday January 5th followed by the chili feed, a great way to start the year. We will have a rain date for January 12th. Let's have a good turnout and start the year on a happy note and keep it up for the entire year.

Come to the meeting on the 21st and bring your ideas. See you then. It certainly has been a nice fall, hasn't it? Now let's get some rain.

Flower Girl

Bob Parker, Master Rosarian

At the October "Little Rose Show", a big spray of the shrub rose "Flower Girl" was selected as Best of Show. Some questions came up: How big does it get? Is it fragrant? Does it bloom a lot?...That gave me an idea for a topic to write about for this month's Consulting Rosarian article.

The following description is from <https://www.helpmefind.com/roses>: "Light pink. Mild, apple, tea fragrance. 10 to 12 petals. Average diameter 2". Small to medium, semi-double, cluster flowered, in large clusters bloom form. Blooms in flushes throughout the season. Ovoid buds. Medi-

um, arching, bushy, spreading, thornless (almost). Medium, matte, light green foliage. Height 4' to 5' (120 to 50 cm).” It was introduced by Weeks Roses in the US in 1998 after being bred in England by Fryer.

I remember seeing Flower Girl at a Sacramento Rose Society’s spring rose show many years ago. It was a beautiful display in the Trailing Rose class. It

was a big spray of nice, fresh, light pink, small, semi-double blooms. I was impressed and thought how beautiful it was. After several years went by and Flower Girl was always in the Trailing Rose class at that rose show, I finally decided it was a rose I really wanted to have. I mentioned this to Alice Affleck who replied that she grew it and she would make me a cutting. One of the things I like best about being a judge is that you get to see so many great roses.

Meanwhile that summer we were at Heirloom Roses and they had Flower Girl. We naturally bought one and took it home and planted it. It has done ok, but has not thrived. I think it’s in the wrong location.



The following spring Alice brought us the cutting she started and we planted it. That one just took off. It is now about 4 -5’ tall by 3 - 4’ wide. It is always blooming during the growing season with

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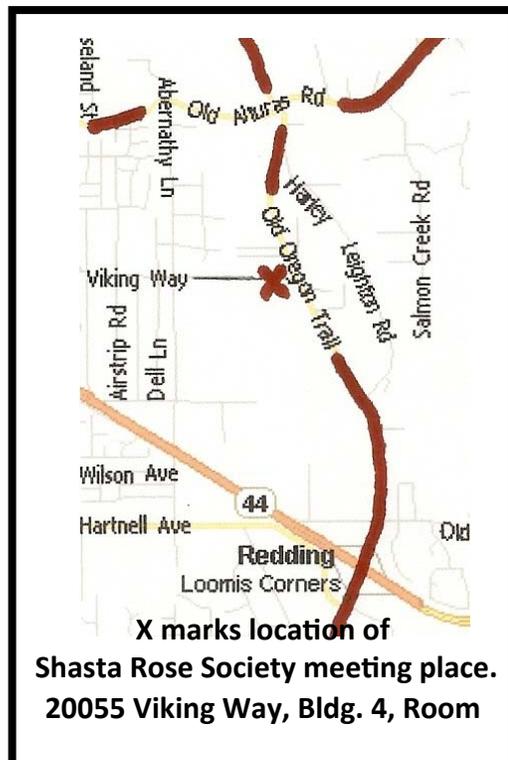
Barrie Freeman

Shasta Rose Society is a non-profit organization, which is an affiliate of the American Rose Society (ARS). The object of the Society is to promote interest in all aspects of rose horticulture through various educational programs, shows, publicity and participation in rose related projects.

The Society meets each month, with the exception of July, August and December, on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Building 4, Room 401 at City of Redding Corporation Yard, 20055 Viking Way, Redding, California. The meetings are held for the purpose of presenting an educational program. Admission is free to the general public.

Membership to the Society is open to anyone who supports the objectives of the Society. Annual single membership is \$25.00 and joint membership is \$30.00 which includes an annual subscription to *The Fifth Leaf*, the official newsletter of the Shasta Rose Society. *The Fifth Leaf* is published monthly except July, August and December.

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many sprays. Flower Girl is very disease resistant, I have no signs of any disease on either plant. I think this is also a great example of having the right plant in the right location. Many time we have moved a plant that was struggling only to have a complete turnaround after the move.

