

The Ventura County Rose Society
Presents

A Consulting Rosarian School

On Saturday, July 25, 2009

9:00am - 3:00pm

At the Ventura County Office Education Conference Center
5100 Adolfo Rd. Camarillo, Ca

Do you love growing roses and are willing to share your knowledge and enthusiasm with others?

Spend a day learning about roses, gaining new information and knowledge about roses.

Excellent, well-known speakers include:

Baldo Villegas – Integrated Pest Management

Jolene Adams – Chemical Safety Practices

Dan Bifano – Soils and Fertilizers

Chris Greenwood- Name that Rose

Bert and Kay Grant – PSW District Chair of CR's

Cost: \$25 includes refreshments, snacks and lunch.

You may take an open-book test to certify for the American Rose Society Consulting Rosarian program or you may wish to attend just to gain increased knowledge of basic rose horticulture.

Current Consulting Rosarians can use this school to re-certify for four years. Consulting Rosarian Candidates must have been members of the American Rose Society for 3 years and have grown roses for five years. See the American Rose Society website for more information.

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VCRS Consulting Rosarian School this July!

The Ventura County Rose Society will host a Consulting Rosarian School on July 25, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Ventura County Educational Conference Center, 5100 Adolfo Rd in Camarillo, CA. The school will serve as a basis for re-certifying current Consulting Rosarians as well as a testing ground for new Consulting Rosarian applicants. The School is also open to people wishing to learn about roses without the spur of either certification or testing.

Consulting Rosarians are people certified by the American Rose Society (ARS) as being knowledgeable about rose horticultural practices and express a willingness to share that information proactively with the general public. Members of the American Rose Society certified as Consulting Rosarians accept the responsibility of actively spreading information to the general public about sensible and safe principles of rose horticulture. They also agree to participate in the Annual Roses in Review procedures of the American Rose Society.

The school consists of presentations on subjects essential to a knowledgeable spokesperson for the rose and the American Rose Society. In this presentation Baldo Villegas, the ARS National Chair of Consulting Rosarians will cover the subject of Integrated Pest Management. Jolene Adams, District Director of the Northern California Nevada and Hawaii District and candidate for Vice President of the American Rose Society, will present the program on Chemical Safety, and Dan Bifano, Silver Medalist for the Pacific Southwest District, will present the section of Soils and Fertilization; he will also review the ethical obligations of Consulting Rosarians. Chris Greenwood, also a Silver Medalist for the Pacific Southwest District, will contribute a program called: 'Name that Rose!' This program will aid in the better appreciation of bloom form, foliage and growth characteristics in the identification of roses.

The program will cost \$25.00 and will include refreshments, morning coffee and Danish, as well as lunch, handouts, and other materials related to the program. Those taking the test to be a Consulting Rosarian will pay an additional \$10.00 for the testing process and certification. Bert and Kay Grant, Pacific Southwest District Chairs of Consulting Rosarians will conduct the testing and grading process starting about 3:00 in the afternoon. The cost of a Consulting Rosarian Manual is \$15 if purchased with a binder from the American Rose Society Shop in the ARS website (www.ars.org) and \$10 dollars without the binder. Students generally purchase the Manual since all of the questions in the test are predicated on the material written in the Manual. It is a sensible purchase even without the testing because it anticipates and answers many questions generally directed to people who grow roses and enthuse about them to others.

Applicants for Consulting Rosarian Status must take an open book test as a prerequisite for Consulting Rosarian Status. In addition to passing the test, applicants must have been members of the American Rose Society for three years, and present three letters of recommendation. (The forms for applications and the recommendations are on the ARS website (www.ars.org)).

If you have not yet signed up for the Consulting Rosarian School—either as a student attendee, or as a willing hand in the administration of the school, please call Dawn-Marie Johnson at 805.523.9003 or email her at dawn-marie03@dslextre.me.