

Rose Show or Rose Display??

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Introduction to Rose Shows and Rose Displays

Why do we show roses?

- **Encourages others to grow roses:** Rose shows are not only for exhibitors and judges. Opening the show to the public creates an opportunity to share the beauty and diversity of the rose to non-rose growers.
- **Encourages rose growers to grow better roses:** A perfect opportunity to speak to experienced rosarians and exhibitors and gain valuable advice on how to grow better roses.

Rose Shows and Rose Displays

- **Helps your rose society:** Many societies combine the annual show with a fund raiser by selling roses that were not exhibited.
- **Meet new people:** Rose shows are a wonderful way to get together with rose friends and meet people who love roses. Novice exhibitors will find that experienced exhibitors are more than willing to share tips on how to prep your roses to exhibit.

ARS Accredited Rose Shows

- Unlike informal rose shows and rose displays, ARS accredited rose shows have an established set of rose judging standards. These standards are set forth in the ARS publication, “Guidelines for Judging Roses”.
- An example show schedule will be sent to attendees as a meeting handout.

ARS Accredited Rose Shows: Tips for Success

- **Venue:** Sufficient size for exhibits and preparing entries that is open to the public
- **Show Schedule**
 - Clear to both Judges and Exhibitors
 - Challenge Classes to encourage members to exhibit, based on the types of roses they grow

ARS Accredited Rose Shows: Tips for Success

Example: Decorative Rose Challenge

One bloom hybrid tea, miniature or miniflora rose, **decorative form at any stage**, in a vase or container of the exhibitor's choice. Roses classified as singles are not permitted. This class is for varieties that, by breeding, cannot have hybrid tea form.

Award: Rose Society Certificate

Mariotta, Best
Decorative Rose,
exhibited by Lynda
and Ken Fleming



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- **Challenge Class to encourage the public to enter & judge**

Example: My Favorite Rose, Anything Goes

One stem, single bloom or spray of any rose, **any form**. The tag must include a statement of why it is your favorite rose and how it is used in your garden. **Judged by the Public** based on the entry tag statement.

Award: Rose Society Certificate

ARS Accredited Rose Shows: Tips for Success

- Have sufficient volunteers to run the Show and make sure everyone knows what to do
- Keep the judging moving along
- After the judging, staff the show with volunteers to answer questions from the public and provide Society information

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- **Share the Wealth**

- After the show, donate roses to the public, venue, charitable places, such as Ronald MacDonal House, hospitals, etc.
- Opportunity to advertise the Society and to bring joy to others



Ken Fleming from Gateway Rose Society with donations from the Show for the Ronald MacDonal House

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Rose Shows and Rose Displays

- **Rose Show Misconceptions**
 - All Rose Shows **MUST** follow a stringent set of rules
 - Expensive to host
 - Need an army of volunteers
- **Informal Rose Shows and Displays**
 - No rules or Judges needed
 - Opportunity for members to share their roses
 - Educational opportunity for members and the public
 - Advertisement for Society
 - Themes: Use your imagination!

Example Rose Display Themes

- Carefree roses/roses that do well in your climate
- Roses for problem spots: shade, hiding an eye-sore (chain-link fence, etc), hedges
- Roses for patios/city gardens
- New roses
- Fragrant roses
- Rose Doctor
- Hands-on demonstrations: potting/planting/pruning roses

Rose Displays: Tips for Success

- Be creative, make colorful and eye-catching displays
- Engage the audience
- Choose enthusiastic & friendly members for public interaction
- Informational handouts with local society information
- Consider a QR Code to provide instant access to society or rose information

Rose Displays: Tips for Success

- Choose a well-attended venue: State Fair, garden event, botanical garden, garden center, house/garden tour
- Publicize the event: Press, Social Media, other garden societies

Cherry Frost exhibited by
Bruce and Maggie Barr



Informal Rose Shows

- Can be a member event or for the public
- Educational opportunities: ARS judging criteria, pruning for the show, how to groom
- Inexpensive, no need for prizes and ARS certificates; “bragging rights”
- Low key way to give exhibiting a try
- Create your own rules or have no rules
- Simplify show schedule; think out of the box for fun classes

Example Informal Rose Show Schedule

SECTION A: LARGE ROSES

- ONE BLOOM PER STEM HYBRID TEAS
- HYBRID TEA SPRAY
- OPEN BLOOM HYBRID TEA OR OPEN BLOOM GRANDIFLORA
- ANY GRANDIFLORA
- ANY FLORIBUNDA OR POLYANTHA
- ANY CLIMBER

Uncle Joe, exhibited by
Andy Plasz



Example Informal Rose Show Schedule

SECTION B: MINATURES AND MINI FLORAS

- ONE BLOOM PER STEM MINIATURES
- ONE BLOOM PER STEM MINI-FLORAS
- MINIATURE AND MINI FLORA SPRAYS
- OPEN BLOOM MINIATURES AND MINI FLORAS

SECTION C: ARRANGEMENTS

- ANY ARRANGEMENT

SECTION D: NOVICE CLASS

- ANY ROSE OR ARRANGEMENT

Joy exhibited
by Lynda &
Ken Fleming



Example Informal Rose Show Schedule

SECTION E: JUST FOR FUN CLASSES

- **STEM AND FOLIAGE, NO BLOOMS ALLOWED.** Judging: Choose the most beautiful.
- **INSECT DAMAGE, STEM AND FOLIAGE ONLY.** Name the insect causing the damage. Judging: Choose the best example of insect damage with correct insect name.
- **UGLY ROSE ARRANGEMENT.** Break the rules, including using ugly roses! Judging: Choose the ugliest arrangement!

Example Informal Rose Show Schedule

RULES: THE RULES FOR THIS SHOW ARE THE SAME AS FOR OUR REGULAR SHOW EXCEPT FOR THE FOLLOWING CHANGES:

- YOU MUST BRING YOUR OWN CONTAINERS. (They can be vases, bottles, whatever you want to use to display your roses!)
- Only 1 rose per class per exhibitor

Bruce Barr's Winning Entry:
Best Ugly Arrangement



Great Opportunity for Learning!

After the judging, 2 ARS Judges, Steve Singer and Joe Bergs helping an exhibitor, Bill Meyerhoffer, think about changes he could make to his entry of this really nice spray of South Africa!



Informal Rose Shows: Tips for Success

- Combine education with FUN!
- Be creative! Consider unusual classes that will appeal to both novice and veteran exhibitors
- Consider having an experienced exhibitor help with grooming and staging
- If including the public, engage them by choosing most fragrant, their favorite exhibit, etc.

Gateway Little Rose Show entries





Questions?