



Old Texas Rose

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Greetings Fellow Rose Rustlers ---

Message from the Chair — Kathy Hyatt

After enduring one of the worst summers on record, it's time to look forward to cooler temperatures and, hopefully, some rain as Fall approaches. When I thought about writing this short article, I thought about all the plants that have died or are dying and how sad the landscape looks. But then I thought about the people who have lost so much from the wild fires that have scorched the Texas landscape and I reconsidered what I would write. I think we all

should be looking forward, grateful for what we have and anticipating a better tomorrow. Gardeners as a group, are very optimistic people and this is certainly a time when we need all the optimism we can

muster. As you read through the newsletter, I hope you get as excited as I was the day the schedule for the 2011 Fall Cutting Exchange arrived in my inbox. Jerome and Mary have worked very hard to come up with a program that is packed with fun things to do in Victoria. Even if you have only a few cuttings to share, or none at all, make the effort to join us for the day or the weekend. Celebrate the Fall weather, share the love of roses and enjoy the company of friends ... Hope to see you there!..... *Kathy*



Kathy Hyatt at the TRR Fling with Felder

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Save These Dates!!!

2011 Fall Cutting Exchange

Saturday, October 22, 2011

Victoria, Texas — Jerome and Mary

(with many thanks to Becky Smith, Program Chair)

***ALL TIMES ARE ESTIMATED AND
WE ARE FLEXIBLE!***



About Face

Photo Courtesy of Becky Smith

- 9:30 am Sign in/Conversation/Coffee and Snacks**
Victoria Educational Gardens, (VEG) 333 Bachelor Dr. located at the Victoria Regional Airport – If coming from the east on 59, take 59 Business exit and the airport will be about 2 miles down on your right. If coming from the west or north take Loop 463/Zac Lentz Parkway going east until you come to Business 59 exit. Take a left on Business 59 going under overpass. Go about 2 miles and the airport entrance will be on your left. The garden entrance is directly across the street from the airport control tower at the back of the airport. Driving directions can be found at [Yahoo! Maps](#) (Enter your address and the VEG address list above for map)
- 10:00 am Meeting, Cutting Exchange, and Lotto Drawings** – Make sure you bring your **lotto plants** with labels (Lotto labels can be found on the TRR website in the library under General Information), as well as your labeled **cuttings** that are wrapped in damp paper towels and placed in Ziploc bags in your ice chest. Also, bring the supplies you will need for taking cuttings.
- 11:00 am Guided tour of Victoria Educational Gardens (VEG)** – It is now more than double the size it was on the last 2003 Rose Rustler visit. See <http://www.vcmga.org/VictoriaEducationalGardens> for more details and checkout links to the earlier and completed Earth-Kind Rose trial which Mary and Jerome chaired.
- 12:00 noon Lunch at Baytown Seafood** – 4010 Houston Hwy (Hwy 59). We will be driving as a caravan at this time.
- 1:30 pm Guided tour by John Fossati** – Home garden tour at 808 W. Commercial in Old Victoria. John's garden is always great and has been on our Master Gardener tour several times.
- 2:30 pm Guided tour of Zeplin/Ramos Home Garden and Orchid Growing Houses** – 1207 Salem Road. This garden was on our most recent MG garden tour. Michael Zeplin has been cultivating orchids since he was a youngster and is a prize winning orchid grower. Look for sign saying Gulf Coast Floral and the

large greenhouses set back off the road on the east side. Read about his Award plant with over 4300 blooms at [Zeplin Orchid](#). Afterwards, shopping is available at Four Seasons Nursery next door or stop by Earthworks (hosted 2003 TRR trip) on the way to the next stop. Earthworks is not open on Sundays.

