

# Old Texas Rose

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## Upcoming Events:

- April 17, 9am SFA Plant Sale in Nacogdoches 3pm Chamblee's Tour in Tyler
- July 10, Rookie Meeting at Mercer Arboretum-Speaker Peggy Martin-Pot Luck Lunch We have the room reserved from 8-5pm.
- October 16-18, RoseDango: A Celebration of Roses 2010 in North TX.
- Our Cutting Exchange will be in conjunction with Rose Dango (more information at a later date)
- April 17th 2010 Saturday 10:00am Spring Symposium at Chamblee's for tour of nursery and talk about new propagation methods

## Favorite Methods of Rose Propagation

By Marilyn Almon

Fall always delivers a renewed enthusiasm for gardening to those who have weathered the summer heat, and rose aficionados are no exception to that observation. In anticipation of the Fall Cutting Exchange enjoyed by Texas Rose Rustlers every year, some of our members have generously shared their favorite methods of perpetuating their love of roses.

Audrey McMurray has used soil pellets for her cuttings and has had successful rooting in one case in as little as 11 days. She soaks the basal ends in a solution of Medina Plus and Super Thrive and then sticks them into the pellets which have been reconstituted in a see-through plastic cup. The cups are then placed outside in the shade and kept moist as

needed with plain tap water.

Then Audrey discovered that she could purchase EcoEarth at a local chain pet store and use it as a substitute for the soil pellets and at a substantial cost savings. EcoEarth is a compressed coconut fiber expandable substrate which holds water at just the right humidity for rooting cuttings. It is primarily used to line reptile cages. Since it is difficult to cut the dry brick, Audrey first hydrates it in a Ziploc bag and then scoops out enough material to partially fill a plastic cup. The cuttings are stuck in the same manner as is done with the soil pellets and the cuttings are watered as needed – usually every few days. Another pet store chain sells a brand named Zilla Coconut and Audrey has used it, but prefers the EcoEarth because it contains

fewer of the larger strands of coconut husk.

The Mason jar method is Faith Bickley's favorite method of propagating roses. She prepares her cuttings in the usual method, including the use of a rooting hormone, and fills a 4-inch pot with dampened potting medium. She makes a hole in the center of the medium, fills it with sand, and sticks the cutting into the sand. The pot is then buried in her cutting garden located on the east side of a building under deciduous trees and a jar is placed over the top of the pot. Faith says the jar stays on until there is a good amount of new growth. Containing the cutting in the pot helps to keep the young roots intact when it's time to bump it up. Faith notes that her rooting success

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## New Look for the Texas Rose Rustler Website

I know you have heard from Faith that the TRR Website was being redesigned, it is now ready to reveal.

The URL to access the site is the same as always: <http://www.texasroserustlers.com>

Beginning Sunday, February 7,

the new TRR Website will be available. The site has been revamped with a new look and new sections.

All of the important Rose Rustler information has been retained. The articles on propagation, caring for roses, and

other pieces of literature are still available; they now reside in the library.

The newest section is the Members Only area which requires a user name and password to access. The password

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## Message from Chairman



As usual, we had a fantastic time at TRR's Fall Cutting Exchange. This year's, as most of you knows, was held in the Nacogdoches area. We had a very busy Saturday beginning with the MAST arboretum sale at 9 am. We have enjoyed their sale in the past, and this year was no exception. I had to laugh as Becky Smith had declared that she was not going to buy anything, and there she was Saturday morning oohing and aahing AND buying.

After a delicious barbecue lunch, we all headed for the actual cutting exchange at King's Nursery in Tenaha. This was our second time in this venue, and this time the

weather was gorgeous and fall-like which was not the case on the last time there when we and the cuttings had scorched. We thank King's Nursery for graciously hosting us again.

What fun it is to find cuttings of new roses! I always think that I will not find cuttings of new roses, and then there they are. The lotto was fantastic as always.

Our next stop was Greg Grant's house in Arcadia. He has completely redone an old family dogtrot and has it in authentic shape. Both the house and the yard were such fun to see. Most unexpected was an invitation to go to Greg's parents' home. The

setting of the Grants' home is so scenic and reminded me of Tennessee. Jackie Grant had wonderful refreshments for us including a delicious Hummingbird Cake (the recipe on this is on our website and in this issue of the newsletter).

