



"ROSE HIPS"

Affiliated with the American Rose Society

September 2008

Mark your calendar

October 6, 6:15 PM

IdRS October Meeting & Potluck Dinner— Location: Luis & Anita Gonzalez's house, 2499 E Franklin Rd, Meridian.

This will be the last meeting until we begin the 2009 season with the March meeting.

Planning ahead...

March 2, 2009

IdRS March Meeting — location to be announced.

June 18-24, 2009

ARS Spring 2009 Convention and Rose Show, American Rose Society, Vancouver, BC

June 19-21, 2009

World Rose Festival 2009, World Federation of Rose Societies, Vancouver, BC

These are two separate events taking place concurrently in Vancouver. The ARS convention is planned to enable attendees to also attend many of the World Rose Festival events.

White Elephants needed

The October meeting is our annual potluck dinner. Darlene Hoffland will be preparing the meat entrée; members should bring a side dish, salad or dessert.

We will have a white elephant exchange (rather than the usual raffle) so bring along that white elephant — could be the latest yard sale find you're not sure why you bought, or maybe the duplicate gift you really don't need — new or used, garden-related or not. It's always great fun when everyone can go home with something they never knew they needed, until they saw it on the table!

This is also the meeting when we welcome the incoming officers and thank the current officers for all their hard work over the year.

End of season

President Warren Skelton reports that September 25 was this season's last day of deadheading at the Rose Garden at Julia Davis Park.

A big "Thank You" to all who showed up early on a Thursday this summer to help. What a difference it makes!

Driving directions to October meeting

From I-84, head north on Eagle Rd. Turn left (west) onto Franklin Rd.

2499 E Franklin Rd will be on the left — watch for the long white privacy fence.

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Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Warren Skelton at 7:06 p.m. at the home of Ross and Darlene Hoffland

There were 12 members in attendance.

- Warren called for corrections to minutes of the August meeting. There were none. Sandy Ford moved to the minutes as presented in the newsletter. Ross Hoffland made the second. Motion carried.
- Darlene gave the Treasurer's report: Ending balance of \$2695.36. She submitted a bill for \$17.05 for reimbursement for newsletter production and delivery. We had income of \$15.00. Raffle income for the evening was \$21.00

New Business:

- Warren brought up the issue of whether our club should pursue becoming the distributor of Mile-Hi Rose Feed in our area. Ross suggested that the cost is comparatively high when it comes to similar products sold at Zamzows. Amy has looked at the components and agrees that her blend is very similar and does cost much less. The only benefit to paying their price is that it is already mixed and bagged. Sandy suggests that the only edge Mile-Hi has is their trace minerals which could be easily added to Amy's recipe. Luis reported that Anita has used Mile-Hi and likes the product. The general member consensus is that as a club we are not interested in becoming a distributor of this product. Gayle moved to decline. Luis made the second and the motion carried.
- Discussion ensued on deadheading at the Julia Davis Rose Garden on Tuesday nights, and all agreed to hold off on further discussion and plans until next year/season.
- Darlene received a note from Edna Schultz resigning due to her decreased ability to participate in club functions. The suggestion was made to offer her a life membership. Amy made the motion, Gayle made the second and the motion carried.
- The suggestion was made that the club contribute \$100.00 to the ARS in the names of Edna Schultz and Dora Chance. Members are in agreement. Darlene made the motion, Kaye made the second and the motion carried.
- It was announced that Greg Matteson, a non-regular attendee of our club, works at the Eagle Zamzows. They have rose bushes that normally retail for \$15.00 to \$20.00 in the store that he'll let club members purchase for just \$3.00.
- Warren appointed the following members to a nominating committee for new officers: Maggie Storm, Gayle Bush, and Virginia Pierce. The nominations are: Warren Skelton for President, Luis Gonzalez for Vice President, Amy Dohmen for Secretary, and Darlene Hoffland for Treasurer. Warren opened the floor for further nominations and there were none. Darlene moved that we accept the slate of officers as suggested by the nominating committee. Gayle made the second and the motion carried. Allen Deitz agreed to continue as Newsletter Chair.
- Warren read a 'Thank You' note from the Western Idaho Fair Flower Department for our club's help.
- Allen announced that the deadline for our reports on roses to the Roses in Review for the ARS is September 29, 2008. This is easy to do online and he encouraged members to participate.
- Darlene announced that the program tonight is to either go pick a rose and bring it in to share why this is a favorite, or take a cutting home to propagate in your own garden.
- It was announced that we will do a while elephant gift exchange again this year at our October potluck meeting.
- It was discussed and decided to move the May 2009 club meeting to the second Monday in May (5/11/09) and hold it at the Hoffland's so that members can better take advantage of the mini rose sale next year.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Angie Barbosa, Secretary