- 4:00 pm Self-guided tour of Victoria Rose Garden** – Stroll around some beautiful roses – the last count was 1,300 roses – or join festivities at the Boot Festival in Downtown Victoria. Those planning on spending Saturday night could tour the Victoria Rose Garden on Sunday morning if they prefer.
- 6:00 pm Dinner at Las Palmas** – 6007 N. Main/Hwy 87 North. If coming from downtown area or Rose Garden, go North on Main St. Las Palmas will be on the left just past Northside Farm and Ranch. If coming from hotel or mall area, follow access road along Loop 463 West to Cuero exit. Take a left on 87 going under the overpass, go about one mile and Las Palmas will be on the right.
- 7:30 pm Festivities at Boot Fest** – The fun will continue downtown in Old Spanish Plaza until 10 pm for those interested. A great fireworks and light show is planned. See <http://www.bootfest.org/>
- Sunday Extras** – For any overnights, possibly more Nursery shopping (Renken's, Four Seasons, etc), visit Victoria Rose Garden, or checkout any remaining roses in old Victoria Evergreen Cemetery.

Victoria Lodging Accommodations

There are a number of fine hotels/motels located near the Victoria Mall area at the Navarro (Hwy 77 N) and Zac Lentz (Loop 463) intersections:

Lower rates vs calling each hotel directly are available via Hotel.com ([Hotel.Com Special Link](#)) You may then call (800) 997-5154, provide the Quick Reference Number from the webpage, and reserve your room. This site does not offer AAA, Senior, or other discounted rates.

Direct phone numbers to each hotel are:

Hampton Inn (361) 573-9911

LaQuinta (361) 572-3585

Fairfield Inn (361) 582-0660

Other nearby Inns are:

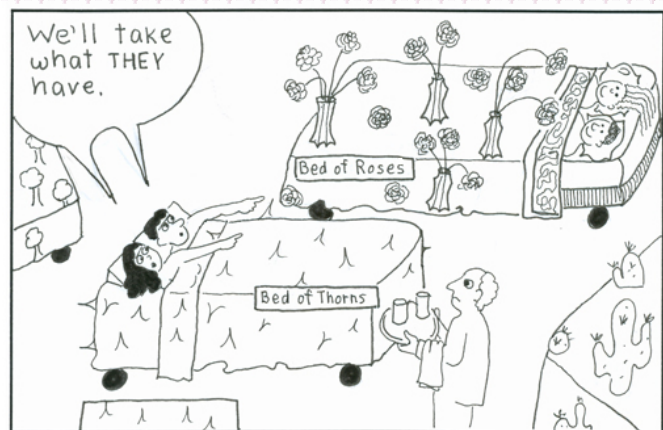
Best Western (316) 4852306

Super 8 (361) 575-0838

Holiday Inn Express (361) 575-1600

I look forward to seeing you in

Victoria!!!!.....*Becky*



To see Wagele's work + books, see her web site at <http://wagele.com/>

For those who missed the Summer Rookie Meeting —

by Kathy Hyatt

On Saturday, July 9, the Texas Rose Rustlers gathered for the annual Summer Rookie Meeting held at Mercer Arboretum. Despite the continued heat and drought, the Rustlers were in usual good cheer, comparing notes about gardening successes and failures and eager to hear what had been happening with each other since our last meeting in April. I've always been impressed with the camaraderie of this group, always welcoming newcomers and ready to share their love of roses with each other and this day was no different. The morning session for this meeting gave the audience the opportunity to learn about the history of the Texas Rose Rustlers from some of the people who were part of the early days of the group. The panel of Rose Rustlers who had been in the group for many years included Dr. William Welch, Earl and Deanna Krause, Audrey McMurray, Ray Ponton, Robert Stiba and Conrad Tips. Each told how they had gotten involved in the group



*Candy Fite Did A Great
Job As Moderator*



*The Front Row Gang — Priceless
Becky Smith, Carolyn Stracik, Faith Bickley, Phyllis DeGelleke*

and gave us all some idea what it was like to be involved in some of these early "rustles". It was a fascinating discussion and was well received by all present. Candy Fite acted as moderator for the discussion and also added some anecdotes of her own.

Our afternoon program was given by long-time member, Doana Fite. Her presentation was wonderful

and very well done and gave us all some background on the Rose Rustlers past and present. Of course, in between the morning and afternoon programs, we were able to enjoy a fabulous selection of foods for the potluck lunch followed by the popular Lotto, where plants exchanged hands and everyone went home with something to remember the day. I know we added several new members during this meeting.

