The Old Texas Rose



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Fall 2008

2008 Fall Cutting Exchange Saturday- October 25 Ft. Worth, TX Weston Gardens 1:00 PM

Come on around; and let's go down; To a place in Texas called Cowtown!

Lyrics from an old country song from the 50's. Not many of you guys will remember that song, but it introduces our destination for the TRR Fall Cutting Exchange: Fort Worth TX. Specifically, Weston Gardens, 8101 Anglin Drive, Ft Worth, 76140.

Many Rose Rustlers, including Terri Cotter, Janet and Frank Riley, Gaye Hammond, Peter Schaar, and Lisa Arnold, from the Fort Worth area have contacted us describing so many wonderful gardens to visit; I know we are going to have a great adventure. It is so exciting to have members look forward to our visit and prepare the way for us so beautifully.

The Cutting Exchange will be held at Weston Gardens, which is a restored estate garden, privately owned which also includes a nursery. Bring clean healthy cuttings,

which have been well labeled and placed in plastic storage bags, stored in a cooler or on ice. Bring empty baggies and permanent markers and be prepared to pick from the cuttings offered to enrich your own gardens or those of your very lucky friends.

After our Exchange and tours of the Weston Gardens, we will caravan to Fort Worth Botanic Gardens & Sanctuary for tours, 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd, Ft Worth, 76107.

At dark we will caravan again to the best Mexican restaurant we can find in the area and dine together and share more stories of our roses and our gardens, and perhaps a few storm stories from the Gulf Coast area members.

Rooms are reserved at Hampton Inn, 13251 Jake Ct, Ft Worth, 76028 under confirmation # 88199385. Call 1-817-295-2727 to transfer a room into your own name from mine. Martin just will not agree to let me pay for all the rooms! Please email me when you have done this so I will know if we need to add more rooms before the deadline!

For those who stay over until Sunday morning or come early on Friday, here is a list of the freewill on-your-own gardens which have been brought to our attention for tours of incredible beauty:

National EarthKind Trial Gardens: Farmers Branch, Texas
LISDOLA Master Gardeners Project
Gardens: Lewisville, Texas
Chambersville Heritage Rose Gardens:
Chambersville, Texas

Two private gardens which have been offered to us:

<u>Chandler Gardens</u>: Mineral Wells <u>Clark Gardens</u>: Mineral Wells

A full list with an area map and addresses and cross streets will be available at the Cutting Exchange at Weston Gardens. Should you have questions, I hope you will call my cell: 281 468 4677 or email me at: doanaf@aol.com

Doana Fite, Program Chairman

What to Bring to a Cutting Exchange

Our annual cutting exchange is when we get together, bring lots of rose clippings and gather for some rosy fellowship. We set up tables and line them with labeled baggies or buckets of various rose cuttings. Meanwhile, enthusiastic rustlers sit on their hands, waiting until the count of 3! We bring to share, so only take 2-3 cuttings of each variety. That way there is enough to go around. Remember, there are always leftovers!

Here are a few items that you should bring to our cutting exchange. If you are new and don't have cuttings to bring, no need to worry, we've all been there!

Rose clippings Baggies (1 gallon freezer Ziplocs work best) Sharpie to label baggies Water

Paper Towels

Small cooler to store your cuttings in until you get back home.

We will also be giving rooting demonstrations after the exchange. Here is a list of supplies to bring if you are going to participate.

Peat pots
Well draining potting soil or sand
Rooting hormone of your choice
Pruners
More baggies
Exacto knife



A Note from the Editor...

When Faith sent me this month's article she was concerned that Gustav might be a problem for us...little did we know that the "problem" was the storm that was still forming out in the Atlantic while we were all watching Gustav.

Hopefully, no one has suffered too many losses due to this storm and things are gradually returning to normal. Our beautiful roses are very resilient and they appear to be rebounding wonderfully.

~Donna

From the Chairman – Faith Bickley

As usual, our July meeting was a success. For the first time that I can remember, we had about as many visitors or new members as old-timers (I am not referring to age!). The lotto was a little low but all went home with something. Michael Smith did a great job on his talk about the delivery of the roses and plants we had a hand in collecting that went to the people of Louisiana. Michael and Sandra did such a wondrous job of packing all those plants into the U-

Haul and getting them to their destination. It also was most interesting seeing how they have tackled their Coldspring gardens. Our new PowerPoint projector did well although lots of us still need to learn how to operate it and make up the programs. We also really appreciated and enjoyed John Ferguson's talk. I have finally gotten my first taste of his products and my gardens are very happy that I have finally succumbed. As usual, everyone enjoyed being at Mercer and thank them for the use of their facilities.

