



Old Texas Rose

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Greetings Fellow Rose Rustlers ---

Message from the Chair — Kathy Hyatt

It's hard to believe it is the first day of Spring. It seems as if we started the Spring season months ago, finished that and had a good start into Summer. The really unseasonably warm temperatures have triggered even some of the tropics into early flowering. How strange to see Angel trumpets blooming away in mid-March! I hope this doesn't foreshadow abnormal conditions for the actual months of Summer. For now we can enjoy the flowers that are in bloom, appreciate the continued rains, and hope for the best in the months ahead.

Some things I think all gardeners enjoy during the Spring season are the various garden-related events and sales. Many of the nurseries offer classes and special sales. Garden clubs, like the one I belong to, use their Spring sale to raise funds for various community projects. Mercer Arboretum hosts its annual March Mart to get much needed



The trip to San Antonio promises to be beautiful — the wildflowers are surely rejoicing from the much needed rain. Spring 2012 Photo Courtesy of TPWD

money for improvements in the public gardens. Even though time is short during our Spring season, I think it's important for those of us who love "grubbing in the dirt" to take advantage of these opportunities. You can always learn something new in a class and you have the chance to talk with fellow gardeners. By participating, you also support local businesses and worthy organizations.

This seems the natural time to bring up the wonderful opportunity each Rose Rustler has to participate in a fabulous learning experience mixed with fun and camaraderie (and did I mention FOOD???) by joining us in San Antonio for the TRR Spring Symposium! Becky Smith has again done a great job lining up speakers and venues for us to enjoy. I know I can't wait to get together with my "rosy" friends and take part in this weekend event. Hope you can join us. It's too great an opportunity to pass up!!! Kathy

2012 TRR Spring Symposium

Saturday, April 21, 2012

San Antonio, Texas

After a rough summer and an exceptionally mild winter, we are ready for our annual TRR Spring Symposium. San Antonio is a great venue for our meeting. And, we are appreciative of Mike Shoup's generosity in offering us his [San Antonio~Antique Rose Emporium](#), 7561 E. Evans, (210) 651-4565 for our meeting.

As you know from emails and the website, the motel where we will be staying is the [Comfort Suites North IH 35, 11526 IH 35 N., San Antonio, Texas](#) (210) 656-4600. For those of you arriving Friday, April 20th, check with the desk around 6:00 pm to find out where we will be meeting for supper around 7:00 if you choose to join us. I plan on finding a place close to the motel for easy access.

Saturday, April 21

We will save Saturday morning, April 21st, for a leisurely breakfast and a time for visiting. Lunch will be up to you.

Our afternoon meeting will take place in the Hacienda at the San Antonio Antique Rose Emporium. Please try to be there by 12:30 so that you can bring in your lotto plants and settle in before we have our first speaker at 1:00. The afternoon will go approximately as follows:

- 1:00 pm **Mike Shoup, Antique Rose Emporium** – Mike Shoup will speak to us on "The Empress in the Garden", the subject of his soon to be released book. He will discuss the different personalities of roses.
- 3:00 pm **Dr. Jerry Parsons, Horticulture specialist with the Texas Cooperative Extension in San Antonio** – Dr. Parsons is the Father of the Texas Super Star Plants. He has been responsible for introducing many of our tough Texas plants and will describe this successful venture.



HAPPY EASTER!
Illustration by [Alison Fennell](#)

- 4:00 pm **Robbi Wills, Manager of the San Antonio ARE** – Robbi Wills will take us on a tour of the gardens, emphasizing companion plants and herbs. (This time is flexible and dependent on the earlier presentations)
- All Day There will be time for exploring ARE and SHOPPING and LOTTO in between and after our presentations! This will give everyone some free time during the day and before dinner. Enjoy!
- 7:00 pm We will meet at Rosario's, 910 S. Alamo St., (210) 223-1806 at 7 pm for supper. **Please let me (Becky Smith at bas@wcec-wb.net) know as soon as possible if you will be joining us at Rosario's so that we can request priority seating.**

Sunday, April 22

Nothing formally established – but some of us will be visiting the SA Botanical Gardens (555 Funston Place), (210) 207-3263. I'm sure details will be ironed out over dinner!

