

HISTORY OF THE OLYMPIA ROSE SOCIETY

2016 update



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A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE OLYMPIA ROSE SOCIETY

Year 2016 update

Early history

The Olympia Rose Society was organized in 1954 by a group of local rose enthusiasts. Dr. J.M. Burkhart served as its first president. There were at that time 35 members, 20 of whom were also members of the American Rose Society. The local dues were \$1.00 per year. Membership has grown over the years. In 1985, there were 73 members, in 1998 there were 94 in 2001 there were 74, with 84 in 2002 and 2003. In 2005 dues were \$12.50 per household and membership was approximately 60 households. By 2012 dues had increased to \$15 per year and membership had dropped to 36 households, 47 people.

On March 10, 1971, the Society adopted its first bylaws and these were revised April 8, 1977, April 4, 1986, March 1991, September 2012 and again in October 2016. The Society was incorporated July 7, 1980. It is an affiliated club of the American Rose Society. It does not operate in any manner resulting in pecuniary profit or gain by its members. The purpose of the society is to encourage and promote the general interest in the cultivation and improvement of the standard of excellence of the rose for all people.

Meetings were held at the YMCA Friendship Hall from 1954 to 1962, rent for which was \$7.00. Meetings were moved to the State Museum Carriage House until 1965, rent \$3.00 per month. From here they moved to the Washington Natural Gas Company until 1970; then to Olympia Federal Savings and Loan until 1977. The group moved to the Olympia Community Center in 1978 and met there regularly until that facility was closed down in 1988.

Upon the opening of the new Community/Senior Center in downtown Olympia, the Society moved its monthly meetings to that modern facility. Owing to concerns about safety in downtown Olympia, the Society began meeting at the Tumwater Hill Elementary School beginning in January 1993. At that time it was decided to hold the Board Meetings just prior to the general meeting. Most business is conducted at the Board meeting, which helps to keep the business portion of the general meeting to under 30 minutes to allow more time for the program and for socializing. In 2002 the Society began meeting at the Schmidt Mansion in Tumwater, following its renovation.

Rose Clippings

In April 2, 1957 a committee for selecting a name for a monthly bulletin reported that it had selected three candidate names from a list submitted by the members, and the members were asked to select one of these names by ballot. The name "Rose Clippings", submitted by Mrs. Jack Graler, was selected and she was awarded a rose bush.

"Rose Clippings", a monthly publication, is sent to all members of the local Society and editors of other rose societies in the Pacific Northwest. The first bulletin was written by Miss Harriet Sanford. Aleen Kearns was editor from 1959 to 1963. Mrs. Richard Barber was editor from November 1963 to October 1982. Mike McCloud was editor from January 1982 to January 1996, at which time Deborah Erickson and her husband George Boozer took over this important responsibility. In September, 2001 editorial duties were transferred to Regina Johnson and Karen Backman, and in 2011 Jan Ignash replaced Karen Backman as Publisher. Jan moved to Florida in 2011 and Publisher duties were transferred to Paula Nelson while Regina Johnson continued as Editor as well as managing the ORS web site (www.olyrose.org).

Rose shows

Over the years, the annual rose show has been the focus of the Society's activities. The first annual rose show was held at the Community Center on Wednesday, July 6, 1955. It was open to the public from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mrs. Stanley W. Brown was chairman and there were twelve prizes and awards. Colonel Louis M. Haas of Tacoma was winner of the sweepstakes trophy with the rose "Picture". In February, 1961 the Society accepted the Olympia Parks and Recreation Department as co-sponsors of the rose show and the shows were held at the Community Center from 1955 to 1981 at no cost to the Society.

In 1981 the Rose Show was moved to the South Sound Mall where the Society received a \$400 sponsorship per show from the Mall. In 1998 the show was moved again. Rose Show Chairman, Jack Kiley, led an effort to establish Capital Mall as the show location owing to the rapid decline of South Sound Mall. It was a good thing, too, because on the morning of the show (June 27) a pipe broke in South Sound Mall and the entire place was flooded! For the 1998 show a new challenge class was established to honor the memory of Jake DeHaven.

Following the show Jack Kiley prepared a report to the Society in which he outlined its successes and opportunities for improvement. A summary was published in the September 1998 "Clippings". In sum, the report noted that, despite some logistical problems, the show was an unqualified success. Jack suggested that the show date be changed to either July or September, local businesses should be asked to sponsor certain trophies, and we should discuss with mall management the possibility of revenue-producing events in conjunction

with our show. Jack Kiley was show chairman again in 1999 and the show was held again at Capital Mall. Despite the show's unqualified success, it was marred by the tragic passing of Mr. Don Thorpe of Vancouver WA, who suffered a cardiac arrest during the show and passed away several weeks later.

