

No Meeting in July	
Summer Luncheon:	Thursday, August 24, 2023 All Members Welcome
Propagation Workshop:	July 16 at 10:00 AM in Menlo Park Stu Dalton
Nest Meeting:	September 28, 2023

“I don’t know whether nice people tend to grow roses or growing roses makes people nice.” – Roland A. Browne

Dear Members,

Can you believe it, the month of July is already here and it marks the midway point of the year. It's also considered a month of fun thanks to the biggest patriotic party of the year that starts the first week of July so with this being established, Happy 4th of July to all of you!

As I garden in July, these simple gardening chores come to mind.

- ➔ Fertilize and water.
- ➔ Always remove any faded or dead flowers to encourage new growth.
- ➔ Clean your garden and get rid of any dead or sickly plants

Hoping my tips will help you have a beautiful and healthy garden.

We had a wonderful meeting on June 25. Jolene Adams was our guest speaker. Her subject was about Sex and the “Single” Rose (hybridization)). I am currently working on propagating and now Jolene introduces me to “hybridization”. As you can imagine, this really broadens my horizons. Seems complicated enough but practice makes perfect. In the end, it appears that in the “rose” world, the rose has a sex life and; most importantly, receives a lot of love and tender care. I am so pleased to know this fact. As always, it was a pleasure to see Jolene and please hurry back!

I am hoping that you have checked out the new changes that have been made to our website. In case you have not checked out our website; and if you did not attend this month’s meeting, please be aware of our great news.

We, the SMRS, won the First Place Blue Ribbon at the San Mateo County Fair. The theme of our exhibit was “English Roses”. I believe that this is the first time we have submitted an entry at the fair. Yvonne Liu, our vice president, was very influential in making this all possible. She dealt with the paperwork (registration), picking a theme, building the display as well as taking it down and finding volunteers to man the SMRS table through the duration of the fair, etc., etc. We are so happy that we won this award and we are also very proud of all of the work that was done to win this award. Congratulations Yvonne on a job well done!

Aside from thanking Yvonne, I want to also thank all the people who helped her win the First Place Blue Ribbon. She could not have done it all without the help of, Ken Issak, Jerry Liu, Jerry Georgette, Neil Rosen, Doris Brown, Sushen Zhuang, Jun Kao, (helped for 4 days) and Jennifer Chen (helped on Thursday and Friday mornings) who is not a member (yet).

Happy to say that for the SMRS, this honor represents a first for us and a monetary prize of \$400.

I am sure that Yvonne is already thinking about next year's exhibit at the San Mateo County Fair. For sure, it will take a lot of time and effort to put the project in place. She will need help with this exhibit so if you have any ideas or themes, please reach out to Yvonne or me so that we can start planning for next year.

As our meeting proceeded and we held the raffle, we did things a little different. Yvonne brought some garden plants (roses, succulents, etc., etc.) from her backyard and those were used as the raffle prizes. This was such a great idea and everyone responded to these new prizes.

Several people have brought different roses/plants to our meetings to share with other members. I would like to see this trend continue. So in September, we encourage you to bring your roses, rose cuttings, garden plants and proceed to swap different types of blooms.

Our summer luncheon will be on Thursday, August 24.

Thank you again, Yvonne for being so gracious and for opening up your home as the site of our summer luncheon. Check out our website for luncheon details (food and attendance signup sheets) or contact me.

I feel that Yvonne is such an important asset to our group and a great VP. She has so much energy and knowledge which has benefitted our group. She and I both love gardening and roses and we both want to see our group grow and succeed. Remember this is not Yvonne's group or my group. It is **YOUR** group.

When you see those signup sheets passed around at our meetings, take time to read them and please sign up. Listed below are the areas where help is needed

- Monthly Refreshments
- Raffle gifts (garden plants or roses)
- Attend weeding sessions to maintain the Memorial Rose Society
- Volunteer opportunities as events occur

On Sunday, July 16, at 10:00 AM, Stu Dalton will be having a propagation workshop in Menlo Park. All SMRS members are invited so I hope that you will all plan to attend.

Thank you for all of your support this year and I look forward to seeing you at the annual luncheon.