I hope many of you will be able to make the trip to Victoria in October for the Fall Cutting Exchange. The cuttings and Lotto are wonderful parts of the meetings but the best part, by far, is the friendships that are made and renewed at each of the meetings. All for the love of roses.....



*Kathy Hyatt and Audrey McMurray —
Having Way Too Much Fun*

How Often Do Roses Bloom?

By Gaye Hammond, Past President
Houston Rose Society, gayeh@LPM-triallaw.com

Most modern roses sold today bloom somewhat regularly throughout the growing season. In contrast, some old garden roses and climbing roses bloom once a year or bloom only in the spring and fall. Roses that bloom on a regular basis are called “repeat” bloomers.

The speed with which a rose (1) forms a new bloom-producing cane (stem) (2) develops a bud, and (3) the bud opens to a flower varies. When we cut off a dead spent bloom (deadheading) we signal to that stem to grow a new flower-producing stem. In repeat-blooming roses, the timing of the blooming process begins with the removal of an aged flower.

Generally it takes 4 to 10 weeks (28 to 70 days) for reblooming to occur. Roses having a lot of petals take longer to re-bloom than roses with only a few petals. Miniature roses, single roses (those with 5 to 12 petals) and some old garden roses (especially Chinas, noisettes and polyanthas) tend to re-bloom the fastest (28 – 32 days). Roses with a lot of petals (45 – 50) take longer to re-bloom, usually 6 weeks. While densely-petaled roses like *Belinda’s Dream* and *Quietness* (100+ petals) take the longest to rebloom, these roses hold their blooms on the bush a lot longer than their lesser-petaled counterparts. It is common for 100-petaled roses to last on the bush 10 to 14 days, making it worth the wait from a landscape impact perspective. A good rule of thumb is “more petals = more time.”

If you are planning a garden event where it is important to have a big floral impact on a certain date, you can even refine these general guidelines further to help your roses be in bloom for your event. Several months before your event, when you remove a spent bloom from one of your bushes, write the date that you cut the stem a plastic bread wrapper tab (Figure 1). Hook the tab on the cut stem on the rose bush. As soon as a new bloom forms and opens, calculate the number of days it took for that bloom to develop. This will allow you to count backwards from the date of your event for the number of days it took that rose to re-bloom. That number tells you how many days before the event you will need to groom and deadhead the bushes. Repeat this process on the different varieties of roses in your yard. To ensure a staggered bloom-out, groom your bushes over a 2 week period. This will help ensure that you will have a continual flow of color during the week of your event.



Figure 1. Label the stem to identify exactly how long it takes your rose bush to rebloom

By knowing these blooming tidbits and staggering the deadheading process it is possible to ensure that your roses continually have flowers throughout the growing season.



W.I.T.C.H.E.S. Tea Luncheon —

Here is a great opportunity to listen to Peggy Martin, receive a complimentary Peggy Martin Rose from Chamblee's Rose Nursery in Tyler, support the Mineola's Historical Museum and the Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center, and have a great time. Scheduled for October 22, 2011 (*Yikes – this conflicts with the TRR cutting exchange – decisions, decisions*), the doors open at 11:00 am with Lunch and an Apron Style Show at 11:30. For more information, visit our website calendar for a flyer, call (903) 569-0341 or (903) 569-6983, or email sharonchamblee@hotmail.com.

A Texas Rose Rustler Blog — by Candy Fite

Howdy, fellow Rustlers! It is gearing up to be a busy fall with speaking and events I'll be attending for the TRR. I'm totally honored and excited about speaking at the A.R.E. in November at the Fall Festival of Roses!

Most of you know I'm in the midst of working on a book about rose rustling. I'm hoping to be finished with the first draft in December, if not before. I will need help with editing. Faith, I recall you volunteering in the spring! Plus, you other teachers or past teachers in the group can help me, too! Names will appear in the credits.

I've been blogging for about a year for my children's books I've written, and have a nice group of followers. However, I was given a bit of advice last week about my rose book. It was suggested to separate from my children's writing, and build a following for my non-fiction / gardening related book.