We ended a great day with our traditional Mexican meal including the two free margaritas that the restaurant provided. The free time Sunday morning to visit with each other at the motel was priceless. We are beginning to realize that one of the major perks of our meetings/weekends is this free time to visit and share our love of roses.

*Faith Bickley, TRR Chairman*

## Attention: Changes in 2010

**A five-petaled pink rose that resides in a cave on the island of Crete is perhaps the oldest cave painting in the world. It dates back to about 1450 B.C.**

**(The Rose by Madison Malone, Andrews and Mc Meel, A Universal Press Syndicate Co., Kansas City, MO, pg. 99)**

There are some changes that are new for 2010 and will affect everyone in the Rose Rustler family. They are as follows:

- The membership year will be from **July through June**! All members must pay their dues in **JULY 2010**. The membership year will be good through June 2011. Dues that are *not* paid by July 31, 2010 will make the member ineligible for further newsletters and for access to the "Members Only" section of the new TRR website and result in the removal of their name from the TRR membership roster. Dues will remain at \$10.00 for the year.
- In an effort to save our trees, the TRR newsletter will be sent out via e-mail. You may print out a copy at home if you like reading your newsletter the more conventional way, OR, if you don't have an e-mail address, you may request a "hard copy" be sent to you through the mail. *Please check to be sure that we have your correct e-mail address and notify us of any changes.*
- There will be a new look to the TRR website. Our new webmaster, Barbara Buckley, has spent a tremendous amount of time revamping the website and gave us a preview at the Executive Board meeting last month. The site will

have a Photo Gallery and links to other sites of interest. The "Members Only" section will have a list of roses owned by the rustlers, a roster of members, and photos of roses and rustler events, to name a few of the new things to look for when the website debuts. *Please note:* The "Members Only" section of the site is **password protected**. This password will change yearly, on August 1<sup>st</sup>. If you've paid your membership dues in July, you'll get the new password!

- Expect a few changes at our meetings! Our "official" greeters are now
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## Changes from 2010 TRR board meeting:

1. The newsletter will now be sent via email and also be posted on the new website in the "members only" section. Those not having email addresses can have a hard copy mailed. The newsletter can be printed from the email or website if a hard copy is desired. We are going green.
2. The new website will be launched any day. An email notice will be sent with the info needed to access the "members only" portion. All members will be listed in that section with name, email address, and phone number unless otherwise requested.
3. Marilyn has taken over the

job of treasurer from Don. This is a good time to revamp our due date for dues payment. We are trying to simplify this by having all dues due in July. Many come to the July meeting and can pay there and the rest can mail theirs to the treasurer. This year will be an adjustment but  
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## New Website continued...

will change once a year and each member will receive the password via email.

When you click the link for Members Only a small box will appear asking for the Username and Password.

Username: **OldGardenRoses**  
(There are no spaces and each word begins with a capital letter).

Password: **Roses2010**  
(Be sure to use a capital R and

no spaces between Roses and the year.)

This new area contains 3 new features:

1. Member roster which has the name, email address and phone number of each member.
2. Photo Gallery which will contain pictures of various TRR events.
3. Rose Inventory which is a listing of the roses which are grown in our members gar-

dens.

More information about the website will be available in the next edition of The Old Texas Rose newsletter. If you have any questions about the Website or suggestions for new information to be added please do not hesitate to contact me.

Check out the website and enjoy!

Barbara Buckley

[webmaster@texasroserustlers.com](mailto:webmaster@texasroserustlers.com)

### Important Website Information:

Within the "Members Only" section of the new website (<http://www.texasroserustlers.com>) there will be a Membership Roster with names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses (no physical addresses). Remember that only TRR members with a password will have access to this information.

## New TRR Website

The Texas Rose Rustler website has taken on a new look. The pages are organized in a slightly different manner hopefully providing easy access to all information. The new menu includes links to the following pages:

- Home
- Chairman's Message
- Calendar of Events
- Join TRR
- Library
- Rustle Etiquette
- Members Only
  - Membership List
  - Rose Inventory
  - Photo Gallery

Each area has been updated with additional material or information, but previous articles and information have been retained to keep the historical connection.

