

The Rambling Rose October 2011, Edition



*Saginaw Rose and Garden
Society Meeting*

Monday October 31st

6:30 P.M. at Zavel Library

Halloween Pot Luck



Rose of the Month

Octoberfest Grandiflora



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Orange blend Grandiflora.

Registration name: [MAClanter](#)

Exhibition name: Octoberfest™

Origin:

Bred by [Samuel Darragh McGredy IV](#) (1998).

Introduced in United States by [Weeks Wholesale Rose Grower, Inc.](#) in 1999 as 'Lantern'.

Class:

Grandiflora.

Bloom:

Orange blend, yellow reverse. Moderate, fruity fragrance. 25 petals. Average diameter 4.75".

Large, double (17-25 petals), cluster-flowered, in small clusters, high-centered bloom form.

Blooms in flushes throughout the season.

Habit:

Tall, upright. Large, glossy, dark green foliage.

Height of 47" to 6' (120 to 185 cm).

Growing:

USDA zone 7b and warmer. Can be used for cut flower or garden. Spring Pruning: Remove old canes and dead or diseased wood and cut back canes that cross. In warmer climates, cut back the remaining canes by about one-third. In colder areas, you'll probably find you'll have to prune a little more than that. Requires spring freeze protection (see glossary - Spring freeze protection) .

Minutes of the September Meeting

The meeting of the Saginaw rose and Garden Society was called to order on September 26th, 2011 at 6:45 P.M. by President Jean Bradley. There were 20 members present.

Treasurer's Report: Rita reported that we have \$283.24 in the treasury

Secretary Report: Betty Watters reported that there were no minutes.

Historian Report: None

Librarian Report: Nancy brought in two Books

Sunshine Report: None

Publicity: Jon reported on the Saginaw News

Hospitality Report: Bill L. announced that next month's meeting is a Potluck.

Membership Report: None

Webmaster Report: None

Newsletter: A Post card will be sent in December to remind everyone about the Xmas Party at Chen's

CR Report: Jackie reported that you should stop pruning and fertilizing the roses. It's time for them to go to sleep

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Old Business: None.

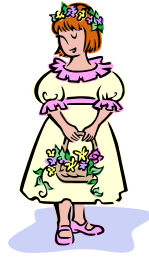
New Business: Marilyn Whittaker announced the Bay City Rose Show will be held at Wirt Library on June 23rd.

Jean introduced our Guest for the night Harlan Shumaker from Grand Rapids first so that we could enjoy our ice cream social. Harlan's program was mostly on Rose Show results and some old Halloween pictures he took in previous years from our society. We had our raffle and Harlan donated three roses for it. We made \$48.00

Jackie moved for adjournment at 8:15. Seconded by Bill L. The meeting was enjoyed by all.

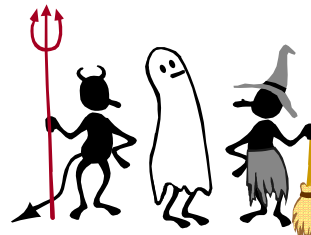
Respectfully submitted, by Betty Watters Corresponding Secretary.

Cr for the month is Betty Watters



The Garden Guru Betty Watters

Since we will not be having a Nov. meeting, then as the Oct. CR, we should discuss winter protection at our meeting ok? I know some of you smart ones tie up bushes early and do lots of things to prevent freezing your fingers later. What cannot be done early is cutting back bushes for rose cones to fit. At my house that mixes with baking pumpkin pie, making turkey, baking, and leaf raking. I cannot convince HUGH he should put up Christmas lights too at that same time. I guess he just enjoys freezing his fingers also. As your thoughts turn to this, think about our Christmas party. Date Dec. 18th at 4pm at Chen's again. Earlier for a drink. It is 8.50 for Seniors. 9.50 if not. Bring an 8.00 dollar gift if you wish to be in on the present exchange. No games to lose the gift you get. Sorry! Get your questions ready for me about protection for your plants. SEE YA! BETTY



Happy October Birthday to Joanne Ellis, Bill Patterson, and Sue Skentzos.

Proclamation 5574 - Designation of the Rose as the National Floral Emblem of the United States of America

November 20, 1986

**By the President of the United States of
America**

A Proclamation

Americans have always loved the flowers with which God decorates our land. More often than any other flower, we hold the rose dear as the symbol of life and love and devotion, of beauty and eternity. For the love of man and woman, for the love of mankind and God, for the love of country, Americans who would speak the language of the heart do so with a rose.

We see proofs of this everywhere. The study of fossils reveals that the rose has existed in America for age upon age. We have always cultivated roses in our gardens. Our first President, George Washington, bred roses, and a variety he named after his mother is still grown today. The White House itself boasts a beautiful Rose Garden. We grow roses in all our fifty States. We find roses throughout our art, music, and literature. We decorate our celebrations and parades with roses. Most of all, we present roses to those we love, and we lavish them on our altars, our civil shrines, and the final resting places of our honored dead.

The American people have long held a special place in their hearts for roses. Let us continue to cherish them, to honor the love and devotion they represent, and to bestow them on all we love just as God has bestowed them on us.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 159, has designated the rose as the National Floral Emblem of the United States and authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation declaring this fact.

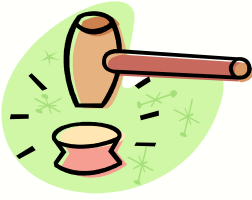
Now, Therefore, I, Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the rose as the National Floral Emblem of the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of November, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-six and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eleventh.

Ronald Reagan

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The Presidents Message

October 31st 2011

It's a Halloween party and Potluck! Come to the party dressed up like a rose. Best costume wins a prize, I think it will be a good time for all. don't forget to bring a dish to pass.

I don't know about you, but we are getting ready to put things to bed for the winter. as you may know we have over 600 roses, and it takes time, a lot of time to put them all to bed. we stake them and tie them , but we won't put soil on the bud unions until November, but with the way time flies it will be here before we know it! I will be glad when it is done, but for now, it is a good time to move things around, taking out some of the old and bringing in some new. Remember to Keep Watering and keep up with your spraying program. If you have weeds, get rid of them now. if you don't get rid of them now, next spring they will have roots to China! (ha ha) and they will be even harder to remove them.

I hope to see you at the meeting! come dressed as one of your favorite roses! See you there! Jean