The year 2000 show was held in conjunction with Olympia's annual "Lakefair" event and featured Ciscoe Morris, a noted Northwest gardener. Show Chair was Deborah Erickson. The 2002 show was again held at the Capital Mall (now called the "Westfield Shoppingtown". Sally Kopp was chair. Following the show Marian Seeley and Esther Mathews hosted a pot-luck at their lovely home. Owing to rising costs of holding the show at Westfield, and other issues, an effort was undertaken in 2002 to find a new location for future shows.

In 2003 the show venue was moved to the Olympia Community Center at 222 Columbia St. N, on the corner of Capitol Way and Olympia, Street. The show was also shortened from two days to one day. At this location, all the roses were exhibited in one large room that also contained the trophy table. This allowed for a much easier set-up and take-down. The show was a success and most members agreed that this venue was superior to that of the mall. Jack Kiley was able to procure a \$400 grant to help subsidize the event. Following the show we adjourned to Marian Seeley's home for a pot luck and discussion of the show – what went well, what didn't, how can we do a better job next year? The 2004 and 2005 show were also held at the Olympia Community Center.

In 2006 Show Chairman Jack Kiley proposed a completely new venue for the rose show. Rather holding it at a Community Center or mall, which costs the Society several hundred dollars, Jack negotiated with the Janamar Company to hold the show at "Jubilee", which is one of their retirement communities in Lacey. An outstanding success, the show was held in the ballroom of the Jubilee clubhouse and was attended by literally hundreds of Jubilee residents. Jubilee also provided a BBQ lunch for all in attendance. In return, a team of ORS members, lead by Patricia Ream, constructed 250 miniature corsages that were handed out to delighted Jubilee residents.

Another innovation in 2006 was a "new kind of trophy". Instead of the customary array of vases, plates, chafing dishes, etc., each winner was presented with a framed digital photo of his/her entry. This was accomplished by a team of folks. Rich Baer shot the digital images. Barb and Bruce Lind made high quality prints from the images, and inserted the name of the winner and the rose, and other information. Beage Kiley then framed each photo and placed it appropriately on the trophy table. All these awards were recorded and coordinated by Karen Backman and her crew.

At the conclusion of the show, Jubilee members were invited to take the roses home with them. All the roses disappeared within moments – saving us a considerable clean up effort. Jubilee was delighted, we were delighted, the

contestants were delighted – and we were invited back in 2007. The “heavy lifting” before and after the show was organized and coordinated by Ron Backman and Pat Ream and their crew of merry men (and merry women). Following the show, Wayne and Lois Parpala graciously hosted a pot luck at their beautiful home on Puget Sound. The 2008 and 2009 shows were held again at Jubilee. The ballroom had been enlarged by about 30% giving plenty of space in which to hold the show. The roses in 2008 were particularly lovely owing to a cool moist spring that put little stress on the roses. The “Court of Honor” was among the best ever seen in these parts. A post-show pot luck was again hosted by Wayne and Lois Parpala at their beautiful home on Puget Sound. In 2008 a new category “Best in Show” was added. The first winners were Beage and Jack Kiley with a stunning vase of Lyda Rose.

In the year 2010 the rose show venue was moved from Jubilee (Jubilee had gone out of business owing to the bad economy) to St. Michael Catholic Church in Olympia. The church is easily reached from I-5 and offers a large exhibition area and a convenient and roomy staging area. Tables and lunches were provided by the church. The show was closed down at 5:00 pm and all the roses were collected and made available to the 5:00 Saturday evening Mass attendees, who took them all.

In 2010 another trophy innovation was tried. Photos of the winning roses were taken by famed rose photographer Rich Baer of the Portland Rose Society, then transferred onto T-shirts during the show using the services of John Vlastelica from Lakeside Graphics, Olympia. These were completed and awarded by 2:00. Each shirt contained the words “Olympia Rose Society Rose Show 2010”, a photo of the winning rose, and below it the name of the rose. In 2012 Trophies were special bottles of wine.

The Parpalas again hosted a post-show pot luck at their beautiful home.

In 2011 Jack Kiley was again show chairman and the show was held at St. Michael Catholic Church. Owing to timing of the show and attendance by many exhibitors from both north and south, the 2011 show was one of the best ever with a large number of roses of outstanding quality. The 2012 show was also held at St. Michael Catholic Church with Jack Kiley as chairman. A post-show pot luck dinner was again graciously hosted by Wayne and Lois Parpala.

