

December 2023

Announcing Our First Event of 2024: Growing Good Roses - Wednesday, January 10th

We scheduled this event for the same time last year, but unfortunately the weather did not cooperate, and we had to cancel. We're going to give it another try this year since it's such an important topic for us rose lovers. This "hands on" presentation will give you a jumpstart on cultivating your rose beds for beautiful spring and summer blooms. So let's learn how to put our roses "to sleep" for the winter by attending this **Coffee in the Garden speaker series "Growing Good Roses" on Wednesday, January 10th at 10:00 a.m.** RSFGC Member and avid rose gardener, Andria Sullivan, will host our club at her home amid her extensive and beautiful rose garden.

Here's a little bit about Andria and what to expect during her presentation:

"Welcome to my rose garden! Growing strong, healthy big-blooming roses organically has been my mission in my Santaluz garden. I am an active member of the San Diego Rose Society and continue to participate in their educational rosarian program. I grow a variety of roses, including Climbers, Floribundas, Shrubs, Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras, and Miniatures.



Andria 'capturing' her bountiful blooms

"January is the month when San Diego gardeners put their roses "to sleep" and give the plants time to rest and regenerate before the spring. I will be demonstrating the correct way to prune your rosebushes, exfoliate all the leaves and prepare the soil surrounding the bush. I will also be talking about fertilizing your soil and feeding your roses correctly to get bigger and stronger blooms in the spring."

Feel free to bring your questions...and pruners for a hands-on experience!

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Need Some Grow Power?

by Andria Sullivan

Greetings fellow club members. The San Diego Rose Society's yearly fertilizer sale has begun. The prices can't be beat and there are a few products that are only available through the rose society. I personally buy all my fertilizers for the year at this event. These organic products are made by **Grow More** not to be

confused with Grow Power sold at Grangetto's and Walter Anderson.

This sale is the San Diego Rose Society's biggest fundraiser of the year, so your hard-earned dollars are going to a great cause. Think of the rose gardens in Balboa Park! For more information and to order, visit the San Diego Rose Society



website, <https://www.sandiegorosesociety.com/fertilizer-sale> and read about the various products they are selling. You can purchase directly from the website, and you **do not need to be a member of the Rose Society**. You will pick up your order at Ruth Tiffany's home (you will receive the pick-up info when you order). It's well worth the drive and she will hand out a feeding schedule and instructions of how to use your fertilizers. She grows hundreds of roses on a corner city lot, and she can answer questions you may have about the products and their use.

Now my recommendations! Keep in mind these are just my favorites.

BIOSTART

In my opinion, Biostart 3-4-3 is a must have for all my roses and flowers, including my citrus trees and butterfly attractors. I will be talking about this fertilizer at our January 10th pruning presentation. It's a product I did not use in the early years of my gardening, and after using it I have seen huge improvements in the health, vigor and blossom size of my plants and trees.

Sea Grow Seaweed Plant Food

I use it everywhere in the garden, it's not rose specific. I added this product to my feeding schedule and immediately saw a difference.

Humic Acid

I buy four of the big bags and broadcast it all over the yard in the planting beds throughout the season. It's a must for bad soil. Humic acid is hard to find in granular size and this one in particular is excellent.

Magnum Grow Rose Food

I use this food on my roses and flowers because it's very versatile. It dissolves nicely in water or it can be used as a topical fertilizer and watered into the soil. I have not seen it sold in the stores so I make sure to buy this every year.

I hope this has been helpful. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. My email is: asulyvan@gmail.com.

RSFGC Celebrates the Season!

On November 15th, we kicked off the Holiday Season with our Annual Holiday Brunch. 80 members and guests gathered to enjoy a catered brunch complete with homemade muffins, breads and coffee cake – and sparkling mimosas! The featured speaker was Kendal Sager of Sager Family Farm, an organization that was a 2023 RSFGC grant recipient. Kendal has been keeping bees since 2011 and is a Master Beekeeper from the University of California Master Beekeeper Program at UC Davis. She gave a lively and very informative presentation all about bees – she even brought her portable hive with the queen bee! Through Sager Family Farm, Kendal brings honeybees into classrooms, presents at local events and fairs, and creates educational installations.

