

To: Friends and Members of the Ventura County Rose Society

From: Jim Delahanty, President

Re: Monthly meeting

Date: January 25, 2012

- 1. The regular monthly meeting of the VCRS on Thursday January 26 at the Ventura Educational Conference Center, 5100 Adolfo Rd, Camarillo will feature a presentation on 'Sustainable Gardening,' by Pat Shanley, President of the Manhattan Rose Society, and co-author of the book on Sustainable Gardening. Pat's talk on this subject has been featured at the ARS National Convention in Universal City last October, as well as at the recent Huntington program of Great Rosarians XII as well as GR 11. The talk stresses the need to leave behind a legacy of friable soil and natural resources for the next generation and beyond. Copies of her book will be available at the meeting. The doors open for socializing, questioning CRs, and discussions at the Little Rose Show at 6:30 p.m. The program begins promptly at 7:30. p.m. The raffle will feature at least two plants of 'Pururea,' a china extremely well adapted for southern Californian gardens.**
- 2. Dues are still due for those who have not yet paid. Earl Holst will be standing by to collect your checks, money orders and promissory notes (as well as actual cash) for \$20.**

If you are paying on Thursday night, please let us know so that we can bring copies of Dr. Thomas Cairns' booklet on 'Growing Beautiful Roses,' a bonus for everyone renewing their dues or joining the society for the first time. If you have already paid and would like to pick up your copy, please let us know ahead of time.

- 3. The grand-daddy of all rose auctions will take place on Febuary 4th at the Los Angeles Arboretum sponsored by the Pacific Rose Society. Over 400 roses will be offered for sale, but bare root and in containers. The list of roses offered will be mailed out next week if you are interested. This is the largest rose auction of the season and one that features the newest and latest roses to be offered by major rose companies.**
- 4. Great Rosarians XII, featuring a witty and humanistic talk by Alain Meilland, head of the Meiland Nursery corporation, was attended by Elda Bielanski, Karen Fitzpatrick, Barbara Morse, Janet Sklar, Dawn-Marie Johnson, and Jane & Jim Delahanty. The group had so much fun that they are thinking of making it a party for next year....**

Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Jim Delahanty