I just want to mention a couple things for you to keep in mind and more will be said about these in the newsletter. First of all, we hope that many of you will be able to make the October meeting in Fort Worth. This is the farthest away that we have ventured and will be a neat experience. Also mark April 18th on your calendar as this is a super exciting meeting. We are joining with the Fort Bend Master Gardeners in bringing Felder Rushing to speak. Also keep in mind that the second part of the Vintage Rosery Rescue will take place this winter and spring.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Fort Worth. As I am writing this, I have the weather channel on and am listening to what is happening with Gustav. I hope none of us is impacted too much.

Enjoy your roses! Faith



News from the Nominating Committee

How quickly two years go by, and the October meeting finds us needing to line up officers for 2009-2010! Things have been going very smoothly, and all the present officers have agreed to continue. There are a lot of things for next year already

underway—the second (and last) Vintage Rosery rescue and sale plus the much-anticipated April meeting with Felder Rushing speaking to us. As always, nominations from the floor will be accepted, but be sure to clear these with the person you are nominating.

The proposed slate of officers for 2009-2010 are as follows:

Chairman: Faith Bickley

Program Chairman: Doana Fite

Secretary: Kathy Hyatt

Treasurer/Membership: Don Gerard

Editor OTR: Donna Martin

Welcome: Patty and Eric Varnado

Webmaster: Eric Varnado

We hope to see you in Fort Worth in October.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee,

Carolyn Stracik, Chairman Becky Smith Joy Hairston



Workers Needed for Bulb Mart

The Texas Rose Rustlers have been contacted by member, Conrad Tips. Conrad chairs the Rose Booth at The Garden Club of Houston 66th Annual Bulb & Plant Mart held at Westminister United Methodist Church located San Felipe at Bering. He is looking for a few good volunteers.

Please consider working and shopping at this wonderful event. Contact Conrad to sign up: 713-868-5606.

Thursday, October 9.....9am – 5pm Friday, October 10... 9:30am – 5pm Saturday, October 11...9am – 2pm

Upcoming Rose Events: Mark Your Calendars!!

Rose Dango 2008 Premiere Seminar Picnic and Garden Tour October 11, 2008

The Ft. Worth area is having an exciting rose event in October that you won't want to miss! Terrie Cotter, has forwarded the following information.

For additional details and to RSVP, go to http://www.rosedango.com.

Rose Dango is an informative and exciting event where you will hear about and see for yourself all the secrets of growing roses. Rosarians and all novice rose growers are welcome.

You will be introduced to:

...Rose Rustlers "Texas Found Roses"

...a life long passion of rose hybridizing "Buck Roses"

...a rigorous university scientific study of the best rose selections "Earthkind Roses"

...preservation of varieties from antiquity "Heritage Roses"

...new hybridized varieties using the best from the past "Pioneer Roses"

Seminar Speakers:

October 11, 2008 • 8:00 am to 12:00 Noon

Mike Shoup, owner of the Antique Rose Emporium

Mark Chamblee, owner of Chamblee's Rose Nursery

Dr. Steven George, Professor at Texas AgriLife Extension Service, originator of "Earthkind Roses"

Stephen Scanniello, President Heritage Rose Foundation, Co-Recipient 2009 "World's Greatest Rosarian"

Free admission, but please RSVP.

Following the seminars, you will be able to observe, touch and smell the roses discussed in our free seminars by attending a picnic and strolling through the roses at Chambersville Heritage Rose Garden.

Location: Heard-Craig Hall • 205 West Hunt St. • McKinney

Picnic & Garden Tour

Chambersville Heritage Rose Garden

October 11, 2008 • 12:00 Noon till Dark

Everyone is welcome! No charge, but please let us know you are coming so we have enough food.

Terri also sent in a great article about the beginnings of the Chambersville Heritage Rose Garden. They have a wonderful website. Don't miss it—go to:
www.chambersvilletreefarms.com



The Garden Club of Houston presents...