The Chairman's Message will be updated frequently with  
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## *Methods of Rose Propagation continued 1...*

rate is greatest in the fall.

High success rates are obtained by Molly Buenrostro, Peter Schaar, Marilyn Pease, and Doana Fite who all use a similar method. Molly prefers the use of clear plastic cups (20 oz. size) for rooting cuttings that have recently bloomed and contain 3 or 4 leaf nodes. She places one cutting in a cup, along with a couple of straws or bamboo sticks that are taller than the top of the cutting. A clear plastic bag is placed over the top and secured by duct tape [rubber bands work also] on the side of the cup to keep the drainage holes open. She can see through the cup to know when roots have formed, and at that time the bag is removed.

Peter also uses this method and further recommends the use of very aged, fast-draining compost in a plastic pot. He removes all but the top leaves of the cutting and places the pot in bright shade, leaving the secured bag on until top growth appears. The rooted cutting can remain in the pot for the rest of the season and then be bumped up or planted in the garden the following late winter or early spring.

Marilyn recommends the use of a rooting hormone and sticking as many as 6 cuttings in the same pot.

Although Doana uses this method without the plastic bag, she says that her very favorite method for rooting roses that are difficult to propagate is to use the layering process. This is assuming that she has control of the plant, as opposed to it being located in a cemetery. Layering requires

bending the branch while still attached to the plant to the soil at a leaf node, securing it in place, and covering the node with an inch or so of soil. She finds that layering takes a long time, but it gives the mother plant time to produce her own healthy plants.

Keeping several pots of good soil under her favorite roses allows Carol Selby to really simplify the rooting process. When she prunes, she removes most of the leaves from the cuttings and crowds the best cuttings into the pot under the mother rose. No labeling is necessary since the pots remain in place. She waters immediately and then fairly often in the first month or so. When she prunes the following year, she discovers the new roses that have survived. While the percentage of success may not be as high as with other methods, this technique suits Carol well because with very little energy expended on her part, only the strong roses survive and those are the ones she prefers to grow anyway.

Use of the Forsythe pot is considered to be a virtually fool-proof technique by Kathy Hyatt. A Forsythe pot is created by placing a small permeable clay pot, whose drain hole has been plugged with either floral clay or a small cork, inside a larger impermeable pot that has been filled with potting soil or a mixture of vermiculite and perlite. The potting medium needs to be thoroughly dampened and the clay pot must be kept full of water at all times. Then Kathy sticks the cuttings into the dampened medium for rooting and the permeable nature of the clay

pot allows the water to transfer to the medium by osmosis. If needed, a mist tent can be formed by loosely draping a dry cleaning bag over chop sticks or dowels inserted around the pot's edge. Kathy advises that when using the floral clay, be sure the pot bottom is clean for best adhesion. Once the cuttings have rooted, they can be carefully removed and potted in gallon nursery containers.

An all-time favorite method used by Rustlers is rooting in the Ziploc bag. June Pence and Frances and Marion Brandes submitted their instructions using gallon or quart bags. June likes to dip her cuttings in a growth hormone solution, place them in potting soil dampened with fish emulsion and water, and then blow into the gallon bag before sealing it.

Frances and Marion recommend taking pencil-sized tip cuttings, where roses have just bloomed, due to the concentrated growth hormones found in that area. To redirect the energy to form roots, remove the lower leaves and the spent bloom. They insert 3 cuttings into a quart-size bag and as many as 5 or 6 cuttings into a gallon bag that contains moistened soil and additional perlite for friability. Rooting hormones are not used and Frances cautions against overwatering. They feel that the months of April and November are optimum times for rooting cuttings. The bags are then placed in an area that receives filtered sun/shade – sometimes hung on the fence by clothespins. They check the

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Some books are to be  
tasted, others to be  
swallowed, and some  
few to be chewed and  
digested.

-Francis Bacon

## Methods of Rose Propagation continued 2...

cuttings every few days by thumping on the bag to see if moisture is present. If water is needed, a few spoonfuls can be added. Sharpie pens work well for labeling and dating the bags. Frances says that little roots should begin to appear at the bottom of the bag in about 6 weeks.