Mike Shoup has agreed to write a foreword for the book, and I'm working to get a few other stories contributed as well.

So, in preparation for the book, I've started a blog (www.texasroserustler.blogspot.com) about rose rustling. I would like to add the link to the website and newsletter so that members can find it. As I build the blog, there will be helpful tips, articles, website links, and plenty more rosy things for my visitors. I'm also doing a free book giveaway soon. I have a copy of Antique Roses from the South. No, I'm not giving my only copy away! I have another signed one that is signed.

Please take the time to stop by, chat or email me with suggestions about things I should add. I've got quite a bit more to do on the site, as far as links, pages, and adding information. Help me spread the word. Thanks!!

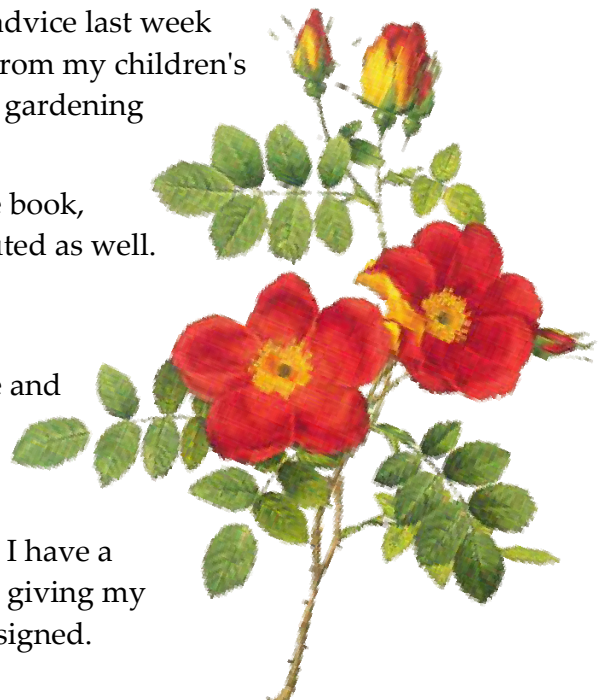


Illustration Courtesy of www.apictureofroses.com
Austrian Copper Rose, *R. foetida* var. *bicolor*, painted by Pierre-Joseph Redouté, portrait 025 out of 170, Volume I of *Les Roses*.

Re-Thinking the Rose Garden — Roses without Chemicals

When New York outlawed chemical applications, the New York Botanic Garden had a problem...3,000 plus roses in a multi-million dollar collection known as the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden. Faced with new legislation, Peter Kukielski, curator, had a vision...come up with an environmentally responsible way to grow beautiful landscape roses with a proven history of superior disease resistance.

The undertaking was so successful that it has been showcased nationally and internationally in magazines and newspapers like the London Financial Times, the



Peter Kukielski, Curator of the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden at the New York Botanical Garden

Washington Post and the American Gardener. A horticulture celebrity, Peter is a frequent guest on Martha Stewart Living, a sought-after garden designer, has co-authored *The Sustainable Rose Garden*, and is currently working on his second book, *Roses Without Chemicals*. Under Peter's leadership, the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden was recently inducted into the Great Rosarians of the World Rose Garden Hall of Fame.

The Houston Rose Society is honored to have Peter present "Re-Thinking the Rose Garden".

This event is free and open to all. No reservations are required but seating is limited. Peter's book, *The Sustainable Rose Garden*, will be available for purchase at the event. For more information contact Gaye Hammond, (713) 292-2760, gayeh@LPM-triallaw.com or www.houstonrose.org.

The Details:

When: Thursday, October 13, 2011

Where: Houston Garden Center, 1500 Hermann Dr., Houston, Texas (across from Miller Outdoor Theater and The Museum of Natural Science)

Time: 7:00 pm Reception / Autograph Party
7:30 pm Lecture

Also:

For members that live in West Houston, Peter will be at Arbor Gate in Tomball from 10:00 until noon on October 13th to meet folks and autograph his book. Kathy Huber will be there as well. So if anyone can't come to the meeting that night, they might be able to meet him during the day at the Arbor Gate.

