

# The Fifth Leaf

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## President's Message

Lesla Lane

hope your roses and gardens survived. I was home for 2 days watching the wind whip my roses to the moon and back. And what a mess to clean up. Secret: I don't like the new normal.

Your dutiful president went to the NCNH District Conference in Auburn last month as our society's representative. The show was lovely as usual, the speakers were interesting, the food was tasty. There was even chocolate. And I won the Esther K. Hughes "Peace" Trophy (any 1 bloom containing the word "Peace" in its name) with a lovely bloom of Chicago Peace. You know, it's easy to win when you have the only entry in the Class!



**White Wings, won Best of Show 2014**

Wow what a wild week! For those of you who lost power, I hope your lights are back on and your fridge is restocked. While I didn't lose power at home, I did prep just in case by making and freezing 4 pots of coffee and eating all the ice cream.

For those of you who's yards had a date with the wind, I

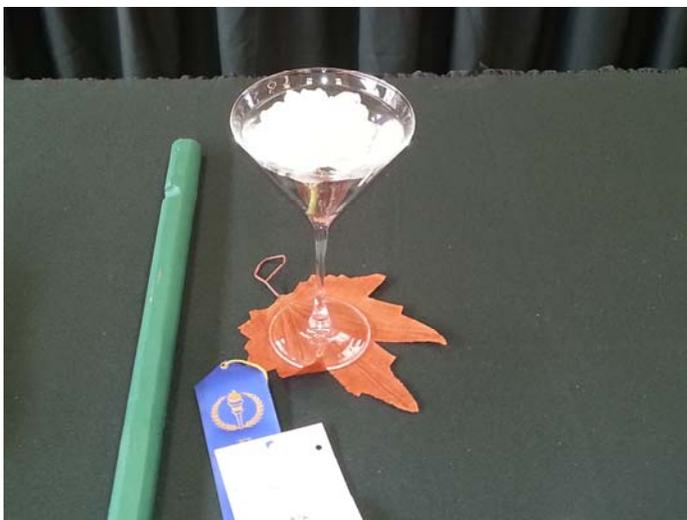


**Mass Arrangement by Carol Cowee 2014**

One important thing to mention from the Conference was an email phishing scam growing around. Some stinking criminal is getting the email addresses from the NCNH website and sending messages to club board members asking for \$500 in gift cards from their club president. Both Bob and Barrie have received this email supposedly from me. They both wisely contacted me. Not from your president!!! This is happening in other clubs around the District. This is a SCAM. Do not send any money. Do not buy any gift cards ever for any email request like this. Now you know.

So the Show is next Saturday and I'm in a pickle. My roses were not well cared for this year because of my mobility issues. I don't think I fed them enough and consequently I don't have my usual boatload of blooms. So that means everybody has to bring at least 5 roses to the rose show to make up for my scarcity! OK? Great. I'm glad you all agree. You're so good to me.

Which brings me to the Rose Show...Our next meeting will be a demonstration/ Q&A event. Bob, Sandy, Linda, and I will demonstrate a variety of the Challenge Classes as well as ex-



**Mini Rose in a Bowl**

plain some of the basics of showing good roses in rose shows. Additionally, we will bring what I call our "tackle boxes" to show you some of the tools we use to groom our roses. Believe it or not, it's actually quite easy to show roses once you get the hang of it. And fun.

Some good news...Barbara Gordon, last month's speaker on arrangements, is going to be one of our arrangement judges. I

## 2019 Officers & Directors

**President: Lesa Lane**

**Past President: Bob Parker**

**Vice President: Linda Walton**

**Secretary: Barbara Pike**

**Treasurer: Jim Cowee**

**Director: Don Brand**

**Director: Carol Cowee**

**Director: Rocki Sampson**

**Director: Susan Wilson**

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Jim Cowee**

***The Fifth Leaf* Editor  
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.

Send Dues and new memberships to the Treasurer. Membership in ARS (\$49/\$46 Sr.) is optional. Make checks payable to Shasta Rose Society.