66th Annual Bulb and Plant Mart

October 9, 10 and 11, 2008

Westminster United Methodist Church San Felipe at Bering One of the largest horticultural events in Texas, the 66th Annual Bulb and Plant Mart will feature the widest selection of top-quality bulbs from domestic and international suppliers and an expanded collection of hard-to-find and unusual plants, perennials, trees, shrubs and vines. Many of the plants and bulbs are unique offerings from the gardens of Club members, grown specifically for the Mart.

New Tax Free Days (Thu and Sat)

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- Saturday, October 11, 9:00 AM to 2:00PM

Come save on your plants and bulbs!



October 18-19, 2008 - The 6th Annual Festival of Roses - San Antonio at the Antique Rose Emporium.

Contact: Robbi Will 210-651-4565 Location: San Antonio Display Gardens

Saturday

10:00 Mike Shoup

An Introduction of our New Rose Selections and Rose Propagation Techniques

11:15-12:00 David Will Successful bulb gardening in Texas

1:30 Lou Kellogg - Mary Fernandez (Bexar County Master Gardener Program)
Rainwater Harvesting and Water for our Wildlife

Sunday

12:30 Michael T. Webb

The Fresh Cooker - Featuring Summer Herbs

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Two different sessions featuring aromatic ingredients from the local market. Learn to taste how fresh herbs can make a difference.

October 31-November 2, 2008 – Independence Fall Festival - Antique Rose Emporium – Independence, TX.

Independence Fall Festival - Friday

Contact: 979-836-5548

Location: Independence Display Gardens

10:30 Glenn Schroeter - ARE propagation

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1:30 Missy Robinson, Brenham, TX Fall's Fabulous Bounty - Gardening for Cut Flowers

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The Vintage Rosery Rescue

Now that the end of the hot weather is around the corner (a nearby corner I hope), Becky Smith and I will be getting things set for the workdays to get the remaining roses in the "wild side" ready for a sale in the spring. Becky and I have been out several times to survey the area and get started on our brainstorming. Bob has been keeping the area watered so the roses are alive IF you hunt through the huge weeds who also have benefited by the watering. Becky and I took home a bunch of the "orphans" that were near death, and many of them have sprung to life again. TRR will be supplying a bunch of these particular plants to the booth Sandra Smith and Kathy Hyatt will be manning for our group at the Woodlands event in late September.

We plan on having a bunch of workdays on different days of the week to accommodate everyone's schedules. This will be a real adventure again although we have learned a lot from the first sale and will do things very differently. Our hope is to have all the roses labeled, weeded and trimmed during the cooler weather so that they can be settled into the trenches for the sale. I hope that many of you will be able to help as it is a worthy cause and fun, too. All who work will be able to buy the roses for \$5 each and there usually are orphans (those roses that are near death) that can be taken home free.

If you would like to join us in the workdays, please watch for the emails that Don will send out notifying you of dates and times. We also will be joined by members of the Fort Bend Master Gardeners, many of whom joined us after the first rescue. Eat your Wheaties to get your strength up!

Feel free to email me about this at fbickley@ykcwb.com.

~Faith



Please refer to the Spring 2008 edition of The Old Texas Rose for Part One of this fascinating article written by Mary Buck about her father, Dr. Griffith Buck...

Dad and his Roses - Part Two

By Mary Buck

Dad named his roses in a variety of ways.

ALLAMAND-HO!

AMIGA MIA – Dorothy Stempler tested many of Dad's roses for him

APPLEJACK - One humid, summer morning, Dad was out in the garden. It was perfect weather for the release of foliar fragrance from the sweetbrier roses and he noticed the decidedly apple fragrance of the foliage of one seedling resulting from a cross made using his 'Josef Rothmund x R. laxa' seedling. The plant was also in full bloom literally covered with clove-scented pink blossoms. The combination of the scents was so over-whelming; it drove Dad out of the garden. It is very winter hardy - I only have to trim the tips of the canes (stems). Its biggest problem is that it can easily grow to be 7'x7'. Won't bloom in Texas – not cold enough.

AUNT HONEY – Ernie Haber was longtime head of the Horticulture Dept. His wife Helen's nieces couldn't say "Aunt Helen" when they were small and they called her "Aunt Honey."

BARN DANCE

In his attempt to breed a red rose, Dad almost discarded a pink seedling of 'Prairie Princess.' Luckily, he didn't discard it because this pink seedling almost received the All-America Rose Selection Award. Its only fault was that in some southern areas of the country, it grows overly large and develops floppy blooms. This is 'CAREFREE BEAUTY.'

