

The Rambling Rose April 2009 Edition

Saginaw Rose and Garden Society



Meeting
Monday, April 27th
“ **6:00 P.M.**” Sharp

“EARLY BIRD SPECIAL”
A NIGHT AT ABELE’S
GREENHOUSE



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Clint's Clippings



Hello everyone!

Thank you so much to everyone who brought all of the treats to the March Meeting, it was really amazing to have all of that food. I would also like to say a huge thank you to John from Faber's Greenhouse for the great presentation. Who knew all of that information about bee's and what we CAN do for them to help make sure they will survive.

As everyone knows spring is upon us. My tulips and daffodils and other flowering bulbs are up and saying Happy Spring already! My geese are also enjoying the young sprouts coming up as well. I have already applied preen and milky spore to my beds to make sure I don't have as much weeding this year. Milky Spore is great for the Beetles. It's all natural so if you have children or pets they will not be harmed by it at all. Great product!

As we know the insects will be out and about...mosquitos and bees. I have a tip for you...using a solution of 50/50 – 50% hand lotion, any kind and ammonia, using a film container from a 25mm camera works the best. Fill it half with Hand Lotion and half with Ammonia and shake well. When stung by a bee or mosquito dab a little of the solution on the spot that is affected and it takes the sting and the itch out of the irritated spot. The Hand Lotion keeps the ammonia from evaporating. This works great, I have tried it.

Do you start your own seeds? Ever go into a greenhouse and see the big fans running and turning off all by themselves? Ever wonder why? First it's to help keep the seedlings temperature controlled and the other reason is to get them ready for the big world. As the wind blows the seedlings have to grow more sturdy stems to help keep them growing upright. The more wind that blows the thicker the stems will be.

The last tip that I have...If you want to bring in winged wonders there is natural food that you can plant around your house to help give them energy and make them want to come back for more. These are all annuals that you can plant for them: floss flower, globe amaranth, heliotrope, lantana (my personal favorite), moss rose, salvia, sweet william, sweet alyssum, and zinnia. Try these out and see what works for you and what doesn't. They are all beautiful plants so even if the birds and butterflies don't like them, you'll still have beautiful flowers in your yard.

Till the April Meeting, Happy Clipping! Clint



Happy April Birthday to Raeann Kraus

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Minutes of the April Meeting

The meeting of the Saginaw Rose and Garden Society was called to order on Monday March 23, 2009 at 8:22 P. M. by President Beverly Bremer. There were 25 members and 1 guest in attendance.

Sunshine Report: Our deepest sympathies go out to Bunny Skran's family. She passed on March 5, 2009. Two cards have been sent to Irv Ignash.

Treasurer's Report: \$614.92 checks were written for the Domain Name, Pallets & Picture Frames, Stamps & Flowers for Bunny Skran.

Secretary's Report: None

Historian Report: None – Barb Wood has taken over this position.

Librarian Report: A new list of magazines will be put on the web site. If you have old issues of the ARS Magazine please bring them to the next meeting.

Hospitality Report: We will be at Abele Greenhouse. Please bring finger foods

Publicity Report: None

Membership: None

Webmaster: Our Domain Name is coming up for renew in April. A check for \$59.95 is needed to keep the site going for 5 years. This is at a discounted rate

CR Report: Jon Bradley – get your garden tools ready for the yard.

Old Business: The bus trip to Beal Garden's has been Cancelled. However, Karen Sayan has offered to let us use her van to get to Beal Gardens that day. A hat will be passed around for a donation of \$5.00 per person for gas. Spring Convention – in Troy, MI. Rooms are \$69.00 rather than \$74.00

New Business: Abele Greenhouse has donated "Pink Promise" to be planted at Andersen Enrichment Center in honor of Bunny. A name plate has been bought to set along side the rose. We bought large picture frames and painters pallets from Harlan for the society, a check for \$172.50 needs to be made payable to Harlan, Jackie will pick up the frames and pallets at the Spring Convention. A trophy in Bunny's honor is being made and will be at our Rose Show for someone to win, it will be under "Large Picture Frame" being she was an avid artist. Nancy and Dan are donating a book to the library in honor of Bunny. A motion was made, seconded and passed to have an account open at a florist and the bill sent to Rita directly. Anyone who would like to eat at the show itself will need to pay \$5.00 .

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 P. M. Seconded by: Bill Respectfully submitted, Corresponding Secretary Clint Bremer

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Bev's Buzz

I would like to say thank you to John Dusek for the awesome report on bees. It was extremely interesting. He handed out info to all on a list of plants to help bees at this crucial time. Please use the card he handed out for plants and check out his greenhouse also.

Let me say I'm sorry for how long the meeting went. We had a lot to cover and we got it done. We will have the caravan trip to Beal Gardens in July. At last count we have twelve people who would like to go.

We have Bunny's Trophy, and it is beautiful. Also the garden sign for Andersons Enrichment Center with her name and the rose **Pink Promise** from Abele's Greenhouse.

We had twenty-six folks at the meeting. I hope all enjoyed the evening. The food was very good. Thanks to all. This month **April 27th** our meeting will be held at **Abele's Greenhouse**. We will have finger foods for this time, we are also going to see how the set up for the Rose Show will be, or how to set it up.

Also we will have an early bird special. A chance to see what plants he has, and an opportunity to get our hands on them. We will meet at Abele's at 6 P.M.. Hope to see all there.

It's time to get our tools ready for the season. I don't know about everybody else, but it will take me a month to get my stuff ready, and then some.

Once again, thanks to all for coming to the meeting. I hope all had a good time.

Beverly Bremer 

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

The Garden Guru



Betty Watters

I am so anxious to go out and buy some of the newest annual- Sun-patiens. Normally I do not buy Impatiens for my garden,....but I really want to try these. Have you seen any pictures, or read the advertisements? Hey! I bet you are all jumping at the bit to go out shopping for stuff, to blend in and add to your roses. Unless of course you are a purest and want only roses. I try each year to make room for more lilies. They seem to like the heavy feeding and Same P.H. as the rose bushes. Most are tall and don't overwhelm, but kind of shine over the top. Save the shorter lilies to fill another spot. Like "Lilipop Asiatic" as an example. Try to pick annuals and perennials that can take the overspray, from the roses. Some are damaged by this, I try to protect my Clematis from this by using large pieces of cardboard or plastic. Or even a sheet of plywood. Happy Planting

I dedicate this month's column to my fellow lily lover Bunny Skran Miss her always

Betty

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CR report for April by Barry Crassweller



Hi All:

It's almost time to get back in our gardens again, Spring is on the way!!! So now is the time to go out in your yard and check for damage and clean up some of the winter mess that's left behind when the temperature warms up finally. But this is also the time our roses are most vulnerable to frost and freezing more than during the winter. If you are one that uses cones or covers your roses with buckets, etc. Watch the forecast for rising temps and get those covers off on hot days that come or the roses will bake under them. You can trim up some of the dead broken canes but don't get started doing your Spring pruning until you see the forsythia blooming. This ensures that the sap is flowing in the canes and the roses are ready to break dormancy. If you prune too early you could be cutting off good canes and losing a lot of strength in your rose bush. Remember to put down your two table spoons of Epsom salts per bush once you get busy in the garden and see the roses breaking dormancy. It helps them produce those basil breaks we all want which produces lots of blooms. If you're in an area that gets a lot of frosts you'll want to keep those covers handy. Another technique I've learned during frost is to use a desiccant (Wilt Stop or Wilt Prufe) spray if your roses have broke dormancy to protect the leaves from frost damage.

Happy Gardening

Dr. Barry...