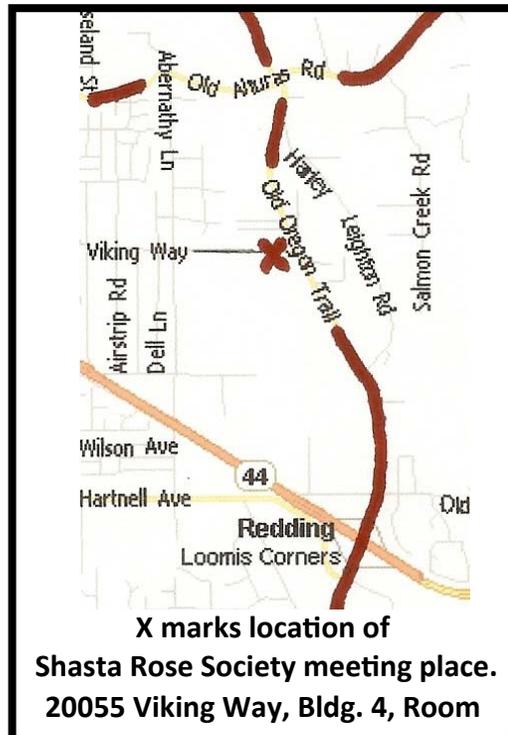
**My sister Debra looking at entries  
in the National Rose Show, May 2014**

told her you all were going to make her proud and bring at least one arrangement for the Show! And I know you don't want me to be a liar so everybody, and this means you, bring at least one arrangement to the Show. Please. Again, you're so good to me.

I have to admit that before a show I am moaning and groaning about all the work I'll have to do. I know my feet and knees and back will be sore. But about a week before, I start getting excited. And I get a little more excited every day. And then the day before the show I am on a mission and my obsessive /compulsive tendencies go manic leading to a sleepless bender to cut roses and make arrangements. Showing roses is my favorite rose game. Now I just need my garden to WAKE UP! and bloom.

Hey! Good news... we will get to see all our rose buds twice this week! The Show is going to be a blast! Bring chocolate. And coffee. Must have coffee.

See you 'round the rose bush,



**X marks location of  
Shasta Rose Society meeting place.  
20055 Viking Way, Bldg. 4, Room**

## DO YOU HAVE BLIND SHOOTS ON YOUR ROSES?

Linda Walton, Master Rosarian



I was walking through my garden yesterday, looking at my roses and noticed many of them have no buds forming. Well, that is not good news if I want roses for our October rose show.

So what are blind shoots and what might cause this disorder?

A blind shoot is a stem that grows and grows but a rosebud never appears at the tip. Typically, they are short stemmed with only a few leaves and fail to develop a terminal flower bud.

The reason that blind shoots develop is not fully understood, but could be linked to adverse weather conditions damaging the shoot tip as the bush is growing in the spring. Other causes to consider might be lack of nutrients or rose being grown in excessively shady area.

We certainly had extreme weather this spring (snow in February, lots of rain and hail in March and in May). I definitely found more blind shoots growing on my roses this year and noticed the same

problem on many roses at City Hall Rose Garden when we pruned in July.

Whatever the cause, this is considered non-productive growth and should be removed to encourage new bud formation. Simply cut the stem back to an outside 5<sup>th</sup> leaflet and it should produce a new stem that will flower. Deadheading should be done in the spring and summer after each bloom cycle.

We don't want to prune our roses too much in late fall as we don't want to encourage new growth this time of year and inhibit our roses from setting hips, which is part of their going dormant. Also, hips are a good source of winter food for birds.

### Officer and Director Nominees for 2020

The nomination committee came up with these names for officers for 2020.

- President...Lesa Lane
- Vice President...Teresa Starr
- Secretary...Barbara Pike
- Treasurer...Jim Cowee
- Past President...Bob Parker

#### Directors:

- Don Brand
- Rocki Sampson
- Carol Cowee
- Linda Walton

### September Garden Brunch Garden of Linda and Brent Walton

Photos by Linda Walton





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### 2019 Shasta Rose Society Rose Show

This year's rose show will again be held at Wyntour Gardens on Saturday, October 19th. Show setup will be on Friday at 3:00 p.m. We need all the volunteers possible. Entries will be done between 6:30 and 9:00 a.m. on the day of the show. Judging is scheduled to conclude at noon.

**That Wonderful Rose Named Peace**  
**The Most Popular Rose of the 20th Century**  
Kitty Belendez, Santa Clarita, CA



On June 15, 1935, French hybridizer Francis Meiland cross-pollinated two roses ((George Dickson x Souv de Claudius Pernet x (Joanna Hill x Charles PI Kilham)) x Margaret McCredy, from which was born the following year a weak seedling of dubious qualities. But, a few eyes were budded in 1936, and by fall one of the plants had developed into an especially fine specimen with lush dark

green, glossy foliage, and it had magnificent blooms of the most delicate ivory-yellow with pink at its edges. It was undoubtedly the most beautiful hybrid tea anyone had ever seen. They had no name for her in the beginning, but called her simply #3-35-40.