Additional nurseries that have been recommended and are well worth visiting include:

- ☺ Millberger's Landscaping and Nursery (Jerry Parson hosts a radio show from here Saturdays and Sundays), 3920 N. Loop, (210) 497-3760
- ☺ Shades of Green, 334 W. Sunset, (210) 824-3772
- ☺ Fanick's Garden Center, 1025 Holmgreen, (210) 648-1303

Thank goodness the days of maps are over with just about everyone having access to GPS, Mapquest, or their smart phone.

We surely hope to see you in San Antonio for our usual good time. Many thanks go out to Greg Grant for giving me some suggestions for our visit to SA.....*Becky*

Shirts of All Kinds!

Texas Rose Rustlers shirts will be available at the Spring Symposium in San Antonio. There are four denim shirts with a picket fence over the pocket available for \$10.00. If you are interested in one of these, please email Flora Tiedt at trrmembership@texasroserustlers.com.

Additionally, you can complete the attached order form for a tee shirt with the new Texas Rose Rustlers logo. Tee shirt orders received by **Friday, April 6th** can be picked up in San Antonio.

Please contact Flora Tiedt at trrmembership@texasroserustlers.com if you have any questions regarding TRR shirts.

Be sure to wear your TRR tee shirt at the Spring Symposium. Flora



Old News Is New Again!

Here is another great reprint. This article is courtesy of *The Yellow Rose* published by the Dallas Area Historical Rose Society. Enjoy!!!!

Rose Rustle - 1992

Joe Woodard, Editor

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This was the 13th Annual Rose Rustle usually held in October/November in South Central Texas. I missed the first rustle in 1980 and the one in Victoria, Texas in 1988, otherwise, I have made them all. On the first rustle there was one car load. This year there must have been a total of 40 cars, pick-ups, vans, and station wagons. Missouri and Louisiana were also represented. We met at the Sam Houston State Park in San Felipe, about 50 miles west of Houston – 297 miles from Dallas.

San Felipe was the Colonial Capital of Texas from 1824 – 1836. This was the location of the original colony that Sam Houston founded in 1821.

Helen decided to pass on this trip and attend the Fall Festival two weeks later. So I hitched a ride with Don and Pat Rhines. We left our house at 4:30 pm after they both got off work. We arrived at our motel in Sealy, Texas around 10:00 pm.

There were two people that were made very happy at the rustle. The Jorgensens provided two container roses of the found variety 'Margaret Sharpe' (1980 rustle at New Braunfels) for Margaret. Marion Brandes brought me a mature blooming plant of 'Joe's Rose', found on the rustle last year at the Catholic Cemetery in Schulenburg. In addition to 'Joe's Rose', Bobbie McKenna (Houston) brought me a cream-colored unknown rose in bloom, found at the Hilingdon Cemetery.

The first order of business was the cutting exchange. People brought their cuttings in Zip lock baggies wrapped in a damp paper towel. I took an ice chest full of some 100 plus cuttings (twenty different varieties). I brought the ice chest full of cuttings home. There were 18 varieties of roses plus three perennials. I went all the way to San Felipe to get one cutting from Belinda Pavageau, who also lives in Dallas.



This year there were about 70 2-3 gallon containers of roses (most in bloom) that were distributed by a drawing. I checked with the Brandes' on who brought the wonderful collection of container roses. They were David Allen, Friendswood; David Caton, Houston; and Marion Brandes, Huffman. Two flats of cuttings of 'Old Blush' and 'Cramoisi Superieur' were donated by Mike Shoup of Independence.