COUNTRY DANCER

COUNTRY SONG - "pink butterflies"

DISTANT DRUMS – the Jim Reeve's song – changeable

DORCAS – named for Dorcas Spear, whose program Dad enjoyed doing

EARTH SONG

Dad joked for a long time that you could have any color you wanted in his roses as long as it was pink. It wasn't until the late 60's that he began to get other colors.

EL CATALA - named for Pedro Dot. Dad wanted something Spanish, so he wrote to Simon Dot, Pedro's son, asking for his advice. Simon said his father was always proud of being a Spaniard but that he was most proud of being a Catalonian, so El Catala is Catalonian for "The Catalonian." correspondence between Anthonia and Dad had ended with the Spanish Civil War and Franco's regime but in the mid-70's Simon Dot wrote Dad with a propagating question. When Dad replied, he asked about Maria Anthonia. Of course, here came a letter back, how did Dad know her. Dad wrote back the explanation and the next letter that came from Spain came with "mi casa es sous casa." In 1984, Dad was lucky enough to get invited to a meeting of rose propagators in Seville and he went to Barcelona to meet the Dots. Unfortunately, Maria Anthonia passed away about a year before Simon wrote Dad with his question.

FRECKLES — one of the "extras" that appeared in his hybridizing was speckles or as it's called by hybridizers "stippling." The name is self-explanatory.

GEE WHIZ – reaction of a greenhouse manager to it

INCREDIBLE – sibling to 'Spanish Rhapsody' and was the reaction to it when one of the men at the garden saw it.

SPANISH RHAPSODY

GENTLE PERSUASION

GOLDEN UNICORN – 13th Airborne symbol – paraglider unit

GRIFF'S RED HABANERA MALAGUENA SEVILLIANA

HAWKEYE BELLE – Belle is the southern spelling with an "E." One day, Dad was in the garden and overheard two elderly ladies discussing the names of his roses. They couldn't understand why anyone would name a rose "Hawkeye Belly."

HI, NEIGHBOR

HONEYSWEET

JOSEPH F. LAMB – Glen Jenks, a ragtime pianist, who grows Dad's roses, wrote Dad wanting to know if he had a rose that could be named for Joseph F. Lamb, a ragtime composer who composed "The American Beauty Rag" and who, along with Scott Joplin and James Scott, is considered to be the top three ragtime composers. With the approval of Mr. Lamb's daughter, named for him. She sent Dad a 1905 copy of the rag.

LES SJULIN – founder of Inter-State Nurseries in Hamburg and a strong support of Dad and his efforts.

MAVOURNEEN – Irish for "Little Sweetheart," for Mom

MAYTIME – one of three singles BRAVE PATRIOT - sport

MOUNTAIN MUSIC

PALOMA BLANCA

PEARIE MAE – Pearl Bailey

PIPE DREAMS

PIPPA'S SONG – Dad's secretary in the Horticulture Dept. had a daughter named Pippa who was born with a heart condition and it was thought she wouldn't live to be a year old. The year she graduated from high school, Dad named this one for her. Pippa said it was the best graduation present she could have. Also, there is a poem called "Pippa's Song."

PRAIRIE HARVEST

PRAIRIE PRINCESS — In 'Prairie Princess," Dad found he had an excellent parent. It's in the background of nearly thirty of his named plants or some of the unnamed seedlings waiting to be named. It has been used extensively by the Canadian hybridizers in the Parkland and Explorer series. Also, Alan Meilland took budwood of it back to France in the 1970's and it is a double grandparent of "carefree Wonder." Canada also found another use for it. They made it a climber.

PRAIRIE STAR

PRAIRIE SUNRISE

PRAIRIE SUNSET

PRINCESSE VERONA – named for it's parents 'Prairie Princess' and 'Verona'

QUEEN BEE – for Fleeta Brownell Woodruff, long time garden columnist for the DM Register. She never wanted one named for her because she said people would say, "Well, Fleeta blackspots," 'Fleeta has a weak neck," "Fleeta fades" or "Fleeta wilts."