In 1942, despite the war, this rose was introduced in France by the name of "Mme. A. Meilland" (in memory of Meilland's mother, Claudia), in Germany as "Gloria Dei", and in Italy as "Gioia". It was an immediate success.

Jackson & Perkins had gotten first crack at introducing 'Peace' in the United States, but had turned it down because Meilland was demanding 33 percent royalty instead of the usual 15 percent--a decision J & P later regretted.

Budwood of 'Peace' was spirited away on some of the last planes to leave France before German occupation during World War II. By April, 1945, the Conard-Pyle Company introduced this rose in America under the appropriate name of 'Peace', coincidentally on the very same day that Berlin fell, and the war was pronounced over. The ceremony took place at the first annual rose show of the Pacific Rose Society at Pasadena, Ca. Two white doves were released in honor of the new rose symbolizing peace.

'Peace' was awarded the All-American Rose Selections (AARS) award for 1946, the only rose to receive the honor for that year. And since then, 'Peace' has won numerous other awards including the ARS National Gold Medal Certificate, 1947; and the Golden Rose of Hague, 1965.

In an interview with Dick Hutton, Chairman of the Board of the Conard-Pyle Company of West Grove, PA, her conservatively estimates "there have been between 30 to 40 million 'Peace' plants grown since its introduction. Without doubt, 'Peace' is definitely the most popular rose of all time.

Tom Carruth of Weeks Roses says that 'Peace' is extremely popular so we grow about 40,000 plants each year up in Wasco [north of Bakersfield, CA], and it is still our number -two selling variety exceeded only by 'Mister Lincoln'.

Keith Zary, who is director of research at Bear Creek Gardens in Somis, CA [owner of Jackson & Perkins], says that "it is probably closer to 50 million

'Peace' that have been grown, and J & P still grows between 60,000 and 709,000 per year. 'Peace' was a real breeding breakthrough at the time. It brought a whole new dimension to hybrid teas. 'Peace' was a great rose in the 1940s, and it is the only rose introduced at that time that is still around and is just as popular today as it was then.

As proof of its excellent lineage, the descendents of 'Peace' read like a "Who's Who" of great roses: 'Royal Highness', 'Garden Party', 'Double Delight', 'Perfume Delight', and 'Princess of Monaco', to name but a few.

'Peace' is a yellow-blend hybrid tea which is currently rated 8.1 [8.0 for 2020] with ARS. She is still seen from time to time on the trophy tables at rose shows, and would probably win more if the judges weren't so mesmerized by all the new introductions each year.

As the famous hybridizer, Sam McCredy, once said, "For the record, 'Peace' is the greatest rose of my time. It's as nearly perfect as a rose can be.

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## Little Rose Show Results

September 18, 2019

### Novice

#### Class 10 N - Hybrid Tea or Grandiflora

2nd Mr. Lincoln Yee 3 points

#### Class 20 N - Floribunda

1st\* Betty Boop Yee 5 points

#### Class 47 N - Fully Open Mini-Flors

2nd Peach Delight Yee 3 points

### Best Novice

Betty Boop Schmitz 3 points

### Best of Show

Betty Boop Schmitz 3 points

\* Best of Class

### Novice Totals

Yee 17 points

## CONSULTING ROSARIANS

### Redding Area

Barrie Freeman\* (Shasta Lake)

Lesla Lane\* (Corning)

Bob Parker\* (Shingletown)

Sandy Parker\* (Shingletown)

Linda Walton\* (Redding)

\* Master Rosarian

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**October 16 (Wednesday): Next Meeting, 7:00 p.m.**, Building 4, Room 401, City of Redding Corporation Yard, 20055 Viking Way, Redding. **Program:** Demonstration/ Q&A on Rose Show Challenge Classes and Basics of Showing Good Roses. **Presented by:** Bob Parker, Sandy Parker, Linda Walton and Lesa Lane.

**October 19 (Saturday): Shasta Rose Society Rose Show**, Wyntour Gardens, 8026 Airport Road, Redding.

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