To keep the holiday vibe going, members and their guests participated in the Annual Wreath Making Workshop on December 4th. The RSF Association generously provided the fresh greenery used for the wreaths, and the club ensured that there were plenty of decorative embellishments

Holiday Brunch



Kendall Sager with her portable hive.



A full house indeed



Enjoying a delicious brunch and a dynamic speaker

Wreath-Making



New member, Carol McIver, and "newest" member, her granddaughter Isabella!



Busily creating their masterpieces



Such a selection!



New member, Sabina Woodson (far right), lent a hand helping crafters create their wreaths.



Jeff Miller and daughter Amanda



Showing off their beautiful wreaths



Barbara Maloney, Sabina Woodson

Carol Kreismer, Sarah Cox, Christine Friedman

What I Love Most About Being in My Garden

At our Annual Holiday Brunch, members and their guests were given the opportunity to tell us what they love most about being in their garden. Here are some of the responses we received. Enjoy!

"We find such heavenly tranquility while spending time in our garden and are constantly transfixed with the bounty and beauty that nature provides!"

"Not having to weed and enjoying God's creations.

"Eating the veggies right off of the plants. Discovering 'volunteer' plants from the soil I composted.

"Peace, Perplexity, Pride and Produce."

"The peace, the breeze on my face, the bees buzzing by, the smell, the dirt on my hands and the ache in my back after a good day of planting, pruning and weeding."

"Being outdoors and part of what goes on beyond human life."

"Feeling the unique energy that comes from nature."



"The sound of my ponds and waterfall; When the West wind blows, my 13 chimes sing songs: Visually there are blooms somewhere including on my bonsai!"

"It makes me happy! It's designed to be easy. Most of the plants don't die even if I forget to water."

"Serenity and being close to nature -- the beauty of it all."

"Trees swaying and rustling in the breeze, cacti in bloom, palm trees tall and willowy, being with nature, smelling rosemary, breathing fresh air, walking the paths, meditating, being with my roses, seeing my succulents grow, feeling connected to nature, watching hummingbirds, bees and hawks."

"Watching small starts turn into plants before ending up cooked on my plate!"

Attention New Members

If you are a new member and have **not received** a welcome letter and membership card, please let me know. Just send me an email or give me a call at: natalie@rsfgardenclub.org or 760-522-8461.



2024 Calendar of Events

Here is a glimpse of what's in store for the first half of 2024. The "official" version of the calendar will be released next week once it is approved by the Activities Committee.

- **Wednesday, January 10, 10:00 am** - Coffee in the Garden Speaker Series: "Growing Good Roses," Speaker: Andria Sullivan
- **Monday, February 5, 10:00 am** - Coffee in the Garden Speaker Series: "What's That Bug and What Do I Do About It?" Speaker: Linda Stewart, Master Gardener
- **Wednesday, February 21, time tbd** - Visit to Agrarian Institute Farm in Bonsall and Farm to Table lunch.
- **Tuesday, March 5, 10:00 am** - Coffee in the Garden Speaker Series: "Growing and Caring for Proteas" and Protea Plant Sale. Speaker: Debra Roy, Resendiz Bros. Protea Growers
- **Wednesday, March 21, 10:30 am** - Workshop: Creating Hypertufa Containers. Instructor: Natalie Kaczur
- **Monday, April 1, 10:00 am** - Coffee in the Garden Speaker Series - "Edible Flowers," Speaker: Janell Vesci
- **Thursday, April 18, time tbd** - Visit Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park. Lunch at The Prado
- **Monday, May 6, 10:00 am** - Coffee in the Garden Speaker Series: "Attracting Pollinators to Your Garden," Speaker tba
- **Wednesday, May 22, time tba** - Celebration of Giving and Evening Soiree



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Calendar of
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With *your* support, we are proud to make a difference in our community!

Membership in the Rancho Santa Fe Garden Club is open to everyone.

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