Amy's Rose Nutrient Recipe

50 lb – Bone Meal
50 lb – Blood Meal
50 lb – Alfalfa Meal
50 lb – Fish Meal
50 lb – Cottonseed Meal
12 lb – Epsom Salts
1 container compost activator
25 lb – Huma Green (experimental as iron additive)

I have a large rose garden with 200+ roses. The large amounts accommodate a large garden and also provide for cost efficiency. It is cheaper to buy in bulk. I have several large storage containers with lids that allow me to maintain the leftovers for future applications.

Whatever amount you purchase, mix equal amounts together and apply 1½ to 2 cups of the mixture to each rose bush, working it into the soil. Remember to water each plant preferably the day before. The following week, I apply fertilizer.

So as with fertilizer, I apply every 6 weeks during the growing season. I also use Thrive.

Amy Dohmen

Welcome, new members!

Recently joining the Idaho Rose Society are new members:

George & Barbara Mark

ARS photo contest

The deadline for entry in the ARS Photography Contest nears—entries must be post marked by the last Friday in November. For complete rules visit <http://www.ars.org/Contests/photo-contest.html>.

If you have any questions, call Paul Colombo, Chairman of the Photography Contest at 313.881.5127 or email him at pjcolombol@comcast.net.

Powdery mildew control with milk

Researchers in South America have discovered a new alternative to controlling powdery mildew. Wagner Bettiol, a scientist from Brazil, found that weekly sprays of milk controlled powdery mildew in zucchini just as effectively as synthetic fungicides. Not only was milk found to be effective at controlling the disease, it also acted as a foliar fertilizer, boosting the plant's immune system.

Powdery mildew is a serious disease that occurs worldwide. For decades, organic gardeners had to rely on making a spray from baking soda to control the disease. Now, instead of measuring out the baking soda and combining it with a surfactant (a "sticking" substance) of either oil or soap, gardeners need only head for their refrigerators.

In his experiments with zucchini plants, Bettiol found that a weekly spray of milk at a concentration of at least 10% (1 part milk to 9 parts water) significantly reduced the severity of powdery mildew infection on the plants by 90%. While some gardeners may be tempted to increase the concentration of milk for more control, Bettiol found that once concentrations rose above 30%, an innocuous fungus began to grow on the plants.

Scientists aren't 100% sure how milk works to control this disease. It seems that milk is a natural germicide. In addition, it contains several naturally occurring salts and amino acids that are taken up by the plant. From previous experiments using sodium bicarbonate, potassium phosphate, and other salts, researchers have found that the disease is sensitive to these salts. It is possible then, that milk boosts the plant's immune system to prevent the disease.

In Bettiol's original experiment, fresh milk was used, straight from the cow. However, this is obviously not feasible to most home gardeners. Research work in New Zealand actually found that using skim milk was just as effective. Not only was it cheaper, but the fact that the milk had no fat content meant that there was less chance of any odors.

Wagner Bettiol's original article was published in the journal *Crop Science* (Vol. 18, 1999, pp. 489-92).

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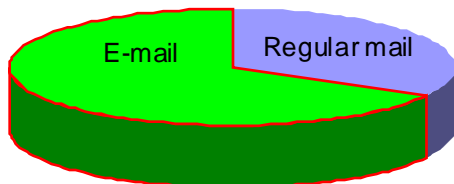


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