

The Rambling Rose May 2010 Edition



Saginaw Rose and Garden  
Society Meeting  
at  
**Zael Library**  
**3100 N. Center Rd**

**Monday May 24th**  
**6:30 P.M. Sharp**  
**World Rose Show**  
**From**  
**Vancouver**

**“ PLANT SALE”**



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## Minutes of the April Meeting

The meeting of the Saginaw Rose and Garden Society was called to order on Monday April 19, 2010 at 7:10 P. M. by Vice President Jackie Steinert. There were 19 members and 0 guests in attendance.

**Sunshine Report:** A Card was sent to Dan and Nancy in memory of his brother.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$1,257.11 – No Activity.

**Secretary's Report:** None

**Historian Report:** The scrap books will be done in time for the Garden Crawl and Picnic.

**Librarian Report:** If you would like to get any books out please see Nancy

**Hospitality Report:** We have people all lined up for the rest of the year. Next month is Clint, Bev and Jackie.

**Publicity Report:** The meeting was in the Saginaw news.

**Membership:** The checks will be sent to Rita to make sure they get put in and membership cards sent out.

**Webmaster:** None

**Newsletter:** The newsletter will be sent out to people who can not get it via email. If you are one of them please let Jackie know. Remember, the newsletter will be online as well.

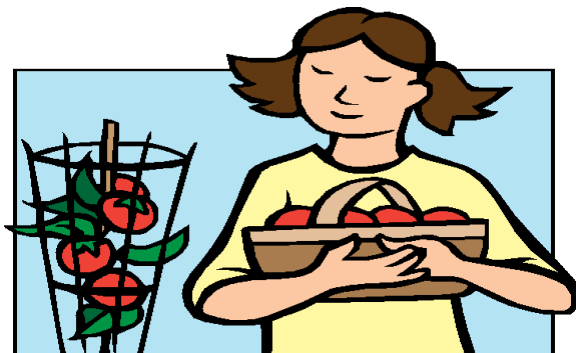
**CR Report:** Dip your pruners in bleach! This will help fight against fungal problems.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Lisa Hall would like us back at Andersen Enrichment Center. If you are interested in it contact Lisa Hall at the Center. Raeann asked if we would want to meet at the gardens one time a year with pruners and conduct a meeting there. We are going to table it and make a decision for the next calendar year. Garden Walk by Hospitality House On Wednesday June 16 at 12:00 Noon till 7:00 PM. Raeann is going to have more information at the May Meeting. Betty Watters has a new grandchild. Janet W brought in an article about Rose Thorn Disease. It will be in the next newsletter.

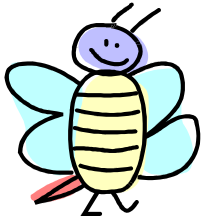
**Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P. M. Seconded by: Dan S**

Respectfully submitted,  
Clint Bremer Secretary



**Don't forget all your plants!  
Crystal is going to do an Interesting Slide Show too!**

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## BEV'S BUZZ

Dear members, I'm sorry I was not at the meeting for April. My mom and I are under the weather. My sister was sick and mom and I got it. Mom got the flu for a day and half and I got the sore throat... NO FUN

I heard that the meeting was VERY nice and that Raeann and Henry did an outstanding job. Clint told me that he kept it on his computer so that Raeann can show it and explain it to me. Raeann I can't wait to see it. Thank you so much for doing this.

I also heard that the eats were unreal. A very happy group, full tummies and tired from all the good treats. THANK YOU TO JACKIE AND CLINT for doing a great job for me. I really know that I can count on the V.P.s. You guys are just supper and a great team.

Once again-----THANK YOU JACKIE AND CLINT-----

Thank you to all the members for the treats.

For next month it's plant time sale. I hope Matt will be ready. He is just wonderful with how he does this sale. We will have treats for all to enjoy and I know Matt will love it also.

Until next month KEEP WARM, HEALTHY. Yours truly, Bev.

Beverly Bremer 

President - The Saginaw Rose & Garden Society (2009-2010)

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## CR Report: Jean Bradley



**Happy May Birthday to Betty Watters!**

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## Clint's Clipping's



Hello everyone!

It's time to talk about that little problem everyone has every year! That's right! It's the little Japanese Beetle. Did you know the beetle can lay between 40 and 60 eggs that hatch mid-summer (right around the time of the rose shows!). These little buggers feed on anything (mostly plant roots!) and they have a mean appetite. You can use chemicals to kill them or you can go organic and use Milky Spore like I do. I think now have a few years of milky spore built up in the yard to really help, that and the chickens eat anything that moves on or in the ground. They find a nice fat grub and all it takes is one of them to make a noise and they call come running. So, use milky spore or get chickens.