The rose shows have had many themes over the years. The theme in 1985 was “Summer on the Sound”. In 1986 “Let’s go Expo”, 1987 was “Summer Time is Rose Time”. “Roses on the Oregon Trail,” was in the theme 1988, and in 1989 “A century of Roses”, in conjunction with the Washington Centennial. In 1990 the theme was “Roses in a Changing World”, in 1991 “Tie the knot with Roses” in 1992, “Roses Old and New in ‘92,” and “Rose Fever ‘93”. The theme for the 1998 show was “Rose Gardens of the Pacific Northwest”, in 1999 it was “Roses in the 21st Century” and in 2000 it was “La Fiesta de la Rosa”. The Theme for the

2001 show was “2001 – A Rose Odyssey” and in 2002 it was “2002 - The Year of the Rose” and in 2003 it was “A Capitol Rose Show”. The 2004 show, which was the 50th annual rose show, had its theme “A Golden Celebration”. The theme for the 2005 show was “A Capitol Celebration!” The theme for the 2006 show was "A Jubilee Celebration," for 2007, "Dreams Come True!" and “Good People, Good Times” for 2008. The 2009 show was dedicated to the memory of Marian Seeley and was themed “In Celebration”. The 2010 theme was “A Fountain of Roses” remembering the beautiful fountains at Bucharth Gardens on Vancouver Island. The 2011 show, which was held on the Fourth of July weekend, was “Let Freedom Ring” and on July 7, 2012 the theme was “Summer in Olympia”.

The 2013 show was held on July 13, and the theme was “It’s the Water”. The photo on the cover of the schedule was Olympia’s old brew house. Some of the arrangement titles included The Old Brew house, Tivoli Fountain, Artesian Well, Olympia and Budd Inlet. “Days of Wine and Roses” was the theme of the 2014 show and because it was the 60th annual show of the ORS, a DVD containing a treasury of “Oldies” was given to all participants by Jack and Beage Kiley to celebrate the 1960s. The Pacific Northwest District Show was held in Olympia in conjunction with the ORS show (see below).

From 1995 to 2014 the ORS membership had plummeted from about 125 to 28. The cost and difficulty of staging rose shows with this limited membership, along with an absence of individuals willing to step up and put in the time to organize and lead the effort, prompted the Board of Directors to cease holding any more rose shows for the foreseeable future. This decision was presented to the membership in late 2014, a vote was held and was approved by the members present.

This membership decline also prompted the Board of Directors, with approval of the membership, to reduce the number of annual meetings from 8 to 4. Beginning in mid-2014 meetings were held in March, May, September, and November – with the November meeting being the annual banquet.

Pacific Northwest District Conventions

The tenth Pacific Northwest District convention was held in Olympia, in conjunction with the fourth annual rose show of the Society. In March, 1958 the Mayor of Olympia agreed to set aside two days as "wear a rose day" for members of the group who arranged to hand out roses to people on the streets during two days. Members were asked to contribute extra rose blooms. This convention was held at the Tyee Motor Inn in Tumwater.

The District Convention was hosted by Olympia again in 1973, 1989 and 2005. The 1989 Convention was particularly special in that it coincided with the Washington State Centennial Celebration. The convention was held at the

Westwater Inn. The Centennial Rose Garden was dedicated at this convention (see below). Steve McCulloch was President and Dr. Wayne Parpala was Show Chairman, Jim Pressley chaired the Convention Committee, and Dr. Gary Ritchie headed up the Centennial Garden Dedication Ceremony. Washington's First Lady, Jean Gardner, was the honored guest speaker.

The 2005 district show took a different format from earlier shows. Held again at the Olympia Community Center, it was a one-day show and was not associated with the district convention. Jack Kiley was show chairman. A traditional pot luck dinner followed at Marian Seeley's home.

The 2014 District Show was again hosted by the Olympia Rose Society (see above). The featured attraction was an afternoon visit to the Centennial Garden. The Centennial Garden crew, along with help from several members, worked diligently for several days to get the garden into near-perfect condition for the visit and, in spite of a rain shower in the morning, the garden was magnificent in the afternoon at visiting time. The many visitors to the Garden that day stood in awe of the garden and its beauty. Sadly, this was the last rose show to be hosted by the Olympia Rose Society.

Outreach, fundraisers and other activities

In June, 1959 Bernadette Hong, chairman of the City Beautification Program, in connection with the World's Fair to be held in Seattle in 1961, suggested that the Olympia Rose Society make plans for establishing a rose garden at the Community Center and that members give demonstrations on planting, pruning, spraying, etc. in connection with the garden. It was moved and carried that the Olympia Rose Society undertake this project - details to be worked out later. At the February 12, 1960 meeting it was announced that Dr. Burkhart and Austin McClintock had laid out the plots and that the City had agreed to prepare the beds and provide the water and fertilizer, and that the Olympia Rose Society would be responsible for planting, pruning, and spraying. Mrs. Nat Schoen, President of the American Rose Society at that time, was guest speaker at the meeting and she brought with her seven dozen rose bushes. In 1961 there was talk of moving these beds to Priest Point Park. However, after due deliberation, this idea was abandoned.