I wrote this article on October 18 and took the above photo. On the 19th, I cut that spray since we were judging the Sierra Foothills Rose Society show in Folsom the next day and I thought it would make an entry in the Judges class. I think everyone likes to see the roses the judges grow. To my surprise, it was judged Best judges Entry. It wasn't near as nice as the one I had in our Little Rose Show but it was still a really good spray. Flower Girl stays fresh looking for a long time and I think that is one of the strong points of this great shrub rose. I would recommend it to anyone.

Little Rose Show Results

October 17, 2018

Amateur

Class 13 A - Fully Open Hybrid Tea

1st Pink Promise Parker 5 points

Class 30 A - Large Flowered Climbers & Ramblers

1st Flower Girl Parker 5 points

Class 35 A - Any Other Type Rose

1st Precious Dream Parker 5 points

Class 40 A - Miniature

1st You're the One Parker 5 points

Class 42 A - Fully Open Miniature

1st You're the One Parker 5 points

Novice

Class 10 N - Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora

3rd Helmut Schmidt Yee 1 point

Class 13 N - Fully Open Hybrid Tea

2nd Mr. Lincoln Yee 3 points

3rd Disco Yee 1 point

Best Amateur

Flower Girl Parker 3 points

Best of Show

Flower Girl Parker 3 points

Amateur Totals

Parker 25 points

Novice Totals

Yee 5 points

Carole Schmitz Outstanding Consulting Rosarian



Photo by Linda Walton

Carole Schmitz and Jolene Adams, NCNH CR Coordinator

Master Rosarian Carole Schmitz received the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award for her extra work and outreach at the NCNH District Fall Conference. Congratulations Carole.

Lesa Lane Awarded Master Rosarian Status



Photo by Linda Walton

Martine LaBelle, Jolene Adams and Lesa Lane

Lesa Lane, our 2019 President Nominee, with Martine LaBelle of East Bay Rose Society and NCNH Consulting Rosarian Coordinator Jolene Adams. Congratulations Lesa.

You are cordially invited to attend
The annual Christmas Dinner and Installation of Officers

Friday, December 7, 2018
Riverview Country Club
5400 Bechelli Lane, Redding

Hors d'oeuvres/No -Host Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

MENU

House Salad

Entrée(s) Choice of:

Wild Mushroom Ravioli \$32.91

Stuffed Chicken \$36.70

spinach, pancetta & cheese with a sundried beurre blanc

Atlantic Salmon

Char-grilled salmon, choice of roasted Roma tomato relish, miso glaze or lemon dill beurre blanc sauce \$40.50

10 oz Prime Rib Au Jus

100% Black angus beef, dry rubbed with fresh herbs and spices, slow roasted to perfection served with Au Jus \$45.56

Dessert

Chocolate Tuxedo Cake, Coffee or iced tea

Christmas Dinner Reservations
Riverview Country Club
Friday, December 7, 2018

Name(s) _____

Number in Party _____

Entrée Choices:

Wild Mushroom Ravioli	\$32.91	_____
Stuffed Chicken	\$36.70	_____
Atlantic Salmon	\$40.50	_____
Prime Rib Au Jus	\$45.56	_____
Total Enclosed:		_____

Note: Prices include 18% Gratuity plus tax

Please make checks payable to Shasta Rose Society
and mail to:

Linda Walton

Reservations must be received by Dec 3, 2018.

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Sandy Parker* (Shingletown)

Linda Walton* (Redding)

* Master Rosarian

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 21 (Wednesday): Next Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Building 4, Room 401, City of Redding Corporation Yard, 20055 Viking Way, Redding. **Program: Discussion About the Future of Shasta Rose Society.**

Coordinated by: Bob Parker.

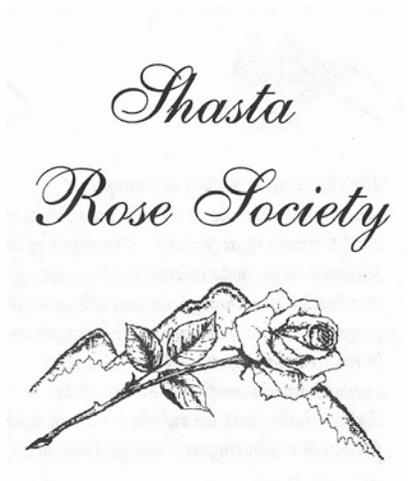
Refreshments: Lesia Land and Linda Walton.

December 7 (Friday): Installation Dinner, Riverview Country Club.

January 5 (Saturday): Annual Pruning of Redding City Hall Rose Gardens and Chili Feed.

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Barrie Freeman, Editor



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