A Cuttings Request for the NY Historic Garden

Becky Smith received an email from Jon Graff requesting some cuttings. I will just include his email in part. If you have cuttings to share, please coordinate with Jon at jgraff007@me.com. Wouldn't it be fun to know one of your roses made it to New York!

-----Original Message-----

From: Jon Graff

Sent: Saturday, August 27, 2011 4:11 PM

To: Becky Smith

Subject: Re: How's your garden, and other rose questions.

Dear Becky, I hope things are going well. So sorry for the folks on the East Coast in the midst of the hurricane. I do wish we could just have a couple inches of the rain, however.

Attached please find a list of cuttings that we would like. It is huge, and we do not expect that such a vast number is conceivable. We just saw ones that might work for the NY Historic Garden, and some charity sales here as well. I know Stephen Scanniello would like the "Tea-Nosettes" to use the term of Gregg Lowry. Thought if we provided a wide range, we might be able to fill up our misting system. I think it is about 12 feet by 4 feet, so we have some room. I put a triple asterisk (***) on those that I have spots "reserved" for in my garden if they are available. Best, Jon

Cuttings Request: Texas Rose Rustlers 8.2011

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| 1. Aimee Vibert | 18. Climbing Pinkie | 36. Isabella Sprunt |
| 2. Alberic Barbier | 19. Comtesse du Cayla | 37. Juane Desprez |
| 3. Allister Stella Gray | 20. Crepuscule | 38. Juane Desprez, Cl. |
| 4. Autumn Damask | 21. Dainty Bess | 39. Kaserin Frederick |
| 5. Baby Alberic | 22. Dr. Grill | 40. Katharine Zeimet |
| 6. Baby Faurax | 23. Elizabeth of Goshen | 41. Kathleen |
| 7. Bermuda's Kathleen | 24. Etoile de Lyon | 42. Kronprincess Victoria |
| 8. Big Momma's Blush | 25. Fellenberg | 43. La Marne |
| 9. Blumenschmidt | 26. Francis Dubriel | 44. Lady Hillingdon |
| 10. Bobbie's Champney's | 27. G. Nabbonand *** | 45. Lamarque |
| Pink Cluster | 28. General Schablikine | 46. Lindee |
| 11. Bon Silene | 29. Georgetown Tea | 47. Louis Odier |
| 12. Buff Beauty | 30. Greg Grant's | 48. Madame Berkeley |
| 13. Caldwell Pink | Grandmother's rose | 49. Madame Butterfly |
| 14. Cecile Brunner | 31. Gruss an Aachen | 50. Madame Lombard |
| 15. Cecile Brunner, | 32. Gruss an Teplitz *** | 51. Marie Van Houtte |
| Climbing | 33. Highway 290 Pink | 52. Mary Washington |
| 16. Celine Forestier | Buttons | 53. McClinton Tea |
| 17. Champney's Pink | 34. Honorine de Brabant | 54. Monsieur Tillier |
| Cluster | 35. Irish Fireflame *** | 55. Mrs. B.R. Cant |

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| 56. Mrs. Dudley Cross | 63. Perle des Jardins,
Climbing | 69. Red Cascade |
| 57. Mrs. R. M. Finch | 64. Petite Pink Scotch | 70. Reve d'Or |
| 58. Mutabilis | 65. Pink Gruss a Aachen *** | 71. Safrano |
| 59. Napoleon | 66. Pink Marechal Niel *** | 72. San Felipe Noisette |
| 60. Natchitoches Noisette | 67. Pink Radiance *** | 73. Smith's Parish |
| 61. Nur Mahal | 68. Puerto Rico | |
| 62. Old Blush | | |

Old News Is New Again!

The TRR is fortunate to have numerous old publications of *The Yellow Rose*. Published by the [Dallas Area Historical Rose Society](#), these booklets contain a wealth of history and rose information. Becky Smith has been kind enough to mark articles that may be of particular interest to our members. With permission granted from the DAHRS, this article features a great no rustle rustle. Enjoy!!!!