In 1965 seventy rose bushes were given to the State Capitol Grounds to replace roses in the Capitol Campus garden. The Society has participated annually in the Thurston County Fair since 1982. In 1993 it was awarded a \$25.00 prize for an outstanding exhibit.

Public plant sales were held in the spring of 1976 and 1977 at the Safeway stores. Exhibition/Novice rose shows were held at South Sound Center mall in July 1976, 1977, 1979, and 1980. Prizes were awarded to the best novice exhibitors. In the summers of 1987 and 1988 the ORS rented a booth at the

Olympia Farmers' Market and sold cut roses for \$1.00 each. Roses were donated by members. About \$100 (after taxes) was raised on each of these occasions. This was coordinated by Ed and Eileen Larson.

In April, 2000, the ORS participated in the Junior League's annual plant sale. The event was held at the St. Martin's Pavilion and was attended by many hundreds of people. The Society hosted an educational booth and also sold miniature roses. This event was so successful that it was repeated in 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. It was coordinated by Karen Backman with help from her husband, Ron, along with Pat and Patricia Ream, and many other members.

Garage sales have been held as fund raising activities on at least two occasions. In September 2003 a sale was held at Nancy Honhorst's house and nearly \$400 was earned. Another garage sale, July 21, 2004, was held the home of Pat and Patricia Ream. Proceeds were over \$1000.

In 2006, ORS President Diane Smith, proposed a new society activity – visiting consultations from ORC Consulting Rosarians. With leadership by Jack Kiley several CRs made visits to several members' gardens to make recommendations and share tips with ORS members. This event was very popular and it is anticipated that it will be continued in the future. In 2007 the ORS participated at the Lacey Farmers Market "Rosefest".

On April 17, 2016, at the request of Kim McCloud, a group of 20 volunteers from the Society and neighborhood gathered at Mike McCloud's home. Mike had been hospitalized with cancer and his garden needed to be cared for and tidied up for summer. The job was finished by early afternoon.

In August 28, 2016, Ralph Deitch and ORS President to be Jan Imus opened their beautiful home and garden for a club pot luck and garden tour. It was amazing how many different types of plants they have been able to tuck into their small yard over the many years they have lived there. At that time Jan announced that she, with the help of her grandson, was preparing a Facebook Page for the ORS. A wonderful time was had by all.

Origin of ORS logo

In 1989 a logo contest was initiated by the Board of Directors. The contest was won by Gary Ritchie and announced at the 1990 Christmas Banquet, which was held at the Schmidt Mansion. This logo adorns the Visitors' Guide to the Centennial Garden, the monthly *Rose Clippings* and the front page of this *ORS History*. In 2005 a new logo and patch were fashioned by Northwest Embroidery. The logos were available as patches that could be sewn on baseball caps, jackets, or vests.

Centennial Rose Garden

In 1988, the new Community/Senior Center having been completed, the City of Olympia closed down the old Community Center. This meant that the garden had to be moved. A new site was offered by the Olympia-Tumwater Foundation on its Schmidt Mansion grounds across Custer Way from the Olympia Brewery. A project to relocate the garden was proposed by the Society in conjunction with the Washington State Centennial Celebration. Then President, Gary Ritchie, lead this effort, which culminated in the establishment of the Centennial Rose Garden. Joy Ayres, then Secretary Treasurer, with his wife, Val, raised approximately \$8,000 to finance the project, soliciting donations from private individuals, businesses and government agencies. The Garden was dedicated on June 23, 1989 with Washington First Lady Mrs. Jean Gardner presiding. It contained a collection of about 100 varieties of roses - roughly half of them Old Garden Roses. Some date back to Roman times, some to Oregon Trail times, and others to the time of Washington Statehood.

In 1991 the ORS Chapter bylaws were amended to create a standing committee called the Centennial Garden Foundation. This committee is responsible for carrying out maintenance and financial affairs of the Garden. Beginning in 1994 annual rose bush sales were held in conjunction with the spring pruning of the Centennial Garden. Number 1½ roses were purchased in bulk from Edmonds Roses and sold for about \$7.00 each. This event, which has been coordinated by the Centennial Garden Foundation, has earned several hundred dollars annually for garden maintenance. Esther Mathews, Marian Seeley, Val and Joy Ayres and other members have done the lions share of the work on the rose sale over the years. In 1994 an 8-foot high green chain link fence was constructed around the main portion of the garden to protect it from the ravages of the local deer population.