QUIETNESS

RED SPARKLER – "rippled velvet" – first ISU plant patent

SEPTEMBER SONG

SERENDIPTIY

SILVER SHADOWS – cross between two seedlings with promise, several tries finally resulted in one seed pod with 3 seeds – one was a muddy red which Dad discarded, one was this one, a silvery white, and BLUE SKIES - blue lavender which keeps its blue-lavender color

SIMON ESTES – "Simon Estes is an opera singer – and a Griffith Buck rose." (Waterloo Courier)

WANDERIN' WIND – Dad found a small (3'x3') plant in a row of 6-7' plants and decided it had possibilities. It can, however, reach 15 feet. One year, we even had a robin nest in one of the plants.

WINTER SUNSET

A hybridizer from California had visited my parents less than four weeks before Dad's death. When he learned of my father's death, he called my mother and told her, "He was a man ahead of his time."

I would like to think that his legacy continues. In June of 1997, the American Rose Society awarded the Griffith J. Buck Memorial Trophy for shrub roses for the first time. There had never been a trophy for shrub roses in the national show before. It's a traveling trophy awarded for a display of three different shrub roses.

Kathy Zuzik at the University of Minnesota is working on putting additional hardiness into roses by crossing Dad's roses with some of the species roses and some of the Canadian Explorer series.

Dr. Steve George of Texas A&M Extension has included between 25 and 30 of Dad's roses in his "Earthkind" trials because of their disease resistance. The "Earthkind Rose" trials started out looking for roses that would take the stresses of Texas—heat, disease, lack of water—without using a lot of chemicals—"environmentally-friendly" roses.

There are still a few seedlings waiting for names.

It is said that the grand essentials to happiness in this life is something to do, something to love and something to hope for. Dad has his work for something to do, his family and friends for something to love and his dream of better roses for something to hope for.

To sum it up, you could say it was like Dad said when a friend asked about his courtship of Mom, "I saw what I wanted and went after it." He knew what he wanted in roses and went after it.



A Furry Rescue By Becky Smith

One Sunday morning, Faith and I were at Vintage Rosery working on some of the rose survivors by the abandoned greenhouses when I thought I heard a little "meow." Faith did not say anything, so I kept on working, thinking I was hearing things.

A few minutes later I heard it again and there was a tiny black kitten. He looked hungry so we gave him a piece of a blueberry muffin that I had brought for us to snack on later. As he was eating, here came another one of his siblings to join him for breakfast. The rose rescue had come to a halt so we could go and get some food for these precious kittens.

There were five kittens, four black and one Siamese-looking, with no mother in sight. On our trip to the store, Faith convinced me to adopt one or even two of them, since they were so cute playing with each other. I had decided earlier that I was ready for another cat since I had recently put my beloved cat, Gus, to sleep after nineteen years of wonderful companionship. One of these kittens was just what I needed and he was found at one of my favorite places, Vintage Rosery.

When we returned from the store, Faith was down on her hands and knees persuading the youngsters to some fine dining. With towel in hand, Faith asked, "Which one or two?" Rather than trying to decide which one of the black ones, I opted for the Siamese mix.

In no time at all, the kitten was caught. As Faith handed him to me she kept telling me to hold him tight, and we headed down the drive. By the time we reached Hwy. 36, the kitten was on his back purring loudly as I petted his stomach. He had no intentions of escaping!

During this rescue, I had already decided I would name the kitten after Vintage Rosery. Vinee has become a treasured member of the Sunshine Acres clan.



'Vinee'



Photos from the past...

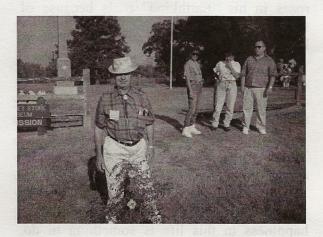
Thanks to Frances Brandes for providing these photos of two early members of the Texas Rose Rustlers.

She writes, "The photo below is of Margaret Sharpe standing next to a beautiful pink Tea with a green pip in the center, slightly fragrant. Marion suggested calling it "Margaret's Rose" when we rustled it in New Braunfels.



The second photo is of Joe Woodard (past editor of the Yellow Rose) Dallas. We found a small pink poly-tea in the cemetery in Schulenberg at the St. Rose of Lima

Catholic cemetery and Marion suggested we name it "Joe's Rose."



It was a wonderful period for the rose rustlers! Fondly, FB"

Criticizing another's garden doesn't keep the weeds out of your own.

~Author Unknown



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