Texas Rose Rustler's Tour of Open Country Gardens

Joe Woodard, Editor

The Yellow Rose, Vol. VIII, No. 10, May 1992

Marion Brandes and his team arranged for five country gardens to be opened exclusively for the Texas Rose Rustlers (no rustling) from noon until 6:00 p.m. A map was enclosed with directions to the five gardens. You were on your own – you could pick the order in which you cared to visit the gardens. Peter and I and the Steadmans met up with Marion and Frances with Fred Boutine at the Antique Rose Emporium and first headed to the Peaceable Kingdom School. This is an all-organic farm with vegetables, fruits and roses and various animals living in harmony. I had visited this farm about three years ago when the rose garden had just been started and it was nice to see the amazing growth. Liz Druitt was our capable tour guide. This school conducts a series of classes on organic gardening and various topics. Liz is one of the staff members.



Most of the Dallas delegation stayed over for this treat and were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Graves, Eustace; Mr. & Mrs. Albert Pibil, Abbot; and Dr. Robert & Diane Land from Dallas. There may have been others whose paths we did not cross.

Our next stop was at the home of Wayne & Hollee Clawater near Burton. This was the first country home and garden that Dr. Bill and Diane Welch restored. Our group had lunch here about 1982. It was the sweetest rustlin' set-up that we ever found. The roses were mature and were properly named. This garden was on tour for the Heritage Rose

Foundation's First Annual Conference in April 1989. This was where I first met *Petite Pink Scotch*. Returning was a real treat, especially for the opportunity to again see the garden in springtime.

We then invaded the small village of Round Top. Round Top wasn't ready for this group, so we found a grocery store and purchased the fixings and drinks for a picnic. Marion led us to a beautiful picnic setting at the Round Top Retreat. This is a private retreat that Bill Welch landscaped with Antique Roses. It was spacious and the roses were in full bloom.



Petite Pink Scotch

Photo Courtesy of <http://www.petalsfromthepast.com>



Belinda's Rose (Belinda's Dream)

Photo Courtesy of Becky Smith

The next stop was a special treat. It was the new country home of Diane and Bill Welch near Round Top. They have a beautiful grey restored home and the garden had been established 18 months ago. Bill has fully utilized the "cottage" garden concept with perennials interplanted with old roses. There were arbors everywhere. The most attention getting rose was *Belinda's Rose*, developed

by Dr. Robert Basye of Caldwell, Texas. It is a cross between *Tiffany* and *Jersey Beauty*, listed as a shrub and available at the Antique Rose Emporium. It would make an exhibitor of modern roses enviable. The large pink blooms have a distinctive fragrance. Bill had two beds in full bloom. I noted a hammock in a grove of trees at the edge of the yard. I wondered aloud how much Bill gets to utilize that equipment. Lemonade, cookies and sandwiches were served to this hungry, thirsty crowd.

The fifth garden was at the home of John & Joan Mitchell at New Ulm. This was near the recent gas line explosion. John is in the process of establishing another Antique Rose Nursery. Since I had visited this garden last fall at the rose rustle and the clock said 6:30 p.m., we decided it was time to head for home. We arrived about 10:30 p.m. tired but well pleased with the trip.

Save These Dates!!!



October 13, 2011, Thursday

Re-Thinking the Rose Garden – Roses without Chemicals, with Peter Kukielski
(see Page 4 for information)



October 15-16, Saturday/Sunday

Rose Dango – Our very own Candy Fite will be manning a booth and will also give a presentation at Chambersville Tree Farms from 10-11 am.

www.rosedango.com



October 22, Saturday

Annual Cutting Exchange, Victoria, Texas
(see Page 2 for information)



October 22, Saturday

W.I.T.C.H.E.S. Tea – A Peggy Martin Talk
(see Page 3 for information)



November 4-6, Friday – Sunday

Antique Rose Emporium's Fall Festival of Roses

Always a delight! Cathy Fite will also be giving a presentation "Adventures of a Rose Rustler" on Friday from 1:30 – 2:30 pm. www.antiqueroseemporium.com



We hope that you plan to join us and the fun we will be having. Keep checking the calendar on the [TRR Website](http://www.trr.org) and future newsletters for even more information on all the meetings. **And don't forget to grow those lotto plants!!!**

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