During the year 2000, the Olympia Tumwater Foundation's new General Manager, Joe Reder, announced plans for a major renovation of the Schmidt Mansion to include grounds and gardens. This plan would result in the relocation of the Centennial Garden to a site slightly south of its present location. He asked Centennial Garden Foundation President, Mike McCloud, to appoint a team to plan for this event and Mike asked Gary Ritchie to lead the team. Several meetings were held and plans were developed for a renovated garden. These were presented to the Olympia Tumwater Board of Directors and the project architects. The plans were approved in early 2001. These called for a completely revised garden to include a small visitor's center, a storage unit, and other very attractive amenities. Unfortunately, owing to the stock market meltdown, the Foundation's assets were severely eroded in early 2001 and plans for the renovation of the grounds were put on hold and remained in limbo through 2005. Plans were again put on hold in 2005 until the parking lot east of the garden could be purchased by the Foundation. It remains on hold through 2016 owing to

economic difficulties and other reasons. The Centennial Garden was refurbished in 2008-2010 by the Centennial Garden Foundation (Gale Fueling, Chairman). Many of the OGRs were removed and replaced by modern varieties.

Beginning about 2001 The Portland Rose Society and the Olympia Lakefair organizations, have sponsored a rose planting event in the Centennial Garden. The event is held during the Lakefair Festival, which is generally the third weekend in July. For reasons unknown to us, the Lakefair people did not visit the Centennial Garden in 2013 but returned in 2014 and 2015.

In 2014 chairmanship of the Centennial Garden Foundation was transferred to Gary Ritchie. Because of the sharply declining ORS membership it became more and more difficult to maintain the garden and to pay for its maintenance. Gary facilitated a brainstorming session at an ORS chapter meeting in fall 2014 to generate ideas on how to keep the garden going in face of the declining membership. Over 60 ideas were generated and several of them were put into operation during 2015 including: holding the weekly work parties on the same day after work (Thursday 4:30 to 5:30); sending out a reminder to all ORS members two days in advance of the work party; and following the work party with a real party – beer and pizza at a local restaurant. This was quite successful with from 5 to 9 people showing up every week. The garden was well maintained and the workers had a good time. This weekly procedure was continued during 2016 with equal success.

Also in 2016, the Centennial Garden Foundation posted four blogs on the Olympia Tumwater Foundation's web site www.olytumfoundation.com and ran an article about the Centennial Rose Garden in Thurstontalk.com a local on-line newspaper www.thurstontalk.com/2016/09/11/rose-garden-schmidt-mansion. A web page for the Centennial Garden was developed and will be added to the Olympia-Tumwater Foundation's web site in 2017.

Significantly, in late 2016 the Centennial Garden Foundation received a \$2,000 grant from the Thurston County Historic Commission for improvements to the Centennial Garden. Such improvements will include re-barking the rose beds, adding new crushed rock to the pathways, purchasing several varieties of roses of historic significance to the County and producing a new brochure for the garden.

In 2016 the Board of Directors revised the Olympia Rose Society bylaws in several ways. Mainly the annual requirement to hold a rose show and the office of Show Chair were dropped. The number of annual meeting was reduced to four. The Centennial Garden Foundation was enabled to recruit members from outside the ORS in order to enlarge its membership. Other lesser important provisions were also added.

Honors and awards

On February 12, 1960, the Harry Zell Trophy was presented to Dr. Burkhart. This trophy recognized Dr. Burkhart for being the sweepstakes winner three years in a row at the Portland Rose Show. In 1967 Austin McClintock was recipient of the highest honor which is bestowed within a district of the ARS - the Silver Medal. This prestigious award was subsequently presented to three other distinguished Olympia Rosarians: Dr. Burkhart (1973), Jake DeHaven (1987) and Mike McCloud (1988). Gary Ritchie and Mr. Joy Ayres were awarded Honorary Life Board Memberships in the Centennial Garden Foundation at the 1993 Christmas banquet. At that time, Joy was also presented with the Bronze Medal for outstanding service at the local level. This award was presented again to Jake De Haven at the 1995 Christmas dinner, Jack Kiley at the 1998 dinner Deborah Erickson at the 1999 dinner and Gary Ritchie in 2009. In 2004, Dr. Wayne Parpala and Gary Ritchie were two of eleven ARS members from around the country to be appointed "Master Rosarians" by the American Rose Society. Jack and Beage Kiley were awarded the Pacific Northwest District Silver Honor Medal in 2014 and 2016, respectively. Bruce and Barbara Lind were awarded the Silver in 2004 and 2014, respectively, and Gary Ritchie in 2008.

In 2006 Olympia's own Jack Kiley was elected to serve as District Director, Pacific Northwest District, American Rose Society. His three year term of office was extended by three years, ending in 2012. Jack was one of the truly outstanding District Directors.