Rather than boring people with stuff they already know I am going to put a nice recipe in here that I have tried and it's really good. For those of you who like and have asparagus you'll love this.

To prepare take about 20 stalks of fresh asparagus at least 2/3 inch thick at the base. Rinse them in cold water. Snap them just above the woody bottom. Use a veggie peeler to take off the tough skin. Fill a non reactive pot with water and add a tablespoon of salt and a pinch of baking soda. Cover and bring to a boil. Add the asparagus; cover the pot until the water starts to boil again. Uncover, lower the heat to a lively simmer and cook for four to five minutes or until the stalks can be easily pierced with the tip of a knife. Cooking time will depend on the thickness of your veggie. Arrange on plates and drizzle with either melted butter or the following sauce:

½ Cup Dijon mustard

2 Tablespoons soy sauce

1 Tablespoon balsamic vinegar

Add all the sauce ingredients to a small mixing bowl and whisk to combine.

Serves 4 as an appetizer. It's really good! Try it and let me know.

Till June, Happy Clipping.

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## THE GARDEN GURU BETTY WATTERS



Spring flowers are still going great guns, yet, on a hot day like today 86 degrees I think of shade plants and of course, bringing out our umbrella for the deck To add color in shady areas, try Caladiums. They require plenty of shade and moisture. Planting them in pots makes watering easier. They reward you with colorful foliage from May till Sept. Use begonias in shade gardens. They provide nice leaf contrast and color. Consider making a winding path through your shady area. A path alone will create interest, giving a woodsy feel. I added shade loving perennials such as ferns and wild flowers such as sweet cicely and sweet woodruff for the senses, Plus a bench and a low fountain for enjoyable solitude. Plus my grand children play there every time they visit. Daylilies and bleeding hearts are great too. In summer move all house plants outside to fill in any empty spots. My garden has none but yours might. The best thing you can put in your garden is your shadow. Spending a lot of time there is the best way I know to fight weeds and pests. SEE YA! BETTY.

**You should already have your Lime sulfur down if not be sure to weaken the solution.**

**Now is the time to put your Urea down also your Epsom salts.**

**Start a program of fertilizing and putting down your Fungicide.**

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## **Sporotrichosis: aka The Rose Thorn Disease**

By: Mary Peterson, meg21@stny.rr.com, Horseheads, NY

Sporotrichosis is an infection caused by a fungus called *Sporothrix schenckii* which is found in vegetation. It usually infects the skin of people handling thorny plants, sphagnum moss or baled hay (or a combination of these). Outbreaks have been found occurring among nursery workers handling sphagnum moss, rose gardeners, children playing on baled hay and greenhouse workers handling bayberry thorns contaminated by the fungus or mulch-rich soil. A number of cases were reported among nursery workers especially those handling sphagnum moss topiaries and has been reported in all parts of the world. The fungus enters the skin through small cuts or punctures from thorns, barbs, pine needles, splinters or wires from contaminated sphagnum moss, moldy hay, other plant materials or soil. The infection manifests itself as small painless lumps or bumps resembling an insect bite 1-12 weeks after exposure. Usually the first appearance is within 3 weeks after initial infection. The lumps become open sores. The ulcers fail to heal and the microorganisms which caused them enter the lymphatics and can move along the lymphatic system eventually infecting lungs, joints or the central nervous system. This dissemination can cause serious illness, especially in people with immuno-deficiencies. The disease cannot be spread from person to person. While the primary infection may be limited to the skin, infections of joints (osteomyelitis, arthritis), lung and central nervous system (meningitis), is possible but are very rare.

The infected site can be red, pinkish or purple in color. The bump usually appears on the finger, hand or arm where the fungus first entered through a break in the skin. This is followed by one or additional bumps, which can break open and resemble boils. Eventually they look like open sores that are very slow to heal. The infection can then be spread to other areas of the body. Diagnosis is made when a doctor obtains a swab or biopsy of a freshly opened bump and it is sent to the laboratory for fungus culture. It is important that the infection is properly diagnosed so that treatment can be started as soon as possible. The traditional form of treatment was potassium iodide taken orally three times a day in liquid form. A newer medication is called itraconazole (Sporanox). It is available for treatment and is the first choice as it causes fewer side effects than potassium iodide. Treatment may extend over several weeks until all the skin lesions are healed completely and extended for a month after the last lesion is healed, to prevent recurrence. It is important for the rosarian to be vigilant when working with soil amendments that can carry the disease. Use gloves and long sleeves when handling wires, rose bushes, hay bales, pine seedlings or any other materials that might cause even minor skin breaks. It is also advisable to avoid skin contact with sphagnum moss. Moss has been implicated as a source of the fungus in a number of cases.