Those from the Dallas-Fort Worth area attending include:

- Don & Pat Rhines, Sachse
- Michael Johnson, Plano
- Debra Lakeneu, Carrollton
- Joanne Donnelly, Garland
- Mr. & Mrs. R. Kirk, Haltom City
- Mr. & Mrs. G.H. King, Fort Worth
- Belinda Pavageau, Charles and Dominique Inge, Joe Woodward, Mary Trinkle, Frances and Marion Brandes-Huffman, Dallas
- Liz Druitt, Washington
- Deanna Krause, Pasadena
- Mike Shoup, Independence
- Mrs. Fred Speck, Rock Springs
- Margaret Sharpe, David Caton, Rosemarie Donnelly, Bobbie McKenna, Houston



Old Blush, Photo Courtesy of Becky Smith



*Blush Noisette
Photo Courtesy of Agel-Rosen*

There must have been cuttings of at least 100 varieties from which to choose. Belinda Pavageau said that she brought home cuttings of 36 different varieties.

After we had lunch sitting on the base of Sam Houston's statue, we started the rustle. We stopped at four locations in San Felipe, Pattison and Wallis. We took cuttings of two unidentified old noisettes. One family had roses taken from cuttings by a Czech family 100 years ago.

On our road out of Independence (Hwy 6) we kept seeing a series of blue boxes slightly larger than a school lunch pail hanging in trees about every mile. We finally figured out that these were collection boxes for killer bees moving north from Mexico.

Don asked if I would like to stop at the Hillsboro Cemetery where he had rustled on another occasion. We found roses that were suffering from an apparent long drought – none in bloom.

Altogether a very successful rustle, after we traveled over 600 miles. Kudos go to the Texas Rose Rustlers for all of the arrangements – especially Marion and Frances Brandes and Margaret Sharpe.

2012 TRR Meetings — Save These Dates!!!

Becky Smith, Program Chair

2012 is looking like a special year for the TRR programs. Please put these dates on your calendar and join us for some fun and informative times. More details will come later – keep checking the calendar on the [TRR Website](#) and future newsletters for more info.

And don't forget to grow those lotto plants!!!

April 21, 2012, Saturday

TRR Spring Symposium, Antique Rose Emporium, San Antonio, Texas

Speakers: Dr. Jerry Parsons, founder of the Texas Superstar Plant Program; and Mike Shoup and Robbi Wills of the San Antonio Antique Rose Emporium (See Page 2 for additional information)

July 14, 2012, Saturday

TRR Rookie Meeting, Mercer Arboretum, Houston, Texas

Speaker: Gaye Hammond, Past President of the Houston Rose Society

October 6, Saturday

TRR Fall Cutting Exchange, Nacogdoches, Texas

Tour of Greg Grant's garden in Arcadia, SFA's Plant Sale at Pineywood's Native Plant Center, and Annual Cutting Exchange following the Sale

We sure hope you can join us!!! *Becky*



'Belinda's Dream' is perhaps the most famous of all the Basie roses. With its clear pink, fully double, strongly fragrant blossoms on a strong-growing, disease-resistant bush, it should not be a surprise that this was the first rose to be named a Texas Superstar. The Texas Superstar program promotes plants that are tough enough to not only survive, but also thrive in the various climate extremes and conditions throughout Texas. 'Belinda's Dream' keeps producing gorgeous blooms despite drought, heavy rains, or unrelenting heat.

Photo Courtesy of [P&B Gardens](#)

New Members

Welcome to our newest members: Toni Jones from Haltom, Texas; Jody Russo from Spring, Texas; and Ali Whyte from Austin, Texas. We look forward to meeting you at Texas Rose Rustler events.

FBMG Exhibition Gardens

If you have the opportunity, be sure to visit the Fort Bend Master Gardens. Many of our Rustlers volunteer and the gardens and roses are just beautiful this year. Photos are courtesy of our own Becky Smith. They include Peggy Martin on the trellis with Cramoisi Superieur in the corner, and Meredith Bohls. Thank you!



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