In August/September 2007 ORS member Gary Ritchie began writing a bi-monthly column for the *American Rose* magazine of the American Rose Society. The column is titled *Inside Roses*, and is described as "a personal investigation into the anatomy and physiology of the rose". In 2014 the ARS came under new leadership. These individuals opted to make significant changes to the *American Rose* format, meaning dropping all of the current columns, including "*Inside Roses*".

We remember

During 2002, the Society lost two beloved members – Dr. J. M. Burkhart, a charter member of the ORS, and former Society President, Esther Mathews. Both will be greatly missed.

Mrs. James Gray, 1964 ORS President, passed away during 2003.

Mr. Joy Ayres and Mrs. Marian Seeley, both long time and beloved members of the Society, passed away in 2008.

Wally Difford passed away in 2010 at age 95. Wally was one of the surviving defenders of the Island of Corregidor during WWII. His wife Anne followed him in death in 2014.

On May 14, 2011, Mrs. Jane Burkhart, wife of Dr. Jean Burkhart and the last surviving founder of the Olympia Rose Society, passed away in Pullman, WA. She and her husband Jean served in WWII as Army Nurse and Physician, both leaving the Army in 1945 with the rank of Captain. In 1946 they settled in the Olympia area where Dr. Burkhart began his life-long medical practice.

During 2012 ORS lost two members – Doris Erickson and Sue Atwood. Both donated many years of faithful service to the Society and will be missed by all.

On March 2, 2016 Dr. Wayne Parpala, long time and greatly valued member of the ORS, passed away at age 86. Wayne had been ORS president in 1969, show chairman in 1967, 1976, 1985, 1989 and 1996, and winner of numerous sweepstakes prizes and trophies including the Portland Rose Show Queen in 1973.

Longtime ORS member and former ORS President, former President of the Centennial Garden Foundation and former Northwest District treasurer, Mike McCloud, passed away on June 30, 2016.

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CHARTER MEMBERS OF THE OLYMPIA ROSE SOCIETY

FOUNDED APRIL, 1954

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| Dr. John J. Berg | 618 S. Percival, Olympia |
| Mrs. S. W. Brown | 520 Governor Stevens, Olympia |
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| Mrs. N. B. Steussy | 617 S. Sherman, Olympia |

Total 35 members, 20 members of American Rose Society.
All are deceased as of 2011.

OLYMPIA ROSE SOCIETY

First Officers: 1954-1955

President: Dr. J. M. Burkhart
Vice-Pres: Mr. A.R. McClintock
Secretary: Mrs. H. C. Jensen
Treasurer: Mrs. Stanley W. Brown

PAST PRESIDENTS

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| 1956 - Mr. A.R. McClintock | 1957 - Mr. Ted Hough |
| 1958 - Mrs. Stanley Brown | 1982 - Mr. Otto Hanell |
| 1959 - Mr. Jack Graler | 1983 - Mr. Otto Hanell |
| 1960 - Mr. Ed Fassett | 1984 - Mrs. Eileen Gafford |
| 1961 - Mrs. F.G. Kearns | 1985 - Mr. Tim Adams |
| 1962 - Mrs. Richard Barber | 1986 - Mr. Tim Adams |
| 1963 - Mrs. Ted Hough | 1987 - Dr. Gary Ritchie |
| 1964 - Mrs. James Gray | 1988 - Dr. Gary Ritchie |
| 1965 - Mr. Ted Hough | 1989 - Mr. Steve McCulloch |
| 1966 - Mr. James Gray | 1990 - Mr. Jim Pressley |
| 1967 - Mr. M.R. Buckett | 1991 - Mr. Jim Pressley |
| 1968 - Mr. John Carras | 1992 - Mrs. Marian Seeley |
| 1969 - Dr. Wayne Parpala | 1993 - Mrs. Marian Seeley |
| 1970 - Mrs. Martha Baker | 1994 - Mr. Jack Kiley |
| 1971 - Mrs. J. G. DeHaven | 1995 - Mr. Jack Kiley |
| 1972 - Mrs. J. G. DeHaven | 1996 - Ms. Carolyn Dobbs |
| 1973 - Mr. A. R. McClintock | 1997 - Ms. Carolyn Dobbs |
| 1974 - Mr. Jerry Hendrickson | 1998 - Mr. John Ortiz |
| 1975 - Mr. Jake G. DeHaven | 1999 - Mr. John Ortiz |
| 1976 - Mr. Otto Hanell | 2000 - Mrs. Michelle Buenzli |
| 1977 - Mrs. Lois Parpala | 2001 - Mrs. Michelle Buenzli |
| 1978 - Mrs. Harold Mathews | 2002 - Mrs. Helen Pressley |
| 1979 - Mr. Mike McCloud | 2003 - Mrs. Helen Pressley |
| 1980 - Mr. Harold Mathews | 2004 - Mrs. Deborah Erickson |
| 1981 - Mr. Harold Mathews | 2005 - Mrs. Deborah Erickson |
| | 2006 - Ms. Diane Smith |
| | 2007 - Ms. Doreen Milward |
| | 2008 - Ms. Doreen Milward |
| | 2009 - Ms. Paula Nelson |
| | 2010 - Ms. Paula Nelson |
| | 2011 - Ms. Regina Johnson |
| | 2012 - Ms. Regina Johnson |
| | 2013 - Ms. Regina Johnson |
| | 2014 - Jack and Beage Kiley |
| | 2015 - Jack and Beage Kiley |