Gaye Hammond also likes the Ziploc bag method of propagation because it's easy to see how much moisture is collecting inside the bag and the excess can easily be poured off, effectively controlling the humidity inside the bag as well.

Northern-facing windows tend to get less heat than other windows in the home and the temperature of homes is usually consistent.

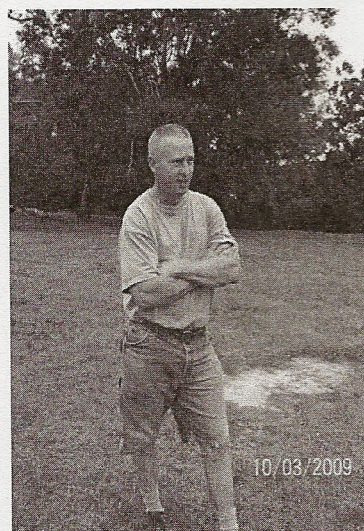
Gaye sums up the rose propagation process by stating these facts:

1. All methods work, but with different percentages of success.
2. Success or failure depends upon a host of environmental factors.
3. The most common environmental factors that adversely impact propagation are

an over abundance of moisture, humidity, and heat; the presence of disease factors (usually caused by too much moisture and humidity); and transplant shock.

The gardener's ability to effectively control these factors has a direct relationship to increased percentages of successful rooting.

Regardless of the method selected, the main thing is to try *some* technique to learn which one works best for you. We're now entering the prime rooting season.



## Hummingbird Cake

By Jackie Grant

- 3 cups flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 cup oil
- 1 (8oz.) can crushed pineapple, undrained
- 2 cups mashed bananas
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 1 cup pecans, chopped

Sift dry ingredients in large bowl, add eggs and oil stirring until dry ingredients are moistened (do not beat). Stir in vanilla, pineapple, 1 cup pecans, and bananas. Spoon batter into 3 greased and floured cake pans. Bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for 30 minutes. Cool, remove from pans.

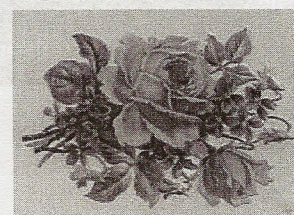
### Cream Cheese Icing

- 1 stick butter, softened
- 1-(8oz.) cream cheese, softened
- 2 Tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 lb. confectioner's sugar

1 cup chopped pecans

Use mixer to beat first for ingredients until fluffy. Add sugar and then stir in pecans.

Put icing on each cake layer after cakes cool. Enjoy!







Ray Ponton's Elizabeth of Goshen

## Save these Dates

The TRR board had its annual meeting in January, and it appears that we have a really remarkable set of programs set for the year. Here is the basic rundown with more details to be released before each meeting. Please mark these dates on your calendar as you will not want to miss any.

The Spring Symposium will take us back to East Texas as Mark Chamblee has graciously invited us to his nursery in Tyler on Saturday, **April 17<sup>th</sup>**. This is always one of our favorite venues and such a good chance to buy some of the roses we have been wanting. He is adding 11 new Buck roses plus Ray's Elizabeth of Goshen. This weekend is going to bring a new dimension to TRR as we will spend Friday night in Nacogdoches so that we can go to the MAST Arboretum Spring Sale on Saturday morning. We will regroup at 3 at Chamblee's Nursery in Tyler and spend the night in that

area. Sunday morning we will venture to the Blue Moon Nursery in Chandler on our way home.

Our July Rookie Meeting will be held at Mercer Arboretum on **July 10<sup>th</sup>**. We have a real treat in store as we will have Peggy Martin speaking to us. We will plan to have lots of time for visiting and the potluck lunch like we enjoyed last year.

Now comes the news of a spectacular Fall Cutting Exchange. We have been invited to bring our annual Fall Cutting Exchange as part of Rose Dango in McKinney (north of Dallas) on **October 16<sup>th</sup>**. This will give our TRR members the opportunity to visit the Chambersville Heritage Rose Gardens and also the National EarthKind Rose Trial Gardens in Farmer's Branch. Several of us have experienced these gardens and have remarked that all TRR members should get to

do the same. We will be inviting all the Rose Dango participants to participate in our cutting exchange and giving them demos in propagating the cuttings. Also we will have the lotto open to all so get those plants started. This will involve a lot of our members actively participating which will be fun.

