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**D the G** - - December, 2014

Aloha,

On occasion, I'll give reference or recommendation to an entity. The last was The Juliet Club in Verona Italy: [www.julietclub.com](http://www.julietclub.com) The SFVRS planted the rose Lasting Love at the Sepulveda Garden Center to the memory of Romeo and Julietta. This time it's The Honolulu Rose Society [www.honolulurosesociety.org](http://www.honolulurosesociety.org)

Onwards to Honolulu!! By good fortune members of the Honolulu Rose Society participated in the International Rose Trials weekend in October 2014.

The hotel for International Rose Trials was The Queen Mary in Long Beach. The remote events were at The Getty Center for a tour of the gardens and a private viewing of ancient botanical books. The Rose Hills Test Garden was event #2. This allowed the International Judging Teams to evaluate this years' entries from 10 each of 32 varieties.

During the Rose Trials, individuals from HRS, their works, and their website caught my attention. The Honolulu Rose Society has planned and constructed 'The Peace and Hero's Rose Garden' at the Urban Garden Center. This garden is dedicated to ideals and to the brave individuals who fought for them. The President of the HRS is Myrna Cariaga. One ongoing large project is the 'Peace and Hero's Garden'. It took a formidable amount of planning and persistence to get the garden to the point where volunteers and donations can handle its maintenance. The results of their work is a garden that will grow in beauty and grace each year. Another project is headed by Jim Speer. Jim constructs stepping stones. They are decorated with a stained glass rose set into the stone. They are a bit complex to make and they are well constructed. They are also quite beautiful and a nice way to dedicate a remembrance to someone dear.

I belong to a few rose societies that are a cut above in information and organization. The Honolulu Rose Society is well above the curve. The newsletter is a good example of an informative and easy to navigate site. A yearly membership is \$10! My wife and I joined and made a small contribution to the 'Peace and Hero's Rose Garden'. We appreciated the communication back from the HRS that warmly welcomed us into the organization.

Roses Feeding the Soul

The setting sun on a hill  
sprinkled with roses,  
Paints a relief of  
intricate poses.  
It is a haven of beauty  
in which to feed  
the soul.

It is a richness worth  
much more than  
precious gold.  
--Russell A. Baum



Pictures from Maintenance Day at the Honolulu Rose Society



How fortunate that rose lovers live in places like Southern California and Honolulu. I've

seen some beautiful displays of roses around L.A. and its environs this November, including in my own garden. Some of the bushes are coming into a bloom cycle and some are not. Pruning is on the horizon as are the ways to handle the task. My preference is to let cooler season bloomers bloom. One January the Yves. St. Lauren in our front garden had a large and profuse display. The cooler temperatures helped the flowers last for weeks. At most of my clients' homes, the roses are all cut at the same time. The first order of business is to cut a bouquet of late season blooms before whacking back the roses. I always seal the canes, usually with white glue. What follows is to tidy up the garden, use the dormant spray of your choice, add minerals (I suggest doing a soils test first), refresh the thick layer of mulch, check and modify the sprinklers, and take a break. When the work's done, it's the time of year to imagine the blooms to come next year and to remember the blooms that brought us delight these last years. My garden space is limited. It's one rose in, one rose out. Other than the sentimental favorites, there is a slow rotation of rose bushes in my garden. There are so many colors, fragrances, and forms in the world of roses. I hope to be able to see and grow a few.

New Year's is the time of year to change the battery in your sprinkler timer. I can remember whose timer was serviced by doing everyone's at one time. It is also the time to plant; lettuces, celery, carrots, pea pods, pansies, snapdragons and all of the other cool season plants. Plant bulbs now and they will soon be gone till next year. Bare root season will be starting before New Years. Look for roses, fruit trees, berries, and the other offerings that are seen once a year. Shop early for the best selection.

Happy Gardening,  
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