

Everything's Coming Up Roses When You Join the **Ventura County Rose Society!**

The Ventura County Rose Society (VCRS), an affiliate of the American Rose Society, was established in 1984. The purpose of the society is learning about roses and sharing the pleasures of rose gardening in an atmosphere of fun and friendship. Dues are only \$20 per year per household, for which VCRS members enjoy a number of benefits:



Monthly meetings

Meetings are generally held on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Ventura County Office of Education Conference Center, 5100 Adolfo Rd., Camarillo. Guests are always welcome at monthly meetings. We don't meet in July and August. Guest speakers are invited to talk with the group and, when possible, share hands-on demonstrations, slides and videos about a wide range of rose-related subjects, including

- How to plant bareroot roses
- Composting
- Pruning techniques
- Creating rose arrangements
- Rose care in Ventura County gardens
- Rose propagation
- Creating arrangements using roses
- Rose craft—drying roses, making potpourri
- Rose gardens to visit when you travel
- Managing climbing roses

Lending library

VCRS maintains an extensive library of books, magazines and videos about roses that may be checked out by members at the monthly meeting.

Newsletter

Members receive the society's monthly newsletter, *The Ventura Rose*, which contains garden tips, how-to pieces, interesting articles about a variety of rose topics and a calendar of upcoming local, regional and national rose events.

Field trips and tours

VCRS organizes interesting field trips and excursions for its members. In the past, these have included tours of:

- Huntington Gardens, San Marino
- Mourning Cloak Ranch, Tehachapi
- Bear Creek Gardens, Somis
- Descanso Gardens, La Canada

The Heirloom Rose Garden at the Stagecoach Inn

VCRS members planted and maintain a public garden on the grounds of the historic Stagecoach Inn, located at 51 Ventu Park Road in Newbury Park. In addition to their historic value and beauty, the roses at the Stagecoach Inn were selected for their suitability to Ventura County's climate. The Stagecoach Inn is maintained by the Conejo Valley Historical Society, and is open Tuesday through Sunday between 1 and 4 p.m.

Yes, I want to join the Ventura County Rose Society!

Name: _____

Street address _____

City, State and Zip _____

Phone (include area code) _____ E-mail: _____

New member

Renewal

I would like to receive monthly e-mail reminders of meetings & special events

Make your check for \$20 payable to VCRS, and mail it to:

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