ROSE SHOWS AND SHOW CHAIRS

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Show chair</u> |
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| July 6, 1955 | Mrs. S. W. Brown |
| July 14, 1956 | Mr. Ted Hough |
| July 6, 1957 | Mrs. Ted Hough |
| July 20, 1958 | Dr. J.M Burkhart (10th District Convention) |
| June 27, 1959 | Mrs. S. W. Brown |
| June 11, 1960 | Mr. William Lozier |
| June 17, 1961 | Mrs. Richard Barber |
| June 16, 1962 | Mr. S.W. Brown |
| June 8, 1963 | Mrs. G. A. Hong |
| June 20, 1964 | Mr. A. R. McClintock |
| June 26, 1965 | Dr. J. M. Burkhart |
| June 18, 1966 | Mrs. James Gray |
| June 10, 1967 | Dr. Wayne Parpala |
| June 22, 1968 | Mr. S. W. Brown |
| June 14, 1969 | Mrs. Richard Barber |
| June 27, 1970 | Mr. A. R. McClintock |
| June 26, 1971 | Dr. J. M. Burkhart |
| July 1, 1972 | Mrs. Martha Baker |
| June 22, 1973 | Dr. J. M. Burkhart (District Convention) |
| June 8, 1974 | Mr. J. G. DeHaven |
| June 28, 1975 | Mr. Otto Hanell |
| June 18, 1976 | Mrs. Wayne Parpala |
| June 11, 1977 | Mrs. Harold Mathews |
| June 17, 1978 | Dr. J. M. Burkhart |
| June 16, 1979 | Dr. J. M. Burkhart |
| June 14, 1980 | Mrs. Odell Gibson |
| June 13, 14, 1981 | Mr. Otto Hanell |
| June 12, 13, 1982 | Mrs. Odell Gibson |
| June 11, 12, 1983 | Mr. Tim Adams |
| June 9, 10, 1984 | Mr. Jerry Hendrickson |
| June 22, 23, 1985 | Dr. Wayne Parpala |
| June 21, 22, 1986 | Mr. Steve McCulloch |
| June 13, 14, 1987 | Mr. Jim Pressley |
| June 25, 26, 1988 | Mrs. Alice Adams |
| June 23, 24, 1989 | Dr. Wayne Parpala (District Convention) |
| June 30, July 1, 1990 | Mr. Jerry Hendrickson |
| June 22, 23, 1991 | Mr. Howard Hockenbury |
| June 27, 28, 1992 | Mr. Howard Hockenbury |
| June 26, 27, 1993 | Mr. Ed Larson |
| July 16, 17, 1994 | Mrs. Helen Pressley |
| July 15, 16, 1995 | Mrs. Helen Pressley |
| June 22, 23, 1996 | Dr. Wayne Parpala |

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| June 27, 28, 1998 | Mr. Jack Kiley |
| July 10-11, 1999 | Mr. Jack Kiley |
| July 15-16, 2000 | Ms. Deborah Erickson |
| July 14-15, 2001 | Ms. Deborah Erickson |
| July 13-14, 2002 | Ms. Sally Kopp |
| July 5, 2003 | Ms. Sally Kopp |
| June 19, 2004 | Ms. Sally Kopp |
| June 18, 2005 | Mr. Jack Kiley (District Rose Show) |
| July 8, 2006 | Mr. Jack Kiley |
| June 23, 2007 | Mr. Jack Kiley |
| June 21, 2008 | Mr. Jack Kiley |
| June 27, 2009 | Mr. Jack Kiley |
| July 10, 2010 | Mr. Jack Kiley |
| July 2, 2011 | Mr. Jack Kiley |
| July 7, 2012 | Mr. Jack Kiley |
| July 13, 2013 | Mr. Jack Kiley |
| June 28, 2014 | Mr. Jack Kiley (District Rose Show) |

OLYMPIA ROSE SHOW QUEEN OF AND BEST IN SHOW TROPHY WINNERS

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Winner</u> | <u>Rose</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1955 | Col. Louis M. Haas, Tacoma | Picture |
| 1956 | Mr. Ed Fassett, Olympia | Chas. Mallerin |
| 1957 | Mr. Leo Faust, Portland | Karl Herbst |
| 1958 | Mr. Irwin Betzel, Eugene | Sam McGredy |
| 1959 | Mr. Arvo Kaija, Chehalis | Ena Harkness |
| 1960 | Dr. J. M. Burkhart, Olympia | La Jolla |
| 1961 | Mr. Cecil Davenport, Chehalis | Anne Letts |
| 1962 | Mr. Ed Pratt, Chehalis | Josephine Bruce |
| 1963 | Mr. Arvo Kaija, Chehalis | Picadilly |
| 1964 | Dr. Paul Smith, Tacoma | Ulster Monarch |
| 1965 | Mr. and Mrs. Irv Scherer, Chehalis | La Jolla |
| 1966 | Mr. Jack Wilson, Bainbridge Island | Wendy Cussons |
| 1967 | Dr. Wayne Parpala, Olympia | Golden Sun |
| 1968 | Mr. Gorden Bateman, Vancouver | Silver Lining |
| 1969 | Mr. Robert Leatherwood, Centralia | Garden Party |
| 1970 | Mr. Ralph L. Taylor, Gig Harbor | Royal Highness |
| 1971 | Dr. T. R. Reardon, Portland | Peter Frankenfled |
| 1972 | Mr. James Stannard, Seattle | Silver Lining |
| 1973 | Mr. Roy S. Hulten, Seattle | Irish Gold |
| 1974 | Mrs. Anne Campbell, Olympia | Peter Frankenfled |
| 1975 | Mr. Otto Hanell, Olympia | Sunset Jubilee |
| 1976 | Mr. John Conti, Gig Harbor | Alec's Red |
| 1977 | Mr. John Conti, Gig Harbor | Peter Frankenfled |
| 1978 | Mr. John Conti, Gig Harbor | Alec's Red |
| 1979 | Mr. John Conti, Gig Harbor | Peter Frankenfled |
| 1980 | Mr. Kenneth McCarrell, Seattle | Northern Lights |
| 1981 | Mr. Otto Hanell, Olympia | Irish Gold |
| 1982 | Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sark, Vancouver | Fragrant Cloud |
| 1983 | Mr. & Mrs. David Pepper, Federal Way | Die Welt |
| 1984 | Mr. Ed Notske, Seattle | Die Welt |
| 1985 | Mrs. P. L. Dexter, Kent | Red Devil |
| 1986 | Mr. Bob Gold, Seattle | Gold Medal |
| 1987 | Mr. Otto Hanell, Olympia | Die Welt |
| 1989 | Mr. Dennis Konsmo, Tacoma | Wimi |
| 1990 | Peggy and Bill Click, Vancouver | Touch of Class |
| 1991 | Mrs. Agnes Oxley, Portland | Keepsake |
| 1992 | Jeff and Susan Linman, W. Linn, OR | Bride's Dream |
| 1993 | Don and Wilma Thorpe, Vancouver | Elina |
| 1994 | Cynthia Holdren and Bob Gold, Seattle | Hoagy Carmichael |
| 1996 | Carl and Carolyn Finch, Ft. Vancouver | Liebezauber |
| 1998 | Elizabeth Geppert | Hoagy Carmichael |
| 1999 | Ken Sheppard, Seattle | LeeAnne Rimes |

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| 2000 | Dr. Wayne Parpala, Olympia | Helmut Schmidt |
| 2001 | Mike and Alexa Peterson, Tacoma | Louise Estes |
| 2002 | Deborah Erickson, Olympia | Keepsake |
| 2003 | Jim and Debby Hockstaff | Signature |
| 2004 | Bill Reynolds, Puyallup | Signature |
| 2005 | Bill Reynolds, Puyallup | Tineke |
| 2006 | Bill Reynolds, Puyallup | Marilyn Monroe |
| 2007 | Jack and Beage Kiley, Olympia | Marilyn Monroe |
| 2008 | Carl and Carolyn Finch, Ft. Vancouver | Signature |
| 2008* | Beage and Jack Kiley | Lyda Rose |
| 2009 | Jerry and Jeanette Kaija, Olympia | Marilyn Monroe |
| 2009* | Bill and Riley Reynolds | Queen Charlotte |
| 2010 | Carl and Carolyn Finch, Ft. Vancouver | Fame! |
| 2011 | Carl and Carolyn Finch, Ft. Vancouver | Marilyn Monroe |
| 2011* | John Sitton | Lavaglut |
| 2012 | Mike and Alexa Peterson | Over the moon |
| 2012* | Jason and Hera Fredette | Octoberfest, HotCocoa, Rapsody in Blue |
| 2013 | Richard and Janice Park | Cesar E. Chavez |
| 2013* | Gary and Cheryl McClain | Double Take |
| 2014 | Barbara and Bruce Lind | Fame! |

* Best in Show