We realize that we have been traveling longer distances lately but feel that the opportunities that we have been offered need to be grasped. We hope that by having the dates this early you will be able to "save the date" and join us.

**REMEMBER DETAILS NEARER EACH MEETING TIME WILL BE ON BOTH THE WEBSITE AND THE NEWSLETTER PRECEEDING THE MEETING.**

Becky Smith

Program Chairman

**Intelligence without ambition is a bird without wings.**

- C. Archie Danielson

## Changes in 2010 continued...

James Buckley and Doana Fite. They graciously agreed to take over from the Varnados who have manned the Welcome Table for years. To make things simpler, there will no longer be a sign-in sheet at the meetings. You will still be asked to wear a name-tag (temporary name tags will be available if you forget your

"official" tag) and pick up a lotto ticket upon arrival. Another important change, you will need to provide your own beverages for the majority of meetings. There are still a number of members who will likely bring goodies to share but beverages will not be provided on a regular basis.

Change is always challenging but we think these changes will benefit the group in the long run. The 2010 year looks very exciting with great programs and locales for the Rose Rustlers to enjoy (thank you Becky Smith). Hope to see you there!



**Perpetual optimism is a  
force multiplier.**

**- Colin Powell**

## *New TRR Website continued...*

new information from our Chairman. The Calendar will keep an up-to-date list of events with details added as they become available. This will provide members updated information as soon as it becomes available. If there are other non-TRR events that our members might be interested in knowing about please send the information to the Webmaster (webmaster@texasroserustlers.com)

The Library area now houses all previous articles, literature, rose care, propagation and a new section for general information. Check out the library for new information such as links to rose resources, recipes, instructions and as we acquire previous copies, an archive of The Old Texas Rose. The library is viewable for rose rustlers and the public.

The new Members Only section is new to TRR and will require members to login with a specific user name and password, this information will be sent to members separately to ensure security. The password will be changed each year in August after dues have been paid.

The Members Only section contains Membership List, Rose Inventory and Photo Gallery. The Membership List links to a list of TRR members (name, email, phone number only); a Photo Gallery with pictures from past events; The Rose Inventory displays a series of lists of roses that each member grows in their gardens. The inventory list is a work in progress, and as more members send in their rose lists the inventory will grow. The Photo Gallery is starting small and will also grow as

more images are acquired. If you have pictures of events from past years and would like to have them added to the Photo Gallery, please contact Barbara Buckley at webmaster@texasroserustlers.com. The pictures can be digital files or printed pictures; any printed pictures will be carefully scanned and returned to the owner. It would be helpful if the event was noted with an approximate date and people in the pictures could be identified. If you have a fun caption that would be appropriate please add that as well. Adding to the Photo Gallery will help us create a history of the Texas Rose Rustlers organization.

Please contact the Webmaster (webmaster@texasroserustlers.com) with any questions, suggestions, concerns or problems with the website.

## *Changes from Board Meeting continued...*

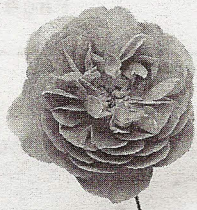
from then on it will be much easier. The dues will run July – June 30<sup>th</sup> and remain at \$10. The newsletter will be mailed only to members in good stead (dues paid on time). The “members only password will be changed on August 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. All members with dues paid will have the password.

4. James and Doana have taken over the welcoming

duties from the Varnados. We have decided to simplify things with no sign-in sheets. We will encourage members to order official nametags from Wally but will have temporary nametags available. Coffee will be provided when we are in a venue where that is possible (for example at Mercer). Otherwise we will advise people to provide their own.







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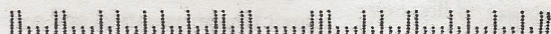


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## Order Your TRR Nametag

Wally Brown is now accepting orders for TRR nametags, so please submit your information and payment as soon as possible.

### TRR NAME TAG ORDER FORM

NAME TO APPEAR ON TAG \_\_\_\_\_

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*This is a sample of the TRR name tags. It has a white background with black lettering and a red rose.*

