

**The Mother Lode Society**

is proud to have Patrick Marshall, Consulting Rosarian and Past President as the speaker on the program on "Pruning and Caring For Climbers" on March 4th @ 1:30 PM at the Amador Senior Center, 229 New York Ranch Road, Jackson, Calif.

Patrick will answer all of your concerns on how and when to prune your climbers. His first contact with roses when he was 7 years-old and living at home with his mother who had roses in her backyard. Being a little boy who liked to play with trucks, he gradually removed the roses in the backyard to make room for roads so he could play with his trucks.

When he was older and in the military, he was stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado where he had a home with a rose garden. With no idea how to prune, he did his best. Somehow, he said, they survived. Since then he and his wife Sandy moved to Amador County, and joined the Mother Lode Rose Society.

They have expanded their rose garden to include many climbers. Soon after, they knew a deer fence was needed. The yard has doubled in size. The enclosed deer fence is a show-place for many climbers. Patrick became interested in pruning climbers when he watched his mentor Doug Erickson meticulously pruned the climber "Golden Showers" at the Senior Center.

Climbers have become a passion for Patrick as well as a challenge. His motto is "Gardening as anything else is a never ending lesson in life. More than anything, a lesson in patience and enjoying God's Gift to us in the form of beautiful flowers".

**Mark Your Calendars! Upcoming Wine Events**

- Wine makers Reception*, Feb 28 *Behind the Cellar Door*, Mar 1-2 (blending seminars both days)
- Wine tasting*, 1st Street Liquors/Livermore -- March 13
- Wine Pick Up Party*, Mar 22-23
- Folsom Wine/Dine*, May 18
- A Taste of Fair Oaks*, June 6
- Wine at Town Center/EDH*, June 14
- Barbera Festival*, June 14
- Big Crush*, October 4-5

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2014 SAC EVENTS**

- Sacramento Association of Museums Annual Reception** - May 8, 2014 - Governor's Mansion
- Sacramento Music Festival** - May 23-26, 2014 - Old Sacramento
- Save Mart Grape Escape** - June 7, 2014 - Downtown Sacramento
- Juneteenth Celebration**- June 20-22, 2014 - William Land Park
- California State Fair** - July 11 - July 27, 2014 - Cal Expo
- Gold Rush Days** - August 29 - September 1, 2014 - Old Sac
- Farm-to-Fork Week** - September 15 - 28, 2014 - Regional
- Farm-to-Fork Festival** - September 27, 2014 - Capitol Mall
- Farm-to-Fork Gala Dinner** - September 28, 2014 - TBA
- SCVB Annual Holiday Party** - December 4, 2014 - Conv Center
- New Year's Eve Sky Spectacular** - December 31, 2014 - Old Sac

**The Trials and Tears of Parenting**

By Ruth Cline

So proud of this boy (son Jeremy Cline; JJ)! He just turned 10 and has had a tough school year so far... for the past several months he's been dealing with feeling friendless (his best mate left last year) and being bullied at his school. As much as the school tries to teach and encourage right treatment of others, it's still a problem. For a couple months he'd come home bi-weekly with a story of rudeness, teasing, pushing, kicking or something of that nature happening to him during the school day.

We love our son and although our first instinct was to rescue, we lovingly encouraged him with the example of Christ. Love them, speak rightly, see them as God sees them (call him by his name, not "bully"), try to understand why they are treating others so badly, give grace, etc. We encouraged HIM to speak with the authorities around him at school. To talk to the people hurting him and ask for change. Some days he would cry and I would just hold him and pray with him. Some might criticize that we weren't protecting our son the way we should; that's fine. Our goal is to remain a strong, loving constant in his life while giving him the courage to stand on his own.

My resolve nearly broke the day he came home with a fat lip, having spoken up yet again to Dustin (and his "gang"). Apparently, the punch was "For Jeremy's Mom" from Dustin's own mouth. Now that'll get a parents blood boiling. But this was about Jeremy and parenting him in a way that would accomplish our overall goal.... A strong and loving independant adult how relies on God to answer prayers. So he sat down with his teacher and shared his problem, asking for her to help. Help came! He was no longer being bullied... someone else was. He knew in his own heart that this wasn't the solution that he was working towards. So he mustered his courage and stood in the gap to protect the bullied ones. So brave and a big deal for a kid, especially one who's already been punched once. That day he came home different and the story he told me was epic. He saw another kid being picked on (for being foreign) and he took to his defense, asking Dustin to stop, nothing. He asked again, "Can you please stop bullying?" Nothing.

Then another kid joined him in asking. Then five more. Then ten more. Then twenty. The numbers grew and grew, all asking for the same thing. Dustin's own gang of buddies began to ask the same question of him, "Why don't you stop bullying?" With the odds against him Dustin gave in, "Yeah, whatever." The kids gave a cheer and Jeremy felt victorious. Pretty cool right? After that we encouraged Jeremy to reach out to Dustin, to offer him friendship. He did and was, of course, shut down. "Never get tired of doing the right thing." It took about a month of reaching out to Dustin, but his goal was accomplished. They are friends now and even working together as partners on a school project. I'm so happy to see his trust in God and his love for others grow through this experience. Well done Jeremy, well done.

**Dad Jeremy Cline comments:**

It is hard to face a bully and JJ showed us the right way, I believe. We are not called to be weak, but at the same time give God a chance to take care of it first. Stand in the gap, stand strong and don't back down. Fighting should not be the first choice; we should choose to turn the other cheek and talk it out, and pray! And if that does not work or it escalates, then it is important to protect yourself and others. Trust me, because of the "this is for your mom" comment, I wanted to go to his dad and tell him, "this is for my wife"; but I didn't, because it would not have showed Jeremy to love first and to stand strong and that God is in control and that I believe in him and a hundred other and's.

**Editor's Comments:**

I was crying reading this because I love this kid so much... he's my

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Ten year-old Jeremy Cline (JJ) took a stand against bullies, and in doing so, has taught many the power of trusting God. Photo Special to the Gold Country Times

great nephew and I didn't like hearing how he had been a target by bullies so long. I loved hearing about his parents' compassionate lessons and strength to let their son face his tormentors and grow in self-confidence and see this kid with God's eyes. Bravo! JJ experienced first-hand the wonderful grace and mercy of God. Jeremy and Ruth trusted God to protect their son; I know how hard that must have been to stand by and wait... for God's hand, his protection and his favor.

"Be Still and Know that I am God!" That is what I always hear in my spirit during times of adversity when my flesh wants to react or retaliate against unfairness or the plain meanness of others. Can you believe how many lives were touched by JJ's actions?! Not only Dustin, incredibly now JJ's friend, but the kids who stood up together against the bully, making a difference, and the kid being bullied, and even Dustin himself, no longer on that path of self destruction and maybe prison down the line. Even his little gang of bullies. SO many lives changed that day after almost a year of Jeremy's trials. But JJ stood his ground, he trusted his parents, and he trusted God; he believed. His actions, his story, continue to inspire and bless you, the reader. I am